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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th October 1875.*

No. 249. Read the following endorsement of the Officiating Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 6th October 1875, No. 552:—

From A. T. ARUNDEL, Esq., Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, to D. LOGAN, Esq., Acting Agent of the South Indian Railway, dated Madura, 29th September 1875.

I REGRET to report the occurrence of a fatal accident to a cooly on the line near Kallakudi Chuttrum this morning.

2. Mr. White, the Deputy Chief Engineer, was good enough to accompany me as far as Covilpatti on my return from Tuticorin on the 28th evening, and I went on thence by bullock coach to meet the ballast train at Kallakudi.

3. Owing to various delays in the night, I was some miles from Kallakudi at 9-30 A.M., and seeing an Inspector on the line I asked him to help me on an empty wagon. This he obligingly did; and told off six coolies to run the wagon.

4. There was a slight incline down which the wagon was moving about 4 or 5 miles an hour, when three of the coolies ran on and tried to climb up in front. The first succeeded, but the second man slipped and fell under the wheels which passed over his right hip and both arms, causing such severe injuries that he died in a few minutes. He was lifted, still breathing, into the wagon, which was run on to Kallakudi, where I found a ballast engine and trucks; the driver, at my request, took the wagon on to Tirumungalum. I sent for the Magistrate immediately, and an inquest was held at which a finding was recorded of accidental death.

5. The want of caution which terminated so fatally in the present case seems habitual. When the train with the wagon attached was in motion, I observed a maistry run in between two trucks and climb up by the coupling just as the deceased had attempted to do less than an hour before.

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Report of Accident.

*Collectorate.—Madura. Railway District, Section and Mile.—*District 9, Section 1, 1st mile 52nd chain. *Between what two Stations, and name of nearest Village.—*Between Tirumungalum and Virdupatti, nearest village, Kallakudi. *Whether at a level crossing or not.—*Not. *Date of the accident.—*29th September 1875. *Nature of the accident.—*Deceased was engaged in pushing a ballast wagon, and coming to an incline when the wagon would run of its own accord, attempted to get up in front and was run over. *Circumstances which caused the accident.—*Attempting to get into a wagon while in motion. *Nature of assistance afforded.—*Died before medical assistance could be obtained. *Name, age, caste and occupation.—*Name, Vadoocaden; age, about 47; caste, Pullen; occupation, cooly. *Gratuity proposed to be given or not; if so, how much.—*Nil. *Whether reported to the Police authorities and Verdict of Inquest (if any).—*Reported to the authorities at Tirumungalum; Inquest held by Tahsildar; verdict, accidental death. *Remarks by the Company's Officers.—*Deceased, contrary to rules, attempted to get into a wagon while in motion.

TRICHINOPOLY,
1st October 1875.

4th October 1875.

(Signed) D. LOGAN,
Chief Engineer.
(Signed) F. J. SMITH,
for Acting Agent.

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* SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. Copy of a letter by Mr. Arundel, Private Secretary to the Honorable the Governor, who was present when the accident took place is enclosed. The occurrence appears to have been due entirely to the deceased's want of caution.

(Signed) W. H. COAKER, Captain, R.E.,
Offg. Consltg. Engineer for Railways.

No. 250. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1875, No. 2,950.

RAILWAY, No. 23.

RECORDED. It seems necessary that the supervisors of workmen should be strictly enjoined to enforce the Company's regulations prohibiting coolies and others from getting into or leaving wagons in motion and punished for failure to do so. Want of caution in this respect appears to be habitual.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Judicial Department.

Madras. 29th September 1875

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Madura. 29th September 1861

From

A. J. Arundel Esq^r

Private Secretary to H. E. The Governor.

To

David Logan Esq^r

Acting Agent S. I. R. Company.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant
Signed / A. J. Arnold
Private Secretary

/ True Copy /

Francis J. Smith
Acting Agent

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No 2950 Public Works Dept.

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Under date the 15th Oct. 1895
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CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras.

6 October 1875.

W. Gordon R. E. Capt.
Consy. Engineer for Railways.

To

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

To The Consy. Engr. for Rys. 12
" Judd. Dept. 7
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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

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The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

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

Dated

Received

6th
October 1875.

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Enclosures. 2 ✓

Report on accident
on a coolie, pushing a
wheeled cart 1 mile 52
chains on the 9 Sept
29 Sept. 1875.

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To The Comg Engr for Rys.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

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Accident - S. I. P. -
Passing orders on
endorsement of the
Consul General
submitting report
of a fatal accident
to a ballast cooly
on the 29th Sept.
1876.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 15th October 1875.

No. 251.

No. 2,351.

FROM

MAJOR-GENERAL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 17.

SIR,—I am directed to report the following circumstances connected with the overstay of privilege leave by Mr.

Hawksworth, an Assistant Engineer of the 1st Grade in the Public Works Department.

2. Mr. Hawksworth having been transferred from the Madura to the Canara District was relieved of the charge of his range on the 18th April. Lieutenant Boddy, R.E., the relieving Officer, reported to the District Engineer that the relief had been finally effected on that date, and that Mr. Hawksworth fully understood this to be the case. This report was dated 12th May, and was despatched on the 17th idem, the date on which Mr. Hawksworth signed the transfer certificate; Lieutenant Boddy having signed the certificate on the 15th. Mr. Hawksworth appears to have remained in Madura till the 31st May, when he reported to the District Engineer that he had finally given over charge, and then left the district. Mr. Hawksworth had, however, been granted three months' privilege leave in the Gazette of the 16th March, and he assumes to reckon his leave from the date on which he left the Madura District; and, by adding joining time and subsidiary leave, calculates that, having arrived at Mangalore on the 12th September, he joined his appointment within the period of his leave. This position has not been conceded by His Excellency the Governor in Council, who considers that Mr. Hawksworth has forfeited his appointment under the leave rules; but, under stringent conditions as to future conduct, Mr. Hawksworth has been re-appointed in a lower position in his grade. I am to request the confirmation of the Government of India to the appointment.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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