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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 21st October 1872.

Read the following papers :—

No. 360. Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 1st October 1872, No. 525.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 30th September 1872, No. 703.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Government, that a serious accident occurred to the 2 P. M. mail train from Madras to Raichore on Saturday, 28th instant.

2. The enclosed copy of the Traffic Manager's Report* upon the subject contains all the particulars which I have as yet been able to gather. I am, however, to-day making a strict investigation into the circumstances, the result of which I will communicate to you as early as possible.

* No. $C_{\frac{4}{10}}$, dated 30th September.

3. I enclose herewith, for the information of Government, a copy of the Consulting Physician's Report† as to the cases of serious injury.

† No. 255, dated 30th September 1872.

From the Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway, dated Madras, 30th September 1872, No. $C_{\frac{4}{10}}$.

Accident to the 2 P. M. Mail Train of the 28th instant from Madras to Raichore.

I REGRET to report that an accident occurred to the 2 P. M. mail train of the 28th instant on the Ballapilly Ghaut at the 97th mile, 6th telegraph post.

2. The train consisting of twelve vehicles left the Tiruputty station at the proper time (5-35 P. M.), and on reaching the ghaut encountered a terrific storm of wind, rain, thunder and lightning. After several ineffectual attempts to ascend the ghaut, it was determined to divide the train, and five waggons and a horse-box were taken to the top of the ghaut where there is a siding. The brakes of the waggons were pinned down, and the engine was then detached from the waggons in order to run round them, but before this could be effected the waggons and horse-box were driven by the force of the storm from their resting place and down the ghaut (a descending gradient of 1 in 60) and came into collision with the other part of the train which consisted of passenger vehicles.

3. The following is a list of the passengers who were injured, and these were taken back to Tiruputty station for treatment as soon as assistance could be procured :—

(1.)—Kanjee Gocul Doss, age 50, Guzerat caste, native of Bombay, right leg broken and left leg fractured.

(2.)—Mahomed Subadar, age 57, Mahomedan, belonging to 4th Regiment Light Cavalry, Hyderabad, fracture of left leg and collar bone bruised.

(3.)—Abdool Salab, age 37, Mahomedan Horse Dealer, fracture of right leg and contusion of right hip.

(4.)—Sawmy Natha Iyer, age 18, Brahmin, Resident of Madras, fracture of left leg.

(5.)—Thomas Ottar, age 18, East Indian, resident of Cuddapah, contusion of left arm.

(6.)—Paupiah, age 35, native of Bellary, incised wound on sole of left foot.

(7.)—Rajee, wife of Francis, Elephant Battery Driver at Hyderabad, contusion of left leg and incised wound on left cheek.

(8.)—Ramalinga Chetty, Rice Merchant, Vellore, slightly bruised.

(9.)—Nunjoodiah Joseyar of Mysore, a pilgrim, slightly bruised.

4. Numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 were unable to move about and were brought into Madras for treatment. Numbers 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 who were perfectly capable of moving about, had their wounds dressed, and at their own request either proceeded to their destination or received back their fare and were sent to their homes free of charge.

5. The rest of the passengers in the train proceeded to their destination by a special train sent from Cuddapah about 2 o'clock on the morning of the 29th and did not come under my observation.

6. The 2 P. M. mail train arrived at its destination at 6-39 P. M., or 10 hours and 19 minutes late, and the 4 P. M. mail train of the 28th instant from Raichore reached Madras at 3-49 P. M. instead of 11 A. M.

7. With these exceptions the train service was not interrupted, and, owing to the very praiseworthy exertions of Inspector Brooks of the Engineering Department and Foreman King of the Locomotive Department, the line was cleared by 9 o'clock on the morning of the 29th.

8. An official investigation will be held at once, and the Locomotive Superintendent will doubtless report the extent of damage to the rolling stock.

From the Consulting Physician, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Royapoorum, 30th September 1872, No. 255.

I SAW the four injured patients brought by the 4-15 A. M. train last evening, after they had been removed to my hospital and examined them more carefully.

2. One man, a fair Brahmin, has compound comminuted fracture of both bones of the right leg, and simple fracture of both bones of the left leg I had at once to remove a portion of exposed bone in the right leg, and then set the limb myself. The circulation in both feet is good, so that I am hopeful of saving both limbs, provided the man does not contract lock-jaw.

3. A Mahomedan had simple fracture of both bones of the right leg and dislocation of the right thigh. The former was set last night, and the latter I reduced under chloroform this morning.

4. A Hindoo youth has simple fracture of both bones of the left leg and had his limb set last night.

5. The fourth patient has both bones of his left leg and his left collar bone fractured. Both fractures were set last night.

6. A fifth injured man was admitted, but had no bones broken. He complained of pains, but did not seem to have much the matter with him. He wished to be discharged, but this I declined to do, and prescribed fomentations for him, a step suggested by the fear that he may obtain admission into some other hospital and hereafter endeavour to make his case out worse than it is. He was told that if he left the infirmary he would do so without my consent.

