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No. 102. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 16th August 1871, No. 353:—

From the Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 15th August 1871, No. 476.

WITH reference to your letter No. 474, of the 28th ultimo, I have the honour to send you a report in the usual form of the fatal accident which happened to a man named Ragaven on the 13th of July at the 1st mile, South-West Line.

2. I also enclose you a copy of a communication* from the Coroner, from which you will observe that the Jury before whom the inquest was held recommend that the gates near which the accident occurred shall be closed to the public in future. I have been making enquiry upon the subject, and I find that the gates in question are almost exclusively used by the men of the 7th Regiment Native Infantry, to whom the convenience is stated by the Commanding Officer to be of much importance.

* No. 29, dated 24th July 1871.

3. There is no doubt that the existence of these unguarded gates is open to serious objection, and, looking at the recommendation of the Jury, I have the honour to submit, for the consideration of Government, that if it be considered desirable to retain the gates for the convenience of the Regiment quartered at Royapooram, the Military authorities should be called upon to pay the expense of maintaining gatemen to prevent people crossing the line when a train or engine is due.

4. While upon the subject, I wish to bring to the notice of Government that the dead body of the man was allowed by the Police to remain on the line from the time of the accident in the early morning until 6 P.M. when the inquest was held, presenting a horrible sight to passengers by the trains.

Report of fatal Accident on the Madras Railway.

Collectorate,—Madras Municipality. *Railway District, Section and Mile.*—1st Division, 1st Section, 1st mile, South-West Line or at 0-11. *Date on which the Accident occurred,*—Night of 13th July 1871. *Nature of the Accident,*—A man named Ragaven, about 20 years of age, who had apparently been going along the line, was struck by the buffer plank of the engine of some night train and thrown on the rails. The head was separated from the body, the right arm was broken, and portions of the skull found at some distance from the body. *Nature of assistance afforded,*—Assisted the Police with six coolies. *Occupation of the deceased,*—Bellows boy on private work. *Gratuity proposed to be given or not,*—Nil. *Reported to the Police authorities,*—Reported to the Police.

ARCONUM, 14*th July* 1871. (Signed) F. B. HANNA, For *Acting Chief Engineer.* (Signed) C. D. ROBERTS, *Resident Engineer.*

From J. URQUHART, Esq., Coroner of Madras, to the Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 24th July 1871, No. 29.

I HAVE the honour to report that at an inquest held before me at the railway gate near the Native Regiment Lines at Washermanpettah within the limits of Madras on the 14th instant, and by adjournment in the Monegar Choultry on the 21st instant, touching the death of Ragaven, the jury, after returning as their verdict "accidental death from fracture of the skull and rupture of

the blood vessels of the neck produced by the wheels of a locomotive passing over the neck," made the following presentment: "The jury request the Coroner to bring to the notice of the Railway authorities the small gates near which the deceased was found. They are of opinion that these gates should be closed to the public.

SUBMITTED to the Government.

The jury at the Coroner's inquest recommended that the gates should be closed to the public in future, while it is stated that the gates are of much convenience to the sepoys of the 7th Regiment, by whom they are almost exclusively used.

2. If then the gates would be closed otherwise than for the benefit of the sepoys, I think it is but reasonable that the Regiment should bear the expense of maintaining gatemen.

3. The Agent points out, in the last paragraph of his letter, that the Police allowed the dead body to remain the whole day from early morning till 6 P. M.

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, Major, R. E.,
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 103. ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1871, No. 2,277.

RAILWAY, No. 10.

A copy of these papers will be communicated to the Judicial Department, with reference to paragraph 3 of the Consulting Engineer's endorsement, and it will be considered in the Military Department whether the inconvenience to the Regiment stationed at Royapooram, which would be caused by the closing of the gate in question would be so great as to give reasonable ground for complaint.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.
,, Judicial Department.
,, Military Department.

Exd. L. C. Shunker.

No. 29.

From

John Urquhart Esq^re.
Coroner of Madras.

To

Beresford Anderson Esq^re.
Acting Agent and Manager
of the Madras Railway Company

Sir,

I have the honor to report, that at an Inquest held before me, at the Railway Gate near the Native Regiment Lines at Washermanpettah, within the limits of Madras, on the 14th Instant, and by adjournment in the Mowcar Choultry, on the 21st instant, touching the death of Rayroven, the jury after returning as their Verdict, "Accidental death from fracture of the skull and rupture of the blood vessels of the neck produced by the wheels of a Locomotive passing over the neck" made the following Presentment, "The Jury request the Coroner to bring to the notice of the Railway authorities the small gates near which the deceased was found. They are of opinion that these gates should be closed to the public.

I have &c.
(Signed) J. Urquhart.
Coroner.

Madras
Coroner's Office
24th July 1871.

