

No. 283.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

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CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 17 May 1875.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

W. H. R. E.,
for Consgr. Engineer for Railways.

*Received and communicated to the
 Secy. of the P. W. Dept.
 14-6-75
 21/5/75
 22-5-75 (No 24/5/75)
 24/5/75 (No 19-5-75)*

P. W. 1875 Dept
 RAILWAY DEPARTMENT:

1874.
No: 2327

From, *The Consulting Engineer*
 for Railways,

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

Dated *17th May* 1875.
 Received

E. 7.1 No. 283
Reporting death
of an intending
passenger at the
Singapore station
on 13 Oct/74.
With order

3327
 Oct. of 1875 Madras.
 PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Consulting Engineer

Dated
 Recd. 31 May 1875, No. 1500

Nos. 574-575

*Morapoor Station, Madras
 Railway. - Report of
 the death of an intending
 passenger at the
 on the 13th October/74, received
 and communicated
 to the Judicial Deputy*

1500
 Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
 31st May 1875.

No. 574. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways,
 dated Madras, 17th May 1875, No. 283:—

From R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company,
 to Lieutenant-Colonel J. I. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting
 Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd October 1874, No. 952.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for your information, copy of a letter* addressed to the

* No. 115—9,709, 19th October 1874. Traffic Manager by his Assistant at Madras
 in which the death of a passenger at the
 Morapoor Station on the 13th instant is reported.

2. I shall feel obliged by your calling the attention of the Inspector-General of
 Police to the apparent dilatoriness shown by the Police in removing the body in this
 case.

From J. CRAIK, Esq., Assistant Traffic Manager, to H. E. CHURCH, Esq., Traffic Manager
 of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 19th October 1874, No. 115—9,709.

Narraina Gownden's Death.

THE above Sevapet Narraina Gownden, an aged about fifty years of the Pillay caste and by
 occupation a farmer died at Morapoor Station at 3 P.M. on the 13th instant. He, together with
 his relatives, came to the station to proceed as passengers to Salem by 7 A.M. The Station-master
 requested the Police to remove the body at once; they failed, however, to do so, and finding up till
 6 P.M. it had not been removed, he wrote to the Head Constable requesting him to remove the
 corpse at once. It was not, however, removed till 7 A.M. on the morning of the 14th. Please take
 up this negligence with the right authorities. The Station-master could not get a copy of verdict,
 but the cause of death was an epileptic fit and fever.

From Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. HEARN COAKER, R.E., Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 23rd
 November 1874, No. 4,642.

WITH reference to your letter, No. 98

* No. 590, dated 8th November 1874 (return requested)

2. It appears that the officer in charge of the Police Station did not receive the Station-
 master's letter till 8 P.M., when the efforts of the relatives of the deceased to obtain money to remove
 the corpse by train had failed. The corpse was removed to a distance within the compound that
 night, and was taken away the next morning. Inquest reports are forwarded to the Magistrate.

From Captain T. T. HODGES, Superintendent of Police, Salem, to Lieutenant-Colonel C. S.
 HEARN, Inspector-General of Police, dated Salem, 8th November 1874, No. 590.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of letter, No. 987, dated 23rd October, from the
 Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways to your address, together with an endorsement from the

2. I have caused an inquiry to be made into the matter referred to, and am assured that, up
 to 8 P.M. of the day when the man Narraina Gownden died at the Railway Station at Morapoor, no
 application was made to the Police to have the body removed.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st May 1875.*

3. It appears from the Inspector's report that, up to 8 P.M., the friends of the deceased had been trying to raise sufficient money to enable them to take the body away by train, and it was only when their inability to defray the expense of this became apparent that the Station-master at about 8 P.M. sent information to the Police and requested them to remove the body; up to that time it appears that the body remained at the station with the approval of that official.

4. As the Police found it difficult to remove the body at that time of night, it being very dark, they merely removed it to a distant place within the station compound, and finally removed it at day-break on the following morning.

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, 1st February 1875, No. 134.

I HAVE the honor to state that the Assistant Traffic Manager at Madras writes as follows with regard to the first paragraph of your letter, No. 113, of the 24th November last:—

"The man died at 3 P.M., and the Station-master immediately informed Police Constable No. 887, then on duty at the station, who went at once to the Head Constable to report the matter, returned to the station about 6 P.M., and informed the Station-master that, as the corpse was not unclaimed, the Police would not interfere. The Station-master then went to the Head Constable who sent a man to the station at about 10 P.M., but it was not until the following morning that the corpse was removed.

2. I also learn that no inquest was held upon the body of the deceased.

From Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. HEARN, Inspector-General of Police, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd March 1875, No. 1,530.

In reply to your letter, No. 121, dated 2nd February, I have the honor to forward a letter* from the Assistant Superintendent of Police on the subject. I have intimated to the Superintendent of Police that an inquest ought to have been held under such circumstances in order that the fact of the deceased having died a natural death might be formally ascertained and recorded.

* No. 17, dated 3rd March 1875 (return requested).

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From Captain G. H. TILLARD, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Salem, to Captain T. T. HODGES, 1st 3rd March 1875, No. 17.

I HAVE the honor to return memorandum, No. 21, dated 11th ultimo, with two enclosures.

