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Government of Madras

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th June 1875.*

No. 195. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 26th May 1875, No. 300 :—

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, 29th March 1875, No. 490.

THIS Company's Superintendent at Arconum, under date the 25th instant, reports as follows :—"About 4 P.M. yesterday a native man, apparently sick, name not known, about 20 years old, complexion light, of the Sathaney caste, was brought, or rather led, to our station by two porters of the Madras Railway, accompanied by a Police Constable; the sick man wished to go to Conjeveram by our 5-15 train.

"Almost immediately on their arrival, say within 3 minutes, and before the Police Constable or porters left, the sick man fell down dead on the platform.

"Upon making inquiries I find the deceased arrived from Madras by the 7 A.M. train the same morning, and remained in the Madras Railway Company's waiting-room; about 12 o'clock the Station Master Mr. Fisher's notice was drawn to the state of the deceased, when he gave directions to the Police to remove him to the chuttrum in the village; this, however, was not done. At about 3-30 Mr. Fisher became aware that his orders had not been obeyed; he then ordered four porters to carry the deceased away; it was then found out that he was going to Conjeveram, when it was decided to carry him over to our station. After some delay the man said he would walk over, which he did, accompanied by two of the porters and the Police Constable.

"The Police Constable remained with the body till its removal from our platform at 8-30 this morning, 16½ hours after death.

"A very short time after death the Police Serjeant and three or four Constables came over. I requested them to remove the body at once, as we had a large number of passengers on the platform at the time; this they promised to do. Again, before 6 o'clock, the Serjeant promised me the body should be removed immediately, but for some reasons unknown to me it was left till 8-30 this morning, in consequence of which I thought it prudent to draw up our train from Conjeveram on the north platform, away from the station. Decomposition set in before 6 o'clock last evening, and this morning it was most offensive, so much so that our Station Master could not remain in the booking office."

Will you please take up this matter with the department concerned,

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 Ootacamund, 20th April 1875, No. 2,033.

WITH reference to your letter No. 475, dated 1st current, I have the honor to forward a letter* from the Superintendent of Police, North Arcot,

* No. 281, dated 12th April 1875, (return requested.) regarding the delay in removing the corpse of a deceased passenger from the Railway platform at Arconum. The Police officer responsible for the delay has been punished.

2. The Superintendent of Police has been directed to furnish a copy of the Inquest verdict if not already supplied.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th June 1875.

The Mathurnamah of the undersigned Jurors.

At about 5 o'clock on the evening of 6th March 1875, we the undersigned examined a male dead body lying close to the station platform of the Conjeveram Station. His head was towards the east and the legs towards the west. He appeared to be a Sathaney by caste, and when we made inquiry of Sengier, the ticket collector, he deposed as follows:—

"The deceased was a passenger of 7. A.M. train from Madras, and got out of the train at Arconum at 9 A.M. and delivered the ticket to me. At this time I found him to be very ill. He informed me that he was going to Conjeveram. I afterwards found him lying, suffering from illness, on the station platform of the Madras Railway till 3 P.M., when he was directed by two porters, named Arasun and Varoodum, to go down the station of Conjeveram Railway, to which place the man himself walked slowly and then breathed his last after suffering severely from cold and fever."

Arasun, Valun, Ponnun, Varathen and Constable No. 1,091, stated that the cause of death was only cold and fever, which the deceased suffered from.

We, therefore, come to the conclusion that death was occasioned by the causes stated above.

(Signed) LUTCHOOMACHIARY, Munsif of Karunthangal.

(") NARAYANASAMY REDDY, Munsif of Village of Cannavadoo.

(") LUTCHOOMANA REDDY, Munsif of Village of Malpakum,
And some other names.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the South Indian Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 12th May 1875, No. 601.

Your letter No. 265 of the 1st instant. Upon further inquiry I learn the name of the man who died on the platform at Arconum was Ethrajaloo; he was twenty years of age, and a resident at Conjeveram.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The delay in the removal of the body of the deceased from the station premises has been brought to the notice of the Inspector-General of Police, whose reply is herewith submitted.

3. A translation of the Inquest verdict is also forwarded.

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

No. 196.

ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1875, No. 1,619.
RAILWAY, No. 36.

