No. 214. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 17th November 1874, No. 704 :—

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the South Indian Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 5th November 1874, No. 203.

I REGRET to have to forward, herewith, report of an accident which occurred in the Tuticorin station-yard on the 29th ultimo. The Assistant Engineer, in forwarding the report, states— " I regret to have to report an accident in station-yard, Tuticorin, which occurred while lifting girder pieces to put sleepers under. They were lifting one end of a piece with a lever when it fell over sideways, the man ran behind the next piece for shelter, but this second was knocked down by the first, and caught the man between it and a third piece. It was wonderful that he was not cut in two. The external injuries were very slight, and, as the Apothecary at the hospital could only guess that there were internal injuries, I did not report until they could find out if such injuries existed, and if so, whether they were serious. Dorasawmy, the Railway District Apothecary, was at Kylaspooram when the accident occurred, but he now reports the injuries as detailed in statement. He considers the man's state to be such that a report should be made to the Magistrate and Police if it becomes worse."

2. The Chief Engineer informs me that Mr. Nicholas has been told that he ought at once to have reported the accident to the Police without waiting to see if the injuries were likely to prove serious.

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY.
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.
Report of Accident.

Collectorate.—Tinnevelly. *Railway District, Section, and Mile.*—Southern Extension, District 13, 17th mile. *Between what two stations, and name of nearest village.*—Tuticorin station-yard. *Whether at a level crossing or not.*—No. *Date of the accident.*—29th October 1874. *Nature of the accident.*—Fracture of right iliac bone (hip), and internal injury in region of right kidney. Possibly may prove fatal. *Circumstances which caused the accident.*—Piece of 70 feet girder falling over while one end was being lifted to place sleeper under it. *Nature of assistance afforded.*—Taken at once to Civil Hospital. *Name, age, caste, and occupation.*—Pullamadan Nadan, age 25, cooly. *Gratuity proposed to be given or not ; if so, how much.*—Will be considered. *Whether reported to the Police Authorities, and verdict of inquest (if any).*—Will be reported if unfavorable symptoms occur. *Remarks by the Company's Officers.*—Gang has been ordered frequently to leave sleepers against sides of girder pieces when shifting them. Neglect of this precaution caused accident. *Remarks by the Consulting Engineer.*— None.

NEGAPATAM,
3rd November 1874.

(Signed) W. S. BETTS,
Agent.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the South Indian Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 13th November 1874, No. 218.

IN continuation of my letter, No. 203, of the 5th instant, I have to report that the cooly who met with the accident at Tuticorin on the 29th ultimo, died on the 5th instant in the Civil Dis-

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th December 1874.

pensary. Reports of the accident were sent to the Police and the Magistrate on the 21st ultimo. A copy of the finding returned at the inquest has been called for.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the South Indian Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 13th November 1874, No. 219.

SINCE writing my letter No. 218 of this date, I have received a telegram from the Chief Engineer reporting that no inquest was held upon the cooly who died from the effects of the accident at Tuticorin.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. Reports of the accident were sent to the Police and to the Magistrate, but no inquest was held upon the body of the deceased.

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

No. 215. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1874, No. 3,478.

RAILWAY, No. 34.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council is not satisfied that sufficient precautions were taken in this case when dealing with a girder of such dimensions. It is not sufficient to say that gangs are ordered to lay sleepers against sides of girder pieces when shifting them. There must be some one person distinctly responsible that the necessary precautions are taken; and His Excellency the Governor in Council desires that in reporting future accidents such responsible person shall be named, and the notice taken of his neglect recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Negapatam 13th November 1874

Collected		
Railway District and mile	Tinnevelly	1
Railway District and mile	Southern Extension Dist 13. 17th Mile	2
Railway station name of nearest village	Tuticorin Station yard	3
Death or not Coroner's inquest held or not	No	4
Date of the accident	29th October 1874	5
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Nationality Age, caste, occupation and if dead cause of death	Taken to care of Civil Hospital	8
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Whether the person is to be considered as killed or injured (if injured)	Will be considered	10
Whether reported to the police authorities and if not, why not	Will be reported if unfavorable symptoms occur	11
Remarks by the Company's officers	Gang has been ordered frequently to leave sleepers against sides of girder pieces when shifting them. Neglect of this precaution caused accident	12
Remarks by the Consulting Engineer		13

Lieutenant Colonel
Agent

South Indian Railway
Engineering Department
Report of Accident

No. 218

South Indian
~~GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA~~ RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 13 November 1874.

From

THE AGENT, South Indian
~~Great Southern of India~~ *Railway,*

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways

Madras.

SIR,

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servt
William Bell
Agent

Rec. 17th Dec 1874
Ans. 17th Dec 1874
Letter No 2

No. 219 South Indian ~~GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA~~ RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 13 November 1874

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Agent

Rec'd 15th Nov. 74

Reply Nov. 15th

To The Consulting Engr for Railways Madras

Dated 13th Nov. 74

Recd 16 Nov.

No. 219

Re the death of a Cooly who met with accident at Tuticorin on 29th ultimo &c

From
The Agent
S. M. Railway Co.
for Railways

Dated 12th Nov. 1874
Recd 16. 3 Nov. 74

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Ry. Agent's Office
Nov 14. 1874

No. 704

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

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Lieutenant.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 17th Nov. 1874

L Hol R.E.,
Consg. Engineer for Railways.

To

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

P. W. 1874 Dept.
No. 7252 for Letter

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

1873.

No. 7252.

From

The Chief Engineer
and Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

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

Gl. No. 2478. 11-12-74.

Dated 17th Nov. 1874.

Received 18th

Encs. 4 No. 704.

Reporting a fatal accident to a cooly at Arkonam Station yard on 29 October 1874.

G.O.-2478-11-12-74

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Letter to Chief Engineer 18 Nov 1874

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Read the following:-

from the Chief Engineer for Rys: } (H. E. Logan Esq. 17th Nov/74)

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County Engineer for Salem
Dated 12/12/74.

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Govt. of [1874] Madras.

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To

The Chief Engineer & Secretary

Dated

Recd. 9 Encl. 4

G. O. 11 Dec. 1874, No. 8478

Nos. 214-215.

Accident - Passing orders on the transmission from the C-hief for Rly. Sub-mitting certain papers re-lative to a fatal accident to a lorry at the Tuticorin Station yard on the 19th Oct/74.