(True Copy)
Beresford Anderson.
Acting Agent and Manager.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

Report of Fatal accident on the Madras Railway.

Collectorate.	Railway District Section and Mile.	Date on which the accident occurred.	Nature of the Accident.	Nature of Assistance afforded.	Occupation of the deceased.	Gratuity proposed to be given or not.	Reported to the Police authorities.	REMARKS.
Madras Municipality	1st Division, 1st Section, 1st Mile South West Line or at 0/11	Night of 13th July 1871	A man named Rayaven about 20 years of age who had apparently been going along the line was struck by the buffer plank of the Engine of some night train and thrown on the rails - The head was separated from the body. The right arm was broken, and portions of the skull found at some distance from the body -	Assisted the Police with 6 Coolies	Bellows-boy in Private work	Nil	Reported to the Police	545

Nil
14th July 1871
Confirm

/True Copy/
Illegible Assistant -
Agent & Manager -

/sd/ H B Hanna
for the Chief Engineer

/sd/ C D Roberts
Resident Engineer

No. 476

MADRAS RAILWAY. 4/8

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 15th August 1871.

From

Beresford Anderson Esqre
Acting Agent and Manager of the M.R.Co.

Major H.L. Prendergast R.E
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No 474 of the 28th ultimo, I have the honour to send you a Report in the usual form of the fatal accident which happened to a man named Rengaven on the 15th of July at the 1¼ Mile South West Line.

2 I also enclose you a Copy of a Communication from the Coroner from which you will observe that the Jury before whom the inquest was held recommend that the gates near which the accident occurred shall be closed to the Public in future. I have been making enquiry upon the subject and I find that the gates in question are almost exclusively used by the men of the 7th Regiment of Native Infantry to whom the Convenience is stated by the Commanding Officer

× No 29 dated 24th July 1871

to be of much importance. 7/6

3. There is no doubt that the existence of these unguarded gates is open to serious objection and looking at the recommendation of the Jury, I have the honour to submit for the consideration of Government that, if it be considered desirable to retain the gates for the convenience of the Regiment quartered at Royapooram, the Military authorities should be called upon to pay the expense of maintaining gatemen to prevent people crossing the line when a Train or Engine is due.

4. While upon the subject I wish to bring to the notice of Government that the dead body of the man was allowed by the Police to remain on the line from the time of the accident in the early morning until 6 P.M. when the Inquest was held presenting a horrible sight to passengers by the trains.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Bousfield Anderson.
Ag Agent & Manager.

No 852.

Submitted to the Government

1. Mr. Juny of the Carriage

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public on future; while it is

stated that the gates are of much

convenience to the Servants of the

Company by whom they are

almost exclusively used.

2. Mr. Hen, the gates would

be closed, otherwise than for the

benefit of the Servants: I think

it is but reasonable that the

Company should bear the expense

of maintaining gatemen.

Yes

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

P. W. 3888/71

Dated 15th August 1871.

Recd. 16th " "

No. 476

Enclosing in the usual form a Report of the accident which happened to a man named Rayoonn on the 13th of July at the 1st Mile S. W. Line & pointing out the danger of keeping wicket gates open.

3. The Agent points out in the last paragraph of his letter, that the Police allowed the dead body to remain the whole day, from early morning till 6 P.M.—

Madras
16 Augt
1877

Alex Pringle Major &c.
Ag Cons Engr for Railways

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort St George

Public Works 1871. Department
No. of Letter or Order
№ 3888

From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Govt
P. W. D.

Dated 16th August 1871.
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Submitting a Report of the fatal accident which happened to a Coolie named Rayanen on the 13th of July at the 41st mile South West line.

№ 2278-7 Sept/71.

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Ex. Engr. 1st Circle 1871

P. W. Dept.

№ 2277.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 7th September 1871.

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From the Acting Consg Engineer for Railways - Hereunder № 353 of 16 August 1871

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Copy of these papers will be communicated to the Judicial Department, with reference to para 3 of the Consg Engineer's endorsement, and it will be considered in the Military Department whether the inconvenience to the Regiment stationed at Royapooram, which would be caused by the closing of the gate in question would be so great as to give reasonable ground

ground for complaint

(In a case of this kind the claim of the Regiment to consideration is as great but no greater than any body of the general public of equal numbers.)

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I would omit this.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Secy. Committing Engr. for Railways.

Dated

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G. O. 7 Sept. No. 2277.

Nos. 112 & 113

Forwarding for his Just Depr. papers on the subject of the accident which happened on the Degree crossing at the 9th Mile S.W. line of the Arg. R. Railway - dealing upon the Military Dept. to consider whether the inconvenience to the Railway Company at Nandapuram by the closing of the gate would be so great as to give ground for complaint -