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Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th March 1871.*

No. 619. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 3rd March 1871, No. 96 :—

Letter from the Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 10th January 1871, No. C-12.

I BEG to subjoin, for your information, copy of a telegram just received from Mr. Byron. The Troop Train left Madras this morning.

“ A baggage truck in the 5-30 A. M. Troop Special took fire at the 134th mile, fourth telegraph post. Fire quenched ; the baggage unloaded and left in charge of Engineer Inspector at Cheyaur. I will try and have the baggage brought to Cuddapah by the 9 A. M. Special.”

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways for information.

(Signed) R. B. ELWIN,
Agent and Manager.

10th January 1871.

From the Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 11th January 1871, No. C-15.

FIRE in train. In continuation of my letter, No. C-12 of yesterday, I beg to inform you that the fire took place in a covered goods waggon.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways for information.

(Signed) R. B. ELWIN,
Agent and Manager.

11th January 1871.

From the Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 28th February 1871, No. C-29-92.

COVERED goods waggon on fire at or near 134th mile, North-West Line, on 10th January. The waggon in which this fire occurred contained baggage belonging to the men and followers of the 3rd Regiment Native Infantry proceeding from Madras to Ghooty by extra train on the 10th January. The train consisted of twenty-two vehicles, namely, two vans, fifteen carriages, one cattle truck, and four baggage waggons, the latter being in front of the carriages and next to the engine. The waggon in which the fire occurred was what is termed a “ covered goods ” waggon, and is completely closed in on all sides, with a small fixed venetian window at either end.

2. The fire was discovered at the 134th mile, and looking at the character of the line at and about this point, there is no reason to suppose that the engine was working heavily, and I am inclined to the belief that the fire was not due to a spark from the engine, but to some combustible packed in the baggage.

From 130 miles, 59 chains, to 131 miles, 27 chains, falling gradient.	
131 27 131 46 level.	
131 46 132 8 rising 1 in 136.	
132 8 133 19 falling.	
133 19 133 59 rising 1 in 253.	
133 59 134 6 falling.	

3. The accompanying list of the articles saved from the fire shows that the baggage was of a singularly miscellaneous character, and among the articles found were four match boxes (empty).

4. Under the new rules for the conveyance of troops by extra trains, all baggage is loaded by the troops, uninterfered with by the Railway officials, so that we have no record or means of ascertaining the contents of this particular waggon.

From G. R. BYRON, Esq., to the Traffic Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 20th January 1871, No. 447-1170.

BAGGAGE of 5-30 A. M. Extra Troop Train, January 10th. I beg to inform you that a bag of rice and an iron padlock were sent to me by Mr. Toomey at Cheyaur supposed to be part of the baggage of the 5-30 A. M. Extra Troop Train. The articles were forwarded to Ghooty by 6-30 A. M. train on the 19th instant.

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List of Articles saved from the fire in Troop Special Train.

