Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 16*th December* 1874.

No. 318. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 4th December 1874, No. 737:—

From L. S. MOSS, Esq., Deputy Traffic Manager, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 16th November 1874, No. C 33038/6319.

Obstruction at $\frac{322}{7\cdot8}$ *mile.*

I BEG to forward, for your information, copy from an extract of Guard's Journal of the 5-30 P.M. special of the 12th instant.

Extract from Guard's Journal 5-30 P.M. *Train, (Special,) from Palghaut to Pothanore on the* 12*th November* 1874.

"THE train was stopped at $\frac{322}{7\cdot8}$ mile between Conjecode and Walliar by danger signal owing to a tree having fallen on the line, where the train was detained 50 minutes to remove the obstruction.

"No watchmen were to be seen exhibiting signals from the 322nd mile up to Walliar."

From B. ANDERSON, Esq., Chief Engineer, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq, Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 1st December 1874, No. 795.

WITH reference to Traffic Manager's letter, No. 33038/6319 dated 16th November, to your address forwarding extract from Guard's Journal of the 5-30 P M. train (special) from Palghaut to Pothanore of the 12th ultimo, I have to inform you that the obstruction at the $\frac{322}{7\cdot8}$ mile, South-West Line, was caused by a tree having been blown across the line. The watchman in charge of that length was instantly given over to the Police and prosecuted for neglect of duty. I have just heard from the Resident Engineer that the man (Kalen) has been found guilty and sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

2. Mr. Boultbee informs me that he has given orders to his Inspectors to cut down all trees from which danger is to be apprehended.

No. 1,069.

FORWARDED for the information of the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(Signed) R. B. ELWIN,
Agent and Manager.

2nd December 1874.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(Signed) W. H. COAKER, Lieutenant, R.E.,
for *Consulting Engineer for Railways.*

No. 319. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1874, No. 3,534.

RAILWAY, No. 52. ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Exd. S. T. Austin.
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CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 4 December 1874.

Lt. R.E.,
for Consg. Engineer for Railways.

To

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

Govt. of Madras.

1874

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Chief Engineers

Dated

Rec'd. Encl.

G. O., 16 Dec. 1874, No. 3534

Nos. 314-315.

Accident (Ry)

Endorsement of the Chief Engineers Ry. submitting a letter from the Agent reporting the obstruction of the Line at $\frac{322}{7\cdot8}$ mile by the falling of a tree across on 12th inst. recorded.