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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd January 1875.*

No. 1. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 18th December 1874, No. 770:—
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, 17th December 1874, No. 1,117.

UNDER the circumstances explained in the enclosed copy of the Traffic Manager's letter of this date, Nos. 35133—5913, I have the honor to apply for the sanction of Government to close the station at Samulputty, as a temporary measure.

2. It is much to be regretted that it should be necessary to close even for a time one of our important stations, but it appears to me that the state of things represented by Mr. Church leaves us no other alternative.

From H. E. CHURCH, Esq., Traffic Manager, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 16th December 1874, Nos. 35133—5913.
Samulputty Station.

DURING the last month no less than seven Station Masters have been sent to Samulputty Station, and each man, in turn, has been attacked with a kind of jungle fever, which seems to be very prevalent in the neighbourhood, and completely prostrates the men, none of the seven men so attacked being yet fit to resume duty anywhere. The last man sent to Samulputty was allowed to remain at Tripatore at night; but he too has been attacked with fever, and is now helpless.

2. It seems unwise, in the face of this endemic, to send any more men, and, until the station is more healthy, I can see no other course open to us but to close it; and have now to solicit sanction to this course.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. Under the exceptional circumstances, the temporary closing of the station at Samulputty seems unavoidable.

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

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 2nd January 1875, No. 1.

RAILWAY, No. 1.

His Excellency the Governor in Council sees no alternative but to close, temporarily, the Samulputty Station. It should be reported after a reasonable time what prospect there is of re-opening. Meanwhile the Collector, in the absence of the Sanitary Commissioner, will be requested, in the Public Department, to inquire into the probable causes of the outbreaks, and report, after consulting the Civil Surgeon, what remedial remedies are possible.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Examiner of Railway Accounts.
" Public Department.

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No. 1117

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE

Madras, 17th December 1874

From

Colt. B. Elwin Esq.
Agent and Manager of the M.R.

To

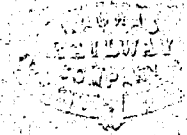
Lieut Colonel J. H. M. Shaw Stewart Esq.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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Yours most obediently,
Colt. B. Elwin
Agent and Manager



No. 35138
5913

Madras Railway
Traffic Manager's Office
Madras 16th December 1874

The Agent and Manager
Madras Railway Company
Dear sir,
Samulputty Station

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Yours faithfully
H. C. Church
Traffic Manager

True Copy
W. J. K. W.
Agent and Manager

From
MADRAS RAILWAY.
The Agent and Manager.

To
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Dated
19 Dec 1874
No. 1117

Applying for the closure of
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Railway Deptt.

Cous: Engrs office

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To The Secretary to Govt
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The Engineer

Dated

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G. O. 2nd Jan 1875

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