7. I hope all the cases may do well. The man with compound fracture occasions me some anxiety, but his condition is in some important respects so encouraging that I hope he also may ultimately recover, though he may be detained at least two months in hospital.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. I heard of the accident on the forenoon of the 29th ultimo, and left Madras by the 2 P. M. train, but on my way to Ballapilly I learnt that communication had been restored, and that the passengers who had been seriously injured were being conveyed to Madras.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 361. Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 3rd October 1872, No. 526.

From the Consulting Physician, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway, dated Madras, 1st October 1872.

I AM happy to inform you that all the cases are doing well. The man with simple contusion left yesterday without leave. The Havildar wished me to transfer him to Raneepet Dispensary, and the Brahmin youth to Tanjore; but, of course, I declined to comply with the request of either. I have reported the accident to the Officer Commanding the 4th Light Cavalry, and informed him that, in consequence of it, the Havildar cannot join his corps on the expiration of his leave.

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EXTRACT forwarded to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for the information of Government, in continuation of my letter No. 703 of yesterday.

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

1*st October* 1872.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government, in continuation of endorsement No. 525, dated 1st October 1872.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 362. ORDER THEREON, 21st October 1872, No. 2,473

RAILWAY, No. 54.

ORDERED to be recorded.

2. The result of the investigation proposed to be made by the Agent into the circumstances connected with the accident will be awaited.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No. 703.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 30th September 1873

From

Robt: B. Elwin Esqr.

Agent and Manager. of the M.R.

To

Lieut Colonel J. H. M. Short Stewart R.E.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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x No 1 of 490. 30th Sept.

3. I enclose herewith for the information of Government a Copy of the Consulting Physicians Report as to the Cause of Serious Injury.

No 255-30 Sept-1892

I have the honour to be Gentlemen obedient Servant

Wm. J. Reid

Agent and Manager.

No 256

Madras Railway Office
Superintendent
Engineering Department
Egmore 30th September 1872

To
The Agent and Manager
Madras Railway Company

Dear Sir

I have the honor to submit for information the Returns of Accidents which occurred on the Railway during the month of September.

2. One serious accident occurred to the Down Mail train on the night of the 15th Inst. at 11 P.M. when the engine of the train ran over a cow near the 8th Mile Post between Arkonam and Kaveripauk. The cow was killed on the spot and the engine was thrown off the rails, but was replaced in position and the train proceeded on its journey after a detention of about 2 hours. The Mail train was due at Kaveripauk at 11.30 P.M. and arrived there at 1.30 A.M. The cow was the property of the Cowkeeper of Kaveripauk.

3. A Nakkawandan had a slight fracture of his left forearm by the night Mail train on the night of the 20th Inst. The Nakkawandan was driving his bullock cart on the Down line of rails when he was overtaken by the train. He was taken to the Hospital at Arkonam where his fracture was reduced under Chloroform. The Nakkawandan is progressing favorably.

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated 30th Sept 1872
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No. 703.

Reporting a serious accident which occurred to the 2 Pm Mail Train from Madras to Kaveripauk on the 20th instant—

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Yours faithfully
(Signed) W. J. Van Someren
Consulting Physician

(True Copy)

J. N. Mellis.

for the Agent and Manager

P. W. D. Letter No. 525 dated 1st October 1872.
From Lieut. Col. W. Mewburn, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways.
To The Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George.
Received 2nd October 1872.

No. 525.

Submitted for the information of Government.

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Madras
1st October 1872.

W. Mewburn Lieut. Col. R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

To
The Secretary to Government
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Fort Saint George.

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Madras
1st October 1872

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Yours faithfully
(Sd) W. J. Van Someren M.D.
Consulting Physician

(True Copy)

Agent & Manager

Extract forwarded to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for the information of Government in Continuation of my letter No 703 of yesterday

1st October 1872

No. 526.

Submitted for the information of Government. in
continuation of endorsement No: 525,
dated 1st October 1872.

W Mean Stewart
Lieut Col R.E.
Consg Engr for Railways.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 3rd October 1872.

To

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

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

1872.

No 4824

From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

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

Dated 5th Oct
Received 4th October 1872

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Submitting an Extract of a letter from the Consulting Physician, having reference to the accident of the 25th Ultimo.

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No 2473- 21st October /72

Public Works 1872 Dept.
from No 1778.
Re Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

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Sec^y to Govt
P. W. Dept.

Dated 1st Oct^r/72.
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Submitting a letter received from the Genl Manager of the Ir. R. Comp^y reporting a serious accident which occurred to the 2 P.M. mail train from London to Roscrea on the 28th Ult^o

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Nos 4824 & 4778

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To The Consulting Engrs
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G. O. 21 Oct 1874, No. 243

Nos. 360 to 362.

Accident. Reports

Relating to the accident
which occurred to the
2 P.M. train of the 28th
Sept: on the Ballyhally
Branch of the Madras