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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th November 1874.*

No. 57. Read the following endorsement of the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, dated Ootacamund, 14th October 1874:—

From C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., District Magistrate of Salem, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Salem, 8th October 1874, No. 382.

I HAVE the honor to submit the report called for in the Proceedings of Government, dated 13th May 1874, No. 882.

2. The first intimation of the occurrence was received by the Head Assistant Magistrate from the 3rd-class Constable of Nattarampullu station, who reported on 20th December 1873 that he received information from the Railway Sub-Inspector that a man had been run over by a train the previous night. On the 21st he again reported that an inquest had been held on the body which was so mutilated that no one was able to identify it.

3. Subsequent to the receipt of the Government Order under reply, the 2nd-class Magistrate of Tripatore proceeded to the spot and made a more searching inquiry, the result of which is as follows:—

4. One Babacharry of Kutharamputty village had a son named Ramacharry, who in December last went to visit his relatives at Kothur. He was last seen on the day of the accident at Kothur, and has not since been either seen or heard of.

5. It has further come to light that a thread was found on the body; and, as the missing Ramacharry was a Kammala by caste, and consequently a thread-wearer, there is, I think, every probability that he was the man killed by the train on the night in question.

6. One of the witnesses has also deposed that he saw an ear-ring on the dead body, and Babacharry states that his son wore such a jewel; but no further information is forthcoming as regards this ear-ring. It might have been stolen before the Village Magistrate arrived at the scene of the occurrence, or it may have escaped his notice, owing to the disfigured state of the head. The Sub-Magistrate, who held the inquiry in July, states that no ear-ring was found upon the body when it was exhumed six months after burial.

7. It appears that Ramacharry was given to drinking, and it is therefore very probable that he was lying insensible on the line when the train passed over him.

8. I regret the delay which has occurred in forwarding this report. Immediately after the receipt of the Government Order, the Acting Head Assistant Magistrate, Mr. Thomson, was called upon to report upon the matter. The late Acting District Magistrate being dissatisfied with the information furnished by Mr. Thomson requested him to make further inquiries and to report the result. The second report of the same officer was received by me on 25th July last; but, as this contradicted in some respects his first letter, I was obliged to call upon him to explain the discrepancy; and his reply reached me only on the 23rd ultimo.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department, with reference to the order in that department, dated 9th May 1874, No. 1,252.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th November 1874.

No. 58. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1874, No. 3,132.

RAILWAY, No. 7.

ALTHOUGH this report does not
clearly establish the identity of the
deceased, it seems useless to pursue the

matter further, as additional information is not likely to be obtained.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

N^o. 382 Salem District Magistrate's
office, Salem 8th October 1874.

From
The District Magistrate
of Salem.

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government, F.G. & C.
George. Madras.

Sir,
I have the honour to
submit the report called for in
the Proceedings of Government, dated
13th May 1874, N^o. 882.

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it.

3 Subsequent to the receipt of the
G.O. under reply, the 2nd class
Magistrate of Tripattur proceeded
to the spot and made a more
thorough enquiry, the result of
which is as follows.

4. One Baba Chary of Kutharam-
pully village had a son named
Rama Chary, who in December last
went to visit his relatives at Kothur.
He was last seen on the day of the
accident at Kothur, and has
not since been either seen or
heard of.

5. It has further come to light
that a thread was found on the
body, and as the missing Rama-
chary was a Kammala by caste
and consequently a thread-wearer,
there is, I think, every probability
that he was the man killed by the
train on the night in question.

6. One of the witnesses has also deposed that he saw an ear-ring on the dead body, and Baba Chany states that his son wore such a jewel; but no further information is forthcoming as regards this ear-ring. It might have been stolen before the Village Magistrate arrived at the scene of the occurrence, or it may have escaped his notice, owing to the disfigured state of the head. The Sub Magistrate, who held the enquiry in July & states that no ear-ring was found upon the body when it was exhumed, six months after burial.

7. It appears that Rama Chany was given to drinking, and it is therefore very probable that he was lying insensible in the line, when the Train passed over him.

8. I regret the delay which has occurred in forwarding this report. Immediately after the receipt of the Government Order, the Acting Head Assistant Magistrate Mr. Thomson was called upon to report upon the matter. The late Acting District Magistrate being dissatisfied with the information furnished by Mr. Thomson, requested

him to make further enquiries
and to report the result. The
second report of the same officer
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but as this contradicted in some
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the discrepancy, and his reply reached
me only on the 23rd of August.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant.

C. J. Lowry

D. Magistrate

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P. W. 1874 Sept.
Pro of Govt for
No: 6601

From

The Chief Secy:
Judl: Dept.

Dated 14 October 1874
Recd. 21st — — 1874

Transferring
a letter from the
Magistrate, Salem
regarding a man
who was killed on
the Railway on
the 19th December
last

W. No. 2132. 4-11-74.

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Although the report does not clearly establish the identity of the deceased it seems useless to pursue the matter further as no additional information is most likely to be obtained.

Wm. W.

Specimen

Transferred to the Public Works Department with reference to the order in that department of 9th May 1874. No. 1252.

Public Works Department.

Approved
By Chief Secretary

Obtained
14. October 1874.

1874
Private Reports

From The St. Margaret

of Dublin

To The Chief Secretary

to Government

East & Long

clearance

Dated 8th }
Sept 12th }
Nov 12th }
Dec 14th }
Nov 20th }
Dec 25th }

Recd: none

Submitting Report also

for by Government

Regarding the death of

a man who was killed

by the train on the 19th of

December 1873.

Wm. W.

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C. R. for Rye
And Rye
A. Caplin dec 11/11/1874

Recd 19/10/74
Recd 17/10/74
Recd 16/10/74

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Engineer

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. *Li Durr* 1874, No. 132

Nos. 57-58.

Death of a man on the
Madras Ry on the 19 Dec/73

Considering ^{enquiry} it is use-
less to pursue the ~~matter~~
further as additional in-
formation is not likely to
be obtained to establish
the identity of the deceased