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24th January 1874.*

No. 307. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 10th December 1873, No. 662:—

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of Government, two letters* from the Agent of the Madras Railway Company, reporting that the 8 P.M. mail train from Bangalore to Jollarpett,

• No. 1,000, 4th December 1873:
.. 1,013, 8th .. "

on the 29th ultimo, came in contact with three large granite stones which had been placed upon the rails by some person or persons with clearly malicious intent. The stones were placed upon the rail at the 169th mile, 12th telegraph post, between the Coopum and Colar Road Stations, about six miles to the south of the latter.

2. In the second letter the Agent states that the culprits have not been discovered, although two persons are in custody on suspicion. He reports that he has authorized the offer of a reward of Rupees 100 for such information as will lead to the conviction of the guilty person or persons.

3. I also enclose a report* on the subject from the Deputy Consulting Engineer, who happened to be a passenger by the train in question. I understand

* Dated 1st December 1873.

that the stones were of considerable size, the largest measuring about 2 feet by 1½ feet by 1½ feet.

From J. W. MELLIS, Esq., for Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 4th December 1873, No. 1,000.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that on the 29th ultimo an attempt was made to throw a train off the line on the Bangalore branch by some person or persons unknown, who had placed three large granite stones on the rails at the 169th mile, between the Coopum and Colar Road Stations. The 8 P.M. mail train from Bangalore came into collision with the stones, but fortunately the life-guards of the engine were a sufficient protection, and no accident occurred.

2. The matter has been reported to the Police, and the result of the inquiry will be communicated to you in due course.

From the same Officer, dated Madras, 8th December 1873, No. 1,013.

With reference to my letter No. 1,000 of the 4th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the Police have been unable as yet to discover by whom the stones were placed on the rails, Bangalore branch, on the 29th ultimo, though two persons are in custody on suspicion. The Line Watchman is also in custody.

2. I have authorized the Acting Chief Engineer to offer a reward of 100 Rupees for such information as will lead to the conviction of the person or persons by whom the crime was committed, which I trust will be approved by the Government.

Report on an attempt made by some unknown person or persons to throw the 8 P.M. passenger train, from Bangalore to Jollarpett, off the rails between the Coopum and Colar Road Stations on the Bangalore branch of the Madras Railway on the 29th of November 1873

1. I have the honour to report that an attempt (fortunately unsuccessful) was made by some unknown person or persons on the night of Saturday, the 29th ultimo, to throw the passenger train, from Bangalore to Jollarpett, off the rails, at the 169th mile, 11th telegraph post, between the Coopum and Colar Road Stations, on the Bangalore branch of the Madras Railway.

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2. I travelled by the train in question, and had thus an opportunity of seeing what had happened as soon as the train had been pulled up.
3. Three large stones had been placed on the rail on the north or left hand side of the line. The wheel-guard struck the first stone, smashing it and pushing the others off the rail to a distance of twenty or thirty yards with apparently no further damage to the engine than breaking or rather shearing off the heads of two of the bolts by which the wheel-guard is attached to the engine. The sand pipe on the same side was also slightly injured, and the rail driver had fully satisfied himself that it was in a fit condition to do so.
4. The driver informed me that the engine was not running under steam at the moment it struck the stones, and that the watchman was only about 100 yards away from the place at the time.
5. It is most fortunate that the train did not leave the rails as the embankment is high at the place in question. The driver appears to have had the train perfectly under control as he pulled up within four telegraph posts of where the stones had been placed. The stones were put in the guard's break-van and carried down to Jollarpett.

MADRAS,
1st December 1873.

(Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Captain, R.E.,
Offg. Depy. Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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ORDER THEREON, 24th January 1874, No. 156.

RAILWAY, No. 46.

ORDERED to be recorded and communicated to the Judicial Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
.. Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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slightly injured, and the rail broken to a trifling extent.

The same engine proceeded with the train to Jollapur, after the driver had fully satisfied himself that it was in a fit condition to do so.

The driver informed me that (4) the engine was not running under steam at the moment it struck the stones, and that the watchman was only about 100 yards away from the place at the time.

It is most fortunate that the (5) train did not leave the rails as the embankment is high at the place in question. The driver appears to have

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The stones were placed in the guards brake bar and carried down to Jollapur.

Robert Thompson
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Offg. Dy. Commr. Mysore Railway.

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Madras.
December 1st 1873.

W. J. M. J.

No. 1000

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE.

Madras, 4th December 1873.

From

The Ag. Agent and Manager. of the M. R. Co.

To

Lieut Colonel J. H. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that on the 29th ultimo an attempt was made to throw a train off the line on the Bangalore Branch by some person or persons unknown, who had placed three large granite stones on the rails at the 169th mile, between the Hoopur and Solar Road Stations. The P. M. Mail train from Bangalore came into collision with the stones but fortunately the life guards of the engine were a sufficient protection and no accident occurred.

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Have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obedient Servant,

J. W. Mellis.

for the Agt Agent Manager.

No. 1013.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 8th December 1873.

From

To

Sir,

The Acting Agent and Manager of the M. R. Co.

Lieut. Colonel J. H. M. Shaw Sturges

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

With reference to my letter No 1000 of the 4th instant I have the honour to inform you that the Police have been unable as yet to discover by whom the stones were placed on the rails, Bangalore Branch, on the 29th ultimo though two persons are in custody on suspicion. The Line Watchman is also in custody.

2. I have authorised the Acting Chief Engineer to offer a reward of one hundred Rupees for such information as will lead to the conviction of the person or persons by whom the crime was committed, which I trust will be approved by the Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J. H. M. Shaw Sturges
Agent and Manager

MADRAS RAILWAY.

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Recd 4th Dec 1873
J. H. M. Shaw Sturges

stating that under
direction was placed
at the 169 mile, on the
Bangalore Branch, on the
29th Nov last.

Mr 0090/73

Railway Department

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE

No. 662

From

LIEUT. COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit, for the information of Government, two letters* from the Agent of the Madras Railway Company, reporting that the 8 p.m. mail train from Bangalore to Jolarapett on the 29th ultimo came in contact with three large granite stones which had been placed upon the rails by some person

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From

The Agent's Manager
M. R. Company
To The Engineer
for Railways
Bangalore
Dated 5 Decr 1873

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were placed upon the rail at the
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Dated
1 Dec. 73

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Your most obedient servant.

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Cons. Engineer for Railway

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From 1873.
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

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

Dated 10/10/1873.
Recd. 11/10/1873.

No. 662.

Substantive letter
from the signed M. A. D.
a report from the Dykes
Superior with regard
to the 13. Arrived
on the 29 ultimo

W. H. Baker