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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st September 1875.*

No 10 Read the following endorsement *Engineer for Railways,*
dated Madras, 26th August 1875, No 473 —

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Report of Accident

Collectorate —South Arcot *Railway District, Section and Mile* —District 9, Northern Extension, Section I, 127 miles 36 chains *Between what two Stations and name of nearest Village* — Between Cuddalore and Tripapallore, Cuddalore *Whether at a level crossing or not* —Not *Date of the Accident* —August 16th, 1875 *Nature of the Accident* —Fracture of leg *Circumstances which caused the Accident* —A truck loaded with rails left the line which was in good order and upset the load breaking the man's leg, which was amputated almost immediately afterwards I think there must have been a stone on the line, no one who was present can give any reason *Nature of assistance afforded* —The man was taken to the dispensary and attended by the Surgeon *Name, age, caste, and occupation* —Kulha Padyatchee, age 35 years, Pully caste, employed to push trollies *Gratuity proposed to be given or not, if so, how much* —None *Whether reported to the Police authorities and Verdict of Inquest (if any)* —Reported to the Police who went and examined the spot Inquest held, verdict,—accident, no one to blame *Remarks by the Company's Officers* —I cannot discover what caused the accident, the line being in good order, perhaps a stone, the line has been worked for months all right *Remarks by the Consulting Engineer* —None

TRICHINOPOLY,
21st August 1875

(Signed) F I SMITH,
for Chief Engineer,

(Signed) J SMITH,
for Agent

From K C BAGGALLAY, Esq, Assistant Engineer, to D LOGAN, Esq, Chief Engineer of
the South Indian Railway, dated Cuddalore, 18th August 1875, No 852

As I have already informed you by telegraph we had the misfortune to have an accident on the line near Old Town the day before yesterday I have made all the inquiries I can and I fail to discover the cause

2 The accident occurred at 127 miles 36 chains on a slight curve and incline made to go round the 70 feet bridge, the wheel of a truck left the line in the first chain of the incline, which precludes the idea that the incline may have caused the wagon to go too fast, the rest of the line being on the level I carefully examined the spot where the wheel must have lifted and the gauge was all right, nor was there an angle in the line There were a number of bricks on the bank ready for the 70 feet bridge, but there was no mark of one having been on the rails, but, of course, the rail may have been closed before I saw it, the coolies being very fond of putting bricks on the line to stop the wagons, and this being the spot at which the wagon ought to have stopped

3 The line has been working for months, and I never had any reason to suppose there was anything wrong, in fact, this particular wagon went over the spot the day before all right. I can only suppose a stone brick or something else caused the wheel to rise.

4 It appears that the cooly fell into a ditch and some rails fell on his legs, he was carried to the dispensary which was near, and the Surgeon in charge operated at once, but the man died yesterday morning I accompanied the Police Officer to the site of the accident before I allowed the wagon to be moved

5 An inquest was held I send you a copy of the translation sent me by the Police Officer, from it you will learn that no blame has been thrown on any of the Company's servants The line was well picked and the gauge correct, the wagon not overloaded

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*Inquest held on Tuesday Morning, the 17th August 1875, touching the Death of one Kulha Padyatchee
of Pillay of Cuddalore Taluk*

We the undersigned learn from inquiry that the deceased who was employed as a cooly in the Railway Company while pushing a truck loaded with thirty-five rails from the store-house to the backwater river with four others, viz, Coopoo Moodelly, Ramasawmy, Aroomoogum Pillay, and Moonia Padyatchee, a wheel of the truck slipped over the line accidentally, and the truck turned aside, when the deceased, who was at the break attached to the truck, was thrown on the side of the line with the rails over him, he was instantly taken to the Civil Dispensary when his left leg, which was fractured, was amputated below the knee, and kept under medical treatment, but the man died at 2 A M during the night

2 The body was examined and was found that one of his ribs was fractured as well as the right leg below the knee

3 We also learn that the truck was not pushed very fast, and we are of opinion that the Railway authorities of the line are not to be blamed for the accident

(Signed) SAMY IYER, and 11 others

(True Copy) (Signed) F F SMITH,
for Chief Engineer

SUBMITTED for the information of Government

2 A copy of the inquest held upon the body of the deceased, together with a copy of letter from the Assistant Engineer of the district upon the subject, is enclosed Under the circumstances, it does not appear that any blame attaches to the Company's servants

(Signed) W H COAKER, Captain, R E,
Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways

No 11 ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1875, No 2,491.

RAILWAY, No 13-A

RECORDED, and communicated to the
Judicial Department

(True Extract)

Major-General, R E,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways
,, Judicial Department

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CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 26th Sept. 1875.

W H Coaker R. E.
Consig. Engineer for Railways.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George

21-9-75 - 10-10-75

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

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From The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,
To The Secretary to Government,
P W Department,
Fort St. George

Dated 26th August 1875

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No. 473

Enclosures. 3

Reporting a fatal
accident to a coolie
at 12 1/2 mile N. E. Sta
on 16 Aug 1875.

With order.

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to the Judicial Dept.
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11th Apr. 2491
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Accident (S. D. Ry.) -
Comptroller General
Fatal accident to a cooly
at 12th mile North of
Am. Station on the 11th
August, occurred and
concerned the *Public*
Dept