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26th July 1875.*

No. 704. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways,
dated Madras, 14th July 1875, No 394 —

Read the following letter from W. S. BETTS, Esq, Agent, South Indian Railway, to
Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R E, Consulting Engineer
for Railways, dated Negapatam, 10th July 1875, No 723

YOUR No 437 of the 1st instant. Mr. Dredge's letter to the Chief Engineer,
explaining delay in reporting the accident referred to, is as follows — "With reference to
the delay in reporting the circumstances to you, I have only to state that, as I was not
present myself at the accident, I had to await the Medical and Inspector's reports
Dr. Chester was for two days in Madras, and, I believe, I obtained his report as soon
as possible. I think the only unavoidable delay on my part was waiting one day for
a train. I thought it preferable to send as full an account as possible instead of
using the telegraph."

2. Mr. Logan hopes that there will not again be any occasion for complaint.

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Report of Accident

Collectorate — Madras Railway District, Section and Mile — District No 5, Section 2, 14 miles
45 chains. Between what two stations and name of nearest village — Between Amayanayakanur and
Sholavandan, Village Puzhumpetty. Whether at a level-crossing or not — No. Date of the accident
— 30th May 1875. Nature of the accident — Fracture of the thigh. Circumstances which caused
the accident — Cooly stood up in ballast truck while train was in motion, lost his balance and fell
down between the wagons; died about four hours after accident occurred. Nature of assistance
afforded — Reported to Medical Officer at Dindigul (Dr Chester), and was removed to the
hospital there as speedily as possible. Name, age, caste, and occupation — Thomas; aged 30 years;
Christian; ballast cooly. Gratuity proposed to be given or not, if so, how much — Nothing. He was
in the employ of Sub-contractor. Whether reported to the Police authorities, and verdict of the
inquest (if any) — Buried without knowledge of Assistant Engineer in charge of the district the
same evening, and accident not reported to Police authorities. Remarks by the Company's
Officers — I attribute the accident to the reckless conduct of the deceased. I have always found
the Guard and Driver very careful, and they have often great difficulty in forcing the coolies to
obey orders.

TRICHINOPOLY,
19th June 1875

(Signed) JAMES DREDGE
(") DAVID LOGAN,
Chief Engineer
(") W. S. BETTS,
Agent.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government

2 Mr. Dredge's explanation of the delay in reporting the accident to the Police
is enclosed.

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

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26th July 1875.

No. 705

ORDER THEREON, 26th July 1875, No 2,151

RAILWAY, No 69

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Major, R.E.,

Offy Joint Secretary to Government

No. 723

South Indian
GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENTS' OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 10th July 1875

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

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Your obedient servant
William B. B.
Agent

From
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to
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Mr. B. J. H. H.
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W. M. M. M. M.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 11/10/75. 1875 }
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W. M. M. M. M. R. E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

To

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

P. W. 1875 Depts
RAILWAY DEPARTMENT
no: 4596

From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

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

Dated 14th July 1875.
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Enclosures 3

Report on fatal
accident to a Ballast
Coaly on the S. Eastern
on 30 May 1875.

With order

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