2. I have made personal inquiry into the matter. Deceased was an old man of 65. He had been seriously ill for two or three days previous to his death. He was brought by his brother-in-law to Morapoor Station in a bandy to be taken to Salem for medical treatment. They arrived just too late for the morning train (7-20 A.M.) and had to wait for the 3-30 P.M. train. In the meantime the sick man died. Deceased was a respectable well-to-do man. He was accompanied by his brother-in-law, and his relatives (three or four) arrived by the mid-day train next day.

3. There was no cause whatever for suspicion, and the death was perfectly natural; consequently no inquest was held.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Inspector-General's explanation with reference to the apparent dilatoriness of the Police and the Agent's reply thereto are enclosed.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st May 1875.*

3. From a further communication (also enclosed) from the Inspector-General of Police, it will be observed that intimation has been given to the Superintendent of Police that an inquest should have been held in order that the fact that the deceased died a natural death might be formally ascertained and recorded.

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

No. 575.

ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1875, No. 1,500.

RAILWAY, No. 65.

RECORDED, and communicated to
the Judicial Department.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Judicial Department.

Ed. E. C. Shunker,
Spare Copies

No. 952

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE.

Madras, 25th October 1874.

From

The Agent and Manager of the M. R. Co.

To

Mr Col. J. H. Ellis & Son, Esq., & Co.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward you
your information copy of a letter addressed
to the Traffic Manager by his Assistant
at Madras in which the death of a passenger
at the Eloripora station on the 13th instant
is reported.

I shall feel obliged by your
calling the attention of the Inspector
General of Police to the apparent dilatoriness
shown by the Police in removing
the body in this case.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

J. H. Ellis.

For the Agent & Manager.

No 115
9709

Madras
Asst. Traffic Manager's Office
Madras - October 19th 1874

Traffic Manager,
My dear Sir,
Kannan Gowder's death.

The above, Served at Kannan Gowder, aged about 50 years of the Pillay caste and by occupation a farmer died at Chonapoor station at 3 P.M. on the 13th instant. He, together with his relatives, came to the station to proceed as passengers to Salem by 7/0 A.M. The Station Master requested the Police to remove the body at once, they failed however to do so, and finished up till 6 P.M. it had not been removed, he wrote to the Head Constable requesting him to remove the corpse at once. It was not however removed till 7/0 A.M. on the morning of the 14th. Please take up this negligence with the right authorities. The Station Master could not get a copy of medical certificate but the cause of death was an epileptic fit and fever.

Yours faithfully
Prof Jas. Craik
Asst. Traffic Manager
J. W. Nellis.
for the Agent & Manager.

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No. 9327/198

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated 23rd October 1874
Recd. 23.
Smt. No. 953

Forwarding Copy of a
Letter from the Asst.
Traffic Manager's Office
to the Asst. of the Passenger
at the Chonapoor Station
on the 13th instant, and
the Medical Officer in
charge of the Police Station
at Chonapoor.

No. 4642. Chief Office of the Inspector General of Police,
Madras, 23^d November 1874

From

The Inspector General of Police.

To

The Deputy Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your letter n^o 987
dated 23^d October I have the honor to forward
a report from the Superintendent of Police Salem on
the subject of removing a dead body from the
Mudapur station.

closed
23/11/74
requested.

2. It appears that the Officer in charge of the
Police Station did not receive the station master's
letter till 8. P. M. when the efforts of the relatives
of the deceased to obtain money to remove the
corpse by train had failed. The corpse was
removed to a distance within the compound that night
and was taken away the next morning. Inquest
reports are forwarded to the magistrate.

I have the honor to be
Your most Obedt^{sr} servant,

W. H. Mearns

Inspector General of Police.

No. 134

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 1st February 1876.

From

R. W. Olwin Esq.
Agent and Manager of the M. R. Co.

To

Lt Col. J. H. Col. Shaw Stewart, R. E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

I have the honour to state that the
Assistant Traffic Manager at Madras writes as
follows with regard to the first paragraph of your
letter of 1113 of the 24th of November last.

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was not in line of the Road would not be for
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Constable who sent a man to the station at about
10 P.M. but it was not until the following morning
that the corpse was removed."

2. I also learn that no inquest was
held upon the body of the deceased.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. W. Olwin

From

The Inspector General

To

of Police,

The

Dated

No.

24 Nov. 1875

M. 3227/75
3/1/76

No. 1530 Chief Office of the Inspector General of Police,
Madras, 22nd March 1875

From

The Inspector General of Police,

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 121 dated 2nd February, I have the honor to forward
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of Police on the subject. I have intimated
to the Superintendent of Police that an inquest ought to have been held under
such circumstances in order that the fact
of the deceased having died a natural
death might be formally ascertained
and recorded.

I have the honor to be
Your most ^{Sir,} Obedt. Servant,
Cham

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated 1st March 1875
Recd. 2. 11

Forwarding for the
Honble Secy. to Govt.
of Madras for the
Honble Secy. to Govt.
of India

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Dept.

From

The Inspector General

of Police,

To

The *Consul*

General
Consul
General

Dated 22 March 1878

No. 1530

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