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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd April 1875.*

No. 579. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways,
dated Madras, 15th April 1875, No. 214 :—

MADRAS RAILWAY.

REPORT OF FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE 2ND DIVISION, SOUTH-WEST LINE.

Collectorate.—Salem. *Railway District, Section and Mile.*—2nd Division, South-West Line, Section 4, at 144th mile. *Between what two stations, and name of nearest village.*—Tripatore and Samulputty, village Pauparapett. *Whether at a level crossing or not.*—At the ballast pits; not at a level crossing. *Date of the accident.*—On the 17th March 1875. *Nature of accident.*—Whilst at the ballast pit getting off the wagon fell on to the safety chains, received a wound in right thigh and right arm. The train was not in motion at the time of the accident. *Circumstances which caused the accident.*—Lost her footing and fell when getting off the wagon. *Nature of assistance afforded.*—Sent to Government Dispensary at Tripatore immediately after the accident occurred, and died on the 30th March 1875. *Name, age, caste, and occupation.*—Nungummall, years 21, Pariah caste, ballast cooly. *Gratuity proposed to be given or not, and, if so, how much.*—As the deceased was in the employment of the ballast contractor and not of the Company, I do not propose to give any gratuity. *Whether reported to the Police authorities, and verdict of inquest (if any).*—The case was not reported to the Police, and there was no inquest. *Remarks by the Company's Officers.*—The deceased being handed over to the care of the Government Apothecary on the 17th March, the Inspector did not think it necessary to report the case to the Police. *Remarks by the Consulting Engineer.*—Nil.

BANGALORE,
3rd April 1875.

(Signed) P. SCOTT,
Resident Engineer.

(Signed) T. H. GOING,
Acting Chief Engineer.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways for information.

8th April 1875.

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

Name.—Nungummall.

Age.—21 years.

Occupation.—Ballast cooly.

Caste.—Pariah.

Disease.—Lacerated wound of right thigh.

Nungummall, a ballast cooly of the Madras Railway Company, aged 21 years, was admitted to the Civil Dispensary, Tripatore, on the 17th March 1875, at 5 p.m.; said to have sustained an injury of the right thigh and arm whilst working at the ballast train at Pauparapett. On admission, a severely lacerated wound was observed on the under and inner part of the right thigh, and also a superficial wound on the right arm. The affected thigh was also greatly swollen, and there was some amount of hæmorrhage present as well as a great deal of pain. The hæmorrhage, however, being capillary in its nature, was arrested after a short time. No fracture of the thigh bone could be detected. The patient was immediately attended to and put to bed. The affected limbs were carefully attended to daily. On the 3rd day after admission, inflammatory fever set in which was combatted by appropriate medicines. The fever had gradually assumed an hectic character. The patient lost appetite, tongue became hard, dry, and was coated with a blackish hue; sordes also appeared about the teeth, and the wound on the thigh assumed an unhealthy character. Stimulants were administered as well as strong congies and soups. The patient gradually lost vigor, and on the 12th day after admission, on the 29th of March, she was attacked with lock-jaw, of which she died on the morning of the 30th.

TRIPATORE,
14th April 1875.

(Signed) F. F. CLARKE,
*Passed Hospital Apprentice,
In charge Civil Dispensary,
Tripatore.*

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22nd April 1875.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. A report upon the case by the Medical Officer in charge of the Civil Dispensary at Tripatore is enclosed.

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

No. 580. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1875, No. 1,137.

RAILWAY, No. 71.

RECORDED and communicated to the
Judicial Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Judicial Department.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

Branch.

West Line

Division South

Report of

Accident on the

of

Concurrence	Railway District, Section and Mile.	Between what two Stations and name of nearest Village.	Whether at a level, crossing or not.	Date of the accident.	Nature of accident.	Circumstances which caused the accident.	Nature of assistance afforded.	Name, age, caste and occupation.	Gratuity proposed to be given or not, and if so, how much.	Whether reported to the Police authorities and if any inquest (if any).	Remarks by the Company's Officers.	Remarks by the Consulting Engineer.
Salem	2nd Div. Salem Sec. 4. at 14 1/4 Mile.	Tripatore and damudhally village Panchavaram	At the Ballast Pit Not at a level crossing	on the 17th March 1875	Whilst at the Ballast pit getting off the wagon fell on to the railway chains received a wound in right thigh and night arm. The train was not in motion at the time of the accident	Lost her footing and fell when getting off the wagon.	Sent to Government Dispensary at Tripatore immediately after the accident occurred and died on the 30th March 1875	Kangummal years 21. Pariah Caste - Ballast Cady	No the deceased was in the employment of the Ballast contractor and not of the Company I do not propose to give any gratuity	The case was not reported to the Police and there was no inquest	The deceased being handed over to the care of the Government Dispensary on the 17th March the Inspector did not think it necessary to report the case to the Police	

MADRAS RAILWAY,

2nd Division South W. Line,

Bangalore 2 April 1875

1911 Peterscott

Resident Engineer.

20 The Consulting Engineer for Railways

for information

1911 J. H. M. Shaw

Chief Engineer.

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for information

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Agent and Manager

8th April 1875

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From
MADRAS RAILWAY.

To
The Agent and Manager

By
The Consulting Engineer for Railways

Dated
9. April 1875

Received
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37 Civil Dispensary
Tripatore, 14th April 1875

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Occupation - Ballast Cooly.
Caste - Pariah.
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CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 15 April 1875.

L. R. E.,
Consng. Engineer for Railways.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

Ex. B. A.

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to Govt.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

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No 2495.

From The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

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

Dated 15th April 1875

Received 18th

No. 214. Encl.

Report of a fatal
accident between
coolies at 14 1/4 mile on
17 March 1875

G. O. No 1137-22-4-75

With an order

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to the Medical Department.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To *Chief Engineer
Madras*

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G. O. *22 April* No 113

Nos. 579-580

*Madras Railway - Report
of a fatal accident to
a ballast coach on the
S. N. Line on 7 March
1875, recorded and
communicated to the
Judicial Department.*