Description of Articles.	No.	Description of Articles.	No.
Gloves Pair.	1½	Sling bag	1
White gown	1	Cloths	4
White coat with brass buttons	1	White coats, old	2
White knapsack, torn	1	Looking-glass with stand	1
Silk trowser with red silk ribbon	1	Drawers, white	1
Chintz, Native petticoat	1	Trowsers, black	3
Black trowser	1	Chintz	1
New colored muslin, about 5½ yards	1	Chintz handkerchief	1
Old 5½ "	1	Ink bottles	1
Blue flannel jacket with buttons	1	Pins	2
White flannel jacket	1	Card thread, red Dozen.	18
Handkerchief	1	Mark of ranks	2
Red cap with yellow silk band	1	White stock	8
Pins Dozen.	6	Crown	3
Black cover to sepoy's turban	1	Colored buttons	1
Five brass bells in a wire	1	Brass do. Dozen.	2
Knapsack	1	Marbles	2½
Colored sheet	1	Dice	3
Roll of silk ribbon	1	Bag containing brass and iron pieces	2
Velvet hairnets	1	Brooch, pebble	1
One roll of blue ribbon enclosed in hairnet	2	Sepoy's turban, black	1
and one silver ornament with the pins		Belly God	1
in the sepoy's silk cap.		Brass buttons, big and small	1
Laced red cloth	2	Glass buttons, green and white	20
Native jacket with buttons	1	Pieces of black in a muslin bundle	2
1½ Yards red flannel	1	Body with braiding, red	1
Silk pajunna, ...	1	Empty prize box and drawing pins	1
Small hand-bell, brass	1	Chintz piece	4
Spoon	1	Do., black, colored	1
Egg cup	1	Alpaca body braiding, black	1
Match boxes, empty	1	Old haversack	1
Leather hand-bag	4	Rice measures	1
Gold coin	1	Native wooden combs	2
Silver ring with a chain and hook	1	Large and small jars	1
Gold earring	1	Copper small box	2
Hand stick	1	Brush	1
Umbrella	1	Small looking-glass	1
Idol	1	Pieces, iron, mixed	1
Cummel or female earring	1	Small brass cup	21
Green stone	1	Tin chunam boxes	1
Brooch, variegated, pebble	1	Children's wooden play toys	6
Tent nails	1	Cowries	10
Nails and pieces of iron	21	Military Stamp Regimental No. 1,145	4
Round iron pieces, big and small	48	Rope	1
Gun nipple wrenches	33	Iron cake pan	1
Iron pieces	10	Brass pincher, small	1
Brass chunam box	80	Piece of lead	1
Wooden smoking pipes	1	Plate spoon	1
Iron spoons, large and small	3	Small brush	1
Colored wooden cake rollers	2	Pieces, iron	1
Brushes	3	Cocoonut shells	10
Combs	16	Colored wooden chess	2
Scraper with knife	8	Old tin box, small	8
Iron knives	1	Wooden measure, burnt	1
Iron peg	2	Small top	1
Spoons, brass	1	Button sticks	1
Mamooty without handle	3	Wooden ladles, small	1
Wooden sandals	1	Old padlocks	1
Do pieces	5	Iron heels	2
Small brass pot	4	Door chains	12
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List of Articles saved from the fire, etc.—(Concluded.)

Description of Articles.	No.	Description of Articles.	No.
Iron hinges	22	Silver piece of dagger case	1
Small iron ladles	1	Pearl	1
Keys, old	2	Silver small chullengah	1
Old knife handle	1	Covering of a pipe, brass	1
Nails, etc., iron	9	Nose ring with rubies	1
Screw nails	4	Corals	21
Iron pieces included in locks	29	Trowel, Bricklayer's	2
Burnt skirt	1	Axle without handle	1
White coat, old	1	Gloves	1
Brass chumboo, including Rupees 11-9-4, ...	1	Child's ring, silver, in cap pouch with	1
with hair and silk bag.		Rupees 5-0-3.	

(True Copies.)

(Signed) R. B. ELWIN,
Agent and Manager.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government, with reference to G. O.,
No. 310, dated 1st February 1871.

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

No. 620. ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1871, No. 896.

RAILWAY, No. 56.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Madras Railway
Traffic Manager's Office
Madras 10th Jan'y 1871.

To.

The agent & manager, W. B. Co.
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Yours faithfully
H. B. Church
Traffic Manager.

True Copy,
H. B. Church
Agent & Manager.

To

The Ag. Consulting Engineer
for Railway &
for information -
10th Jan'y 1871

Comptroller

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Madras Railway.
Traffic Manager's Office.
Madras 11th January 1871

To

The Agent and Manager.
M. Ry. Co.

Dear Sir,

Fire in Train

In continuation of my letter C/12 of yesterday
I beg to inform you that the fire took place in a covered
Goods Wagon.

Yours &c.
Signed J. H. C. Church
Traffic Manager.

True Copy

[Signature]
Agent and Manager.

To

The Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.
for information.
11th January 1871.

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Submitted for the information of Government with re=
ference to G.O. No 310 dated 1st
February 1871.

Thos. Linder Major, R.E.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 3rd March 1871.

Asst. Consgr. Engr. for Railways.

To

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

201st February /71 No 25-26

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

1871.

No 995

From The Consulting Engineer for Railways,

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

Dated 2nd March 1871.
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No. 96-24th March /71

Submitting for the information of Govt., a report rec^d from the Agent in-^{Ch} regarding the accident by fire to a covered Goods waggon - With an order

For L. Smith & Co. 24th March /71

Recd 23/3/71

6th March /71 R. J. O.

No 995
Govt. of 1871 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Dy Consulting Engr
for Railways

Dated.

Recd.

Sd.

G.O. 24th March. No. 896.

Nos. 619-620

Train - Further particulars
The fire which ^{broke out} occurred
in the train conveying
baggage the 3rd Regt. Ar.
from Madras to Ghooty
on the 15th Jan'y 71, re-
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