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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th August 1874.*

No. 162. 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, 18th July 1874, No. 421:—

IN acknowledging receipt of the Order of Government, dated the 10th instant, No. 1,865, I have the honor to state, for the information of His Excellency in Council, that two years ago the Railway Authorities in this Presidency were asked from this office to furnish the Postmaster-General with the earliest possible intimation, as well of any interruption in the regular train service, as of its resumption after such interruption. I have reason to believe that this information has been sent without fail to the Postal Department, but I have again drawn the attention of the Agents to the matter.

2. With reference to the specific instances noticed by the Postmaster-General in paragraph 2 of his letter, No. 491—

• No. 622, dated 16th July 1874.

1,877, I beg to enclose a letter* from the

Agent of the Madras Railway Company, from which it will be seen that the accident near Vaniembady, which occurred upon the 6th May 1874, was reported by Mr. Elwin to the Postmaster-General upon the following day; also that the accident at the Paupugnee river, which occurred upon the 16th June 1874, was reported upon the same day to the Superintendent of Travelling Post Offices, who had represented himself as being "solely responsible in the Madras Presidency for arrangements connected with the railway of this nature." A telegram regarding the latter accident was also sent by Mr. Elwin to the Postmaster-General upon the 17th June.

3. In addition to the above, the interruption near Vaniembady was specially reported to the Postmaster-General from this office upon the 8th May. No special report was sent from this office regarding the Paupugnee accident, as I was aware that it had been notified by the Railway Authorities direct to the Postal Department.

4. Under the circumstances, it appears to me that the Postmaster-General's letter to your address, No. 491—1,877, must have been written under a misapprehension.

5. With reference to paragraph 2 of the enclosed letter from the Agent of the Madras Railway Company, I request specific instructions regarding the Postal Authority to whom interruptions in the train service are in future to be reported, whether to the Postmaster-General, or to the Superintendent of Travelling Post Offices.

From R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 16th July 1874, No. 622.

IN reply to the concluding paragraph of your letter, No. 657, of the 15th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the accident at Vaniembady, which occurred on the 6th of May last, was reported to the Postmaster-General on the 7th idem, by my letter No. 1,424.

messenger to the General Post Office

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2. The accident at the Paupugnee bridge occurred on the 16th of June, and notice of it was given the same day by a letter addressed to the Superintendent of Travelling Post Offices, Madras Division, who has requested that notices of this nature may be sent to him, stating that he is "solely responsible in the Madras Presidency for arrangements connected with the railway of this nature."

3. The letter from my office addressed to this gentleman was sent by special messenger to the General Post Office, Madras, where it was refused on the ground that the Superintendent's Office was not there, nor could accurate information be obtained as to where he was to be found. The consequence was that the letter was not delivered until the 17th of June.

4. This explains why no notice was given by letter to the Postmaster-General's Office at Madras, but I myself despatched the following telegram to Major Bourke on the 17th of June when I was returning from the scene of the accident.

"From Elwin, Arcotum, to Honorable E. R. Bourke, Ootacamund.

"Overland Mail will suffer no detention. Church is at break, superintending arrangements. Through communication will be restored in a week."

5. Under these circumstances, it appears to me that the 2nd paragraph of the Postmaster-General's letter to the Government must have been written under some misapprehension.

No. 163. ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1874, No. 2,180.

RAILWAY, No. 23.

COMMUNICATED to the Postmaster-General in continuation of G. O., No. 1,865, of 11th July 1874, and with a request that the information required in paragraph 5 of the Consulting Engineer's letter may be furnished direct to that officer.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Postmaster-General.

.. Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Erd. E. C. Shunker.

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No. 622.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE.

Madras, 16th July 1874.

From

A. D. Clum Esqre

Agent and Manager. M. R. Co.

To

Mr. J. H. Shaw Stewart, R.E.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

In reply to the concluding paragraph of your letter No. 657 of the 15th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the accident at Marimbadky which occurred on the 6th of May, last was reported to the Postmaster General on the 7th idem by my letter No. 1424.

2. The accident at the Paupugnee bridge occurred on the 16th of June, and notice of it was given the same day by a letter addressed to the Superintendent of Travelling Post Offices Madras Division, who has requested that notices of this nature may be sent to him, stating that he is "solely responsible within Madras Presidency for arrangements connected with the Railway of this nature."

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From

Calcutta

to

To

Honorable C. R. Bowker

Calcutta

"Barland Mail will suffer no detention"
"which is at break superintending"
"arrangements. Through communication"
"will be restored in a week".

5. Under these circumstances it appears to me that the second paragraph of the Postmaster General's letter to the Government must have been written under some misapprehension.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

W. J. K. W.

at your disposal

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 421

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,

In acknowledging receipt of the Order of Government dated the 10th instant, N: 1865, I have the honour to state, for the information of His Excellency in Council, that two years ago the Railway Authorities in this Presidency were asked from this Office to furnish the Post Master General with the earliest possible intimation, as well of any interruption in the regular train-service, as of its resumption after such interruption. I have reason to believe that this information has been sent without fail

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

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The Consulting Engineer

For Railways

Mr. 44 52/74

Dated

16th July

1874

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stating that the engine which occurred at the Narasimhalu station on the Bangalore bridge were duly reported to the Postmaster General and the Asst. P. Master, Post Office Madras (Division)

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Presidency

N^o. 622-16th
July 1874.

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5. With reference to paragraph 2 of the enclosed letter from the Agent of the Madras Railway Company, I request

Yours most obedient servant

Mount Pleasant, D.C., 22, 99,

Cons: Engineers for Railways

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 Communicated to the Post Master General
 in continuation of 4. Dec. 1865 of 11 July 1874.
 and with a request that the information reported
 in para 5 of the Enc.ing^g letter may be furnished
 direct to that office.
 To Mr. Patrick
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Govt. of Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Post Master
General

Dated

Recd.

Encl. /

G. O. 7 August 1874, No 278

Nos. 162-163.

Interruption of Railway
Communication -

Letter from the Engineer
for Railways stating that
the interruption which occurred
at the Vaniambadi station &
on the Pampunnee Branch
by the late accident was
reported to the Postal Au-
thorities by the Agent of the
Madras Ry Co. Comd to the
Post Master Genl with instructions.