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.
Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

No. 498

SOUTH INDIAN GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 29 March 1875.

From

THE AGENT

South Indian Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways
Madras.

SIR,

This Company's Superintendent at Arconum, under date the 25 instant, reports as follows: "About a few days ago, a Native man, apparently sick, name not known, about 20 years old, complexion light, of the Sathaney caste was brought or rather led to our station by two porters of the Madras Railway, accompanied by a Police Constable. The sick man wished to go to Conjeveram by our 5.15 train. Almost immediately on their arrival, say within 5 minutes, and before the Police Constable or Porters left, the sick man fell down dead on the platform. Upon making inquiries, I find the deceased arrived from Madras by the 7 A.M. train the same morning and remained in the Madras Railway Company's waiting room: about 12 o'clock the Station Master, Mr. Fisher's notice was drawn to the

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"panied by two of the porters and the Police
"constable

"The Police constable remained with
"the body till its removal from our platform
"at 8.30 this morning 16 1/2 hours after death.

"A very short time after death the
"Police Sergeant and 3 or 4 Constables came over
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evening, and this morning, it was most offensive
so much so that our Station Master could
not remain in the Booking office.

Will you please take up this matter
with the department concerned.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

William Stott

Agent

Office of the Inspector General of Police,
Cota caumud 20 April 1875.

No. 2033

From

The Inspector General of Police

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railway Madras.

Sir,

Enclose

X. 10281 dated
13 April 1875
Return requested.

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dated 1st current, I have the honor to
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Sir,
Your most obed^t serv^t

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10281 dated 13 April 1875

From

The Agent

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways

Dated 29th March 1875

No 490

Regarding the body
of a man being allowed
to remain exposed at
the Arcot station.

In answer to the letter of Police in No. 475 dated 1/4/75
Reply in No 2654 dated 20/4/75.

SIR,

To

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

NEGAPATAM.

No.

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.
AGENTS OFFICE.
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" ticket to me. At this time
" I found him to be very ill.
" He informed me that he was
" a gonorrhoic conjunctivitis. I
" afterwards

To
 The Comptroller
 of the Treasury
 Washington
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to receive a letter from
the sister of Miss H. and
regarding the delay in receiving
the corpse & a deed
papers from the Railway
about some of the same.

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 "suffering from illness, in the
 "station platform of the N. 17,
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 Narayanasamy Reddy - of Village of Cannar
 Lutchumana Reddy of Village of Malpatam
 and came the news of

98-9 June 1905
 13-11-1905

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 5/10/1905

South Indian
 GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.
 AGENT'S OFFICE,
 NEGAPATAM, 13 May 1895

From
 THE AGENT
 South Indian
 Great Southern of India Railway,
 To
 The Consulting Engineer for Railways
 Madras.
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 at Conjeriam.

I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Your Most Obedt Servt.
 Williams & B. L.
 Agent

Recd letter No 618 d/18/5/95

Received by the
 General Manager
 of the Great Southern
 of India Railway
 at Negapatam
 on 19th May 1895

No. 300

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The delay in the removal of the body of the deceased from the station premises has been brought to the notice of the Inspector General of Police, whose reply is herewith submitted.

3. A translation of the inquest verdict is also forwarded.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 26 May 1875

W. L. S. R. E.,
for Consig. Engineer for Railways.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

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From 27/5

The Agent
V. J. M.

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways

Dated 13th May 1875

By

In favour of the
owner of the new
rail as the platform
at Oorah was destroyed

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

1874.
No. 3453

From
The Consulting Engineer,
for Railways,

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

Dated 26th May 1874.

Received 27th May
E.S. No. 300

Reporting the
death of an intending
passenger at Arcamuan
station on 24th Dec 1873

With Order.

Con: Mr. J. H. D. 1874.
Genl. Secy. 1874.
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Cir: 21/5/75
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Recorded, and Communicated to
the General Secy.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Engineer-in-Chief

Dated

Recd.

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G. O. of June 1875, No 11/9

Nos. 195-196

Death of an intending
passenger at Arcot
Station - Madras Railway

Letter of the Consulting
Engineer reporting the
—, on the 24th

March 1875, recorded
and communicated to
the Judicial Department.

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