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No. 480. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 8th October 1871, No. 435:—

From the Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 19th September 1871, No. 551.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Government, that I learn* from the Traffic Manager that a slight collision took place at Avady on the 13th instant between the 5-30 A. M. goods train from Tirupetty and the 9 A. M. cooly class train from Madras. I am informed that no passengers or servants were injured, and that the only damage done was to the two engines.

* No. C/41020-71/349, dated 18th September 1871.

2. I am in communication with the Locomotive Superintendent on the subject, and will let you have further particulars hereafter.

From the Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 28th September 1871, No. 569.

IN continuation of my letter, No. 551 of the 19th instant, I have the honour to inform you that I have now fully discussed with the Locomotive Superintendent and the Traffic Manager the circumstances connected with the collision which took place at the Avady station on the 13th instant.

2. It appears that when the 5-30 A. M. train from Tirupetty was approaching the station the 9 A. M. train was being shunted opposite the platform and that the engine and seven wagons were over the west points. The Driver of the shunting train states that he had just begun to move back into the siding when the engine of the 5-30 A. M. came into collision with his engine. The signal was against the incoming train, but the Driver, J. Howe, states that he was unable to pull up in time to prevent the collision. As his train consisted of 31 loaded vehicles, and as neither the guards nor passengers felt the shock, the speed at the time of the collision must have been very low. There is no doubt, however, that Howe is to blame in the matter for not having his train under control, and he was at once suspended, and will either be dismissed the service or heavily fined.

3. At the meeting which I had with Mr. Wright and Mr. Church on the 21st instant, we considered what additional means could be afforded for the protection of trains when shunting at stations, and it was determined to adopt a system of flag signals at stations not provided with distance signals.

4. This will involve some small amount of expenditure, and the question will therefore come before Government again.

From the Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 6th October 1871, No. 597.

IN reply to your letter, No. 608 of the 2nd instant, I have the honour to inform you that the Locomotive Superintendent estimates* the cost of repairing the damage to the two engines which met with a collision at Avady on the 13th ultimo at Rupees 100.

* No. 298, dated 21st September 1871.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st October 1871.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

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

No. 481. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1871, No. 2,746.

RAILWAY, No. 74. ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

No. 551 No Endorsement

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 19th September 1871.

From

Beresford Anderson Esqre.
Ag Agent and Manager. of the Madras Ry Co.

To

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

SIR,

I have the honor to report for the information of Government that I learn from the Traffic Manager that a slight collision took place at Arcady on the 13th instant between the 5.30 A.M. Goods train from Tirupetty and the 9 A.M. Cooly Class train from Madras. I am informed that no Passengers or Servants were injured and that the only damage done was to the two Engines.

2. I am in communication with the Locomotive Superintendent on the subject and will let you have further particulars hereafter.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
J. W. Mellis
for the Actg Agent & Manager.

x No. C/21020-71 dated 18th September 1871

No. 569

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 28th September 1871.

From

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

To

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

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 557 of the 19th instant. I have the honour to inform you that I have now fully discussed with the Locomotive Superintendent and the Traffic Manager the circumstances connected with the collision which took place at the Arady Station on the 13th instant.

2. It appears that when the 5.30 A.M. train from Tirupetty was approaching the Station the 9 P.M. train was being shunted opposite the platform and that the Engine and 7 waggons were over the West points. The Driver of the shunting train states that he had just begun to move back into the Siding when the Engine of the 5.30 A.M. came into

collision with his Engine. The Signal was against the Oncoming train, but the Driver - J. Howe - stated that he was unable to pull up in time to prevent the collision. As his train consisted of 31 loaded vehicles and as neither the Guard nor Passengers felt the shock, the speed at the time of the collision must have been very low. There is no doubt, however that Howe is to blame in the matter for not having his train under control, and he was at once suspended and will either be dismissed the Service or heavily fined.

3. At the meeting which I had with Mr Wright and Mr. Church on the 21st. instant we considered what additional means could be afforded for the protection of trains when shunting at Stations, and it was determined to adopt a system of flag Signals at Stations not provided with Distance Signals.

4. This will involve some small amount of expenditure and the question will therefore come before Government again.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Bluford Anderson.
Agent and Manager

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From The Agent and Manager.

To The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Dated 28th October 1871.
Recd. 29th " "

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P. R. No. 5597.

Transmitting further particulars on the subject of the Collision which took place at the Nearly Station on the 13th instant.

No. 597.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 6th October 1871.

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

To Major H.C. Prendergast R.E.
&c
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 608 of the 2nd instant, I have the honour to inform you that the Locomotive Superintendent estimates the cost of repairing the damage to the two Engines which met with a Collision at Nearly on the 13th ultimo at Rupees 100 - 0 - 0.

× No 298 dated 21st Septr/71

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Beresford Anderson
Ag Agent & Manager.

No. 435

Submitted for the information of Government.

Consulting Engineer's Office,
Madras, 6th October 1871.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated 6th October 1871.

Recd. 7th " "

P. W. 4809/76. 597

Informing that the Locomotive Superintendent estimates the cost of repairing the damages to the two Engines which met with a Collision at Arcady on the 13th ultimo at Rupees 100-0-0.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

1871.

From No. 4809.

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department.
Fort St. George.

Dated 7th October 1871.

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Encl. 3.

Submitting for the information of Govt, letters received from the Agent S. M. Ry on the subject of the collision which took place at Avady on the 13th ult.

Ordered to be recorded.

W.G.

G. O. 31st Oct 1871, No. 2746.

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Acting Secretary Govt. for Railways

Dated.

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