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No. 42. 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, 16th November 1874, No. 696:—

I HAVE the honor to lay before Government a letter* from the Agent of the Madras Railway, in which Mr. Elwin brings to notice the refusal, on the part of Mr. Lawder, of the Travelling Post Office Department, to allow the outward overland mails, which left Madras on the 24th ultimo, to be taken forward from the south bank of the Cheyaur river upon the 29th idem, when urged to do so by the Railway Officers upon the spot and by the Head Assistant Collector of Cuddapah.

2. Mr. Lawder's action in the matter might have entailed considerable inconvenience upon the public by causing still further delay in the transmission of the mails in question; and, before laying the matter before Government, a copy of

* No. 9,787-4,232, 14th November 1874.

Mr. Elwin's letter was sent to the Postmaster General. Major Bourke's reply* is enclosed.

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, 31st October 1874, No. 981.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I learn from Mr. Anderson, who arrived in Madras last night, that the outward overland mail which left Madras on Saturday the 24th instant remained on the south bank of the Cheyaur river yesterday morning when he was leaving for Rajampett.

2. Mr. Anderson states that he left Cuddapah with the inward mail at 12-30 p.m. on Thursday, and reached the south bank of the Cheyaur river at about half past 2 o'clock. He there met Mr. Atkinson, the Head Assistant Collector of Cuddapah, and at once informed him that the outward mails could be crossed to the north side of the river on a raft which was then available for the purpose, that they could be conveyed to the south side of the Paupugnee river by a special train which was ready to start, and that Mr. Haworth, the Resident Engineer, who was going to travel in the special, would render every assistance in getting the mails across the Paupugnee.

3. From Camelapore Mr. Anderson told Mr. Atkinson that the packets could be taken on to Moodanoor by another special train which had been arranged, and that there was no reason to doubt that they could be got on from that station in ample time to reach Bombay before the departure of the mail steamer on Monday next.

4. Mr. Atkinson at once communicated these arrangements to Mr. Lawder of the Travelling Post Office Department, who however declined to move in the matter, stating that he had no authority to do so, and he persisted in refusing to allow the mails to be taken forward even when Mr. Atkinson offered to take the whole responsibility upon his own shoulders. The mails were therefore, as I have before stated, left on the south side of the Cheyaur when Mr. Anderson started yesterday morning, and for what we know to the contrary there they remain to the present time.

5. Making every allowance for the unsettled state of affairs which at present unfortunately exists, I cannot think that there is any excuse for the Postal Authorities having refused to make use of the temporary means of transit which the officers of the Company had arranged with considerable trouble. It appears to me to show at least a want of organization in the department, and I think it my duty to bring the matter to the notice of Government, especially as I have

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received numerous telegrams requesting me to accelerate, in every possible way, the transmission of the mails to their destination.

From Major the Honorable E. R. BOURKE, Postmaster-General, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 14th November 1874, No. 9,787-4,232.

IN reply to your No. 1,025, dated 4th November 1874, I beg to say that the Agent, Madras Railway, kindly sent me a copy of his letter, No. 981, dated 31st October 1874, reporting the circumstances of Mr. Lawder's action in not forwarding the overland mails on the occasion referred to. I beg to enclose you a copy of my reply to Mr. Elwin.

2. I have already forwarded Mr. Elwin's letter to the Chief Superintendent, Travelling Post Office, and have also requested Mr. Sheridan, the Chief Superintendent, Travelling Post Office, to remove Mr. Lawder from the Travelling Post Office. Such utter want of judgment as displayed by him being, in my opinion, inexcusable. Fortunately, the overland mail in question was not detained; but no thanks are due to Mr. Lawder, who did his best to detain it.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 3rd December 1874, No. 3,390.

RAILWAY, No. 5.

ORDERED to be recorded.

2. It would appear that the Postmaster-General has taken prompt and

sufficient notice of the neglect of the officer of the Travelling Post Office Department to avail himself of the means of forwarding the overland mail placed at his disposal by the Chief Engineer of the Madras Railway.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Postmaster General's Office,
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Dated Madras 14/11/74

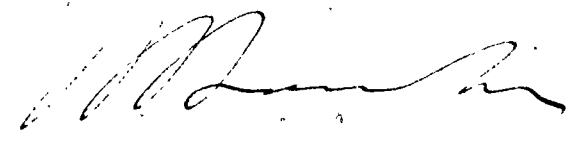
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

Sir,
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours obedient servant,


John Lubbock
Postmaster General

No. 981

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE.

Madras, 31st October 1874.

From

R. D. Chinn Esq
Agent and Manager. M. R. Co.

To

Col J. H. Shaw Stewart B. Esq
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

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I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

W. J. L. W. M.

Agent and Manager

From
MADRAS RAILWAY.

To
The Agent and Manager.

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Dated

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Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

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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,

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October 1874.

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Collector

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

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Dated 31st October 1874

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No. 981

Having to notice the delay on the part of the Public Authorities in forwarding the outward overland mails of Saturday last, the 24th inst.

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Collector of Buddapah.

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Sir

Your most obedient servant

Madras

16th November

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Lieut. Col. R. S.

Cons. Engineer for Railways

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Letter from the Surgeon

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

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The Consulting Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government,

Fort Saint George.

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