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6th October 1875.*

No. 83. Read the following endorsement of the Officiating Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd September 1875, No. 528 :—

From H. R. P. CARTER, Esq., for Acting Chief Engineer, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 17th March 1875, No. 216.

I BEG, herewith, to enclose copy of a telegram just received from the Resident Engineer, 3rd Division, North-West Line.

2. Further particulars, when received, will be duly reported.

Telegram from WILKINSON, Kosgee, to CARTER, Royapooram, dated 17th March 1875.

YESTERDAY heavy truck was placed on line 302—8-9 some time before 5-45 A.M. train from Adoni reached there; truck smashed. No damage to line. Train proceed. The watchman was attacked in his house and severely beaten. Police active. Will report in due course.

No. 281.

For the information of the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(Signed) R. B. ELWIN,

17th March 1875.

Agent and Manager.

From T. H. GOING, Esq., Acting Chief Engineer, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 22nd March 1875, No. 233.

My letter No. 216, dated 17th instant.

In continuation of the report contained in his telegram, the Resident Engineer gives me the following additional particulars regarding the accident.

2. The Section Maistry, who was the last person that made use of the truck, states that on Saturday, 13th instant, he had it taken off the rails and placed on the 30 feet arched bridge at which the accident took place, and that he is sure none of the line coolies put it on the rails afterwards.

3. The Watchman states that on Tuesday before day-light a number of persons entered his hut and beat him severely; that he went out and complained to the village police, several of whom were close by, but they would not assist him. He then walked along the line till he met the train; this was after the truck had been run into.

4. The police are actively at work and have found a brass pot in the watchman's house, which they hope will prove of use in establishing the identity of the offenders.

No. 297.

For the information of the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to my endorsement, No. 281, of the 17th instant.

(Signed) R. B. ELWIN,

22nd March 1875.

Agent and Manager.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Agent now reports that in April last some persons were charged before the Joint Magistrate of Ghootty in connection with the accident; but, as the statement made before the Magistrate varied from those made to the police, the accused were discharged.

17th March 1875

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3. Notwithstanding the efforts of the police, nothing has since been discovered. The accident happened at the village of Nagaroor.

(Signed) C. J. SMITH, Major, R.E.,
Officiating Consulting Engineer, for Railways.

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1875, No. 2,864.

RAILWAY, No. 5.

It appears from these papers that on the 16th March last the 5-45 A.M. train from Adoni came into collision with a heavy trolley which had been placed on the line over a 30 feet arched bridge near the village of Nagaroor by some person or persons not yet discovered. Fortunately no serious accident befel, but the consequences might have been disastrous; and it is unaccountable why an occurrence of this nature should not have been reported to Government till six months after it took place. The Agent of the Company was prompt in making it known* to the Consulting Engineer, in whose office the matter appears to have rested. It is also stated that on the morning of the occurrence of the accident, the Watchman whose duty it was to protect that portion of the line was severely assaulted in his own hut before day-light by a number of persons, apparently the perpetrators of, or accomplices of those concerned in, the offence of obstructing the line. The Watchman was in consequence prevented from inspecting his length before the arrival of the train and removing the obstruction which had been placed over the bridge. The Watchman complained to the village police who declined to assist him. In April some persons were charged before the Joint Magistrate of Ghooty in connection with the accident, but, owing to discrepancies in the evidence, they were discharged. As a copy of the proceedings has not been submitted, His Excellency the Governor in Council is unable to form any opinion of the grounds on which the prosecution was instituted. The Consulting Engineer will now obtain a copy of the proceedings and submit it for the information of Government, and the papers will be referred to the Judicial Department for such notice as may be necessary of the conduct of the village police, and for the prosecution of further search after the offenders.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Judicial Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Ends hearing
No 216.

Madras Railway Company
Chief Engineer's Office
Madras 17th March 1875

The Agent and Manager,
Dear Sir,

I beg herewith to enclose copy of a Telegram just received from Resident Engineer S. Division North West Line.

Further particulars when received will be duly reported.

Yours faithfully
H. D. P. Fisher
Actg. Chief Engineer

Telegram.

17th March 1875

S.P. From Kelkerson
Kosque

To Barker
Rajapooram

Yesterday heavy truck was placed on line 302. 8/9 same time before 5.45 the train from Adoni reached there - truck smashed - no damage to line - Train proceed (?) the watchman was attacked in his house and severely beaten police active - will report in due course.

True Copy
H. D. P. Fisher
Actg. Chief Engineer

Agent & Manager. p. 281

For the information of the Consulting Engineer for Railways
Madras 17th March 1875

N^o 233

Madras Railway Company
Chief Engineer's Office
Madras 22nd March 1875

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(True Copy)

[Signature]
Agent & Manager

Yours faithfully,
S. H. Goine,
Ag. Chief Engineer

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railway.

Dated 17th March 1875

Recd.

[Signature]
N^o 233

Reporting that a truck
was placed on the line
on 12th inst. and that the S. & S. Co.
have from some
time since of it.
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Nº 297

For the information of the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to my endorsement Nº 281 of the 17th inst.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

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From

The Chief Engineer
and Consulting Engineer
for Railway

To

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

Dated

22nd

1875.

Received

23rd

Sept

S. J. V.

No. 228

Reporting collision
between truck and train
at 302 mile marker

P. W.

16 March 1875.

P. W. 2866 6-10-75

P. W. 2866 6-10-75
dispatched 26-9-75

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Madras—
22nd March 1875

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CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 22nd Sept. 1875.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

O. H. Smith

Major R.I.

Offg. Consgr. Engineer for Railways.

No 2864

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Proceedings of the Madras Local
Under date the 10th of 1894
Read the following:

From:

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways

(H. E. No. 528 of 22nd Sept. 1894)

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

W.

Dated 22nd March 1894

Recd. 25.

W. 29/4.

Referring to the
particulars regarding
the accident at 502-9/9
H. P. No. 1 by a trolley
which was placed on
the line having been
seen by the 5-4-5 train
from Adani.

22/3/95

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It is also stated that on the morning of the occurrence of the accident the watchman whose duty it was to protect that portion of the line, was severely assaulted in his own hut before day light by a number of persons, apparently the perpetrators of, or

* vide reports dated 14th March & 22nd March/75

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To, Consulting Engineer Rgs 12
" Judicial Department 7
Office 17

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Dated October 6th.

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G. O., 6th October 1875, No. 2,864.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 83-84

Collision between Train and Trolley on the
bridge near the village of Nagaroor, Madras
Railway. — Passing orders on endorsement of
the Officiating Consulting Engineer for
Railways reporting a—

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Govt. of 1875: *Minist.*
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To: *Cousins & Phipps.*

Dated

Issued

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6 Decr 1870, No. 284

Nos. 43 - 84

Collision between train
& trolley on the bridge at
the village of Pagarroo.

Passing orders on *bridge*
of the Office: Consulting
Engineer: for Pys: report
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