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1st December 1875.*

No. 9. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 23rd November 1875, No. 636 :—

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, certain papers* in connection with a case of derailment which occurred upon the Bangalore branch of the Madras Railway on the 1st October 1875. The circumstances are as follow.

* No. 1,067, dated 13th October 1875.
„ 1,157, „ 18th November 1875.

2. The 7-45 p.m. mail train from Bangalore ran over a bull at the 143rd mile, about half-way between Coopum and Jollarett stations. The engine passed safely over the animal, but two vehicles, a brake-van and a third-class carriage, were thrown off the rails. Most fortunately no one was hurt, and the damage to the rolling-stock and to permanent-way was slight. The inconvenience caused to the public was considerable, five trains having been delayed in consequence of the accident.

3. The man who was supposed to be the owner of the bull was tried under Section XIX. of Act XVIII. of 1854 before the Magistrate of Tripatore, and acquitted upon the ground that, though he was originally the owner of the animal, he had given it over to the “Sawmy” ten years previously.

4. The Agent of the Madras Railway Company begs that the attention of Government may again be directed to the danger which results to the lives of passengers and to Railway property generally from the custom which allows bulls, when dedicated to Hindoo temples, to run at large, free from control, and looked after by no one. Mr. Elwin states that the line between Tripatore and Coopum is frequented by a number of these animals, that they are strong and vicious, and a terror to the watchmen.

5. Upon the occasion of a previous accident of this nature, it was suggested that, as animals of this class belong to temples, and not to individuals, the inhabitants of the villages to which they belong should be held responsible for any damage done by them. The suggestion was not however adopted. I agree with the Agent that the subject demands serious consideration.

Proceedings of Government, 22nd March 1875,
No. 798.

From R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to Lieut.-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 13th October 1875, No. 1,067.

In continuation of my endorsement No. 1,032, of the 2nd instant, I have the honor to forward herewith a report in the usual form of the cow which was run over at the 143rd mile, Bangalore branch, by the 7-45 p.m. train from Bangalore of the 1st idem. The owner of the animal will be prosecuted, and the result reported to you in due course.

2. The following is a list of damage done to the permanent-way :—

15 Tie-bars broken.

1 Pot sleeper broken.

15 Tie-bars bent so much as to be rendered useless.

25 Tie-bars slightly bent.

3. The damage done to the engine was very slight, and no damage was sustained by the remainder of the stock with the exception of goods brake-van No. 49, which had one axle bent

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and two springs broken. As stated in the previous report the brake-van and 3rd-class carriage No. 41 were thrown off the line.

4. The following trains were delayed in consequence of this accident:—

The 12.50 A.M. from Jollarpett arrived at Bangalore at 12.30 noon instead of 6.15 A.M.

The 7 A.M. mixed from Jollarpett arrived at Bangalore at 3 P.M. instead of 1 P.M.

The 6 P.M. from Madras was detained 5 hours and 40 minutes at Jollarpett, and arrived at Beypore at 7.5 P.M. instead of 1.30 P.M., and at Mettapolliem at 2.24 P.M. instead of 9.30 A.M.

The 7.30 P.M. from Madras arrived at Pothaneor at 7.30 P.M. instead of 6.15 P.M.

The 10.15 A.M. from Beypore was detained 5 hours and 30 minutes at Jollarpett, and arrived at Madras at 11.28 A.M. instead of 6 A.M.

No. 1,433.

Copy forwarded to the Postmaster-General for information, with reference to his endorsement No. 7,317—1,648, dated 8th instant.

MADRAS,
19th October 1875.

(Signed) R. B. ELWIN,
Agent and Manager.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

SECOND DIVISION, SOUTH-WEST LINE, SECTION 3.

Statement of Cattle run over by Trains on 1st October 1875.

Date.—1st October 1875. Mileage.—Miles. 143-1. Number and description of Cattle.—One bull run over and killed. By which Train.—7.45 P.M. mail train from Bangalore. Description and state of fence.—Along in good order. Between what two stations and name of nearest village.—Jollarpett and Pothaneor, nearest village Pothaneor. Whether at a level crossing or not.—Not. Remarks.—No other is attached to the engine.

BANGALORE,
6th October 1875.

(Signed) PETER SCOTT,
Resident Engineer, 2nd Division S. W. Line.
(Signed) B. ANDERSON,
Chief Engineer.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways for information.

19th October 1875.

(Signed) R. B. ELWIN,
Agent and Manager.

From R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to Lieut.-Colonel J. H. M. SRAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 18th November 1875, No. 1,157.

In continuation of my letter No. 1,067, of the 13th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the man who was supposed to be the owner of the bull which caused the accident to the mail train on the Bangalore branch on the 1st of October was tried before the second-class Magistrate of Tripatore on the 19th ultimo and acquitted.

2. The defendant, whose name is Gona Govinden, called witnesses to prove that though he was originally the owner of the animal, he had given it over to the Sawmy ten years ago, and upon these grounds the charge was dismissed.

3. In connection with this subject I shall be obliged if you will again call the attention of His Excellency the Governor in Council to the danger occasioned* to trains and the lives of passengers by "Sawmy Bulls," for which we can hold no one legally responsible.

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4. I am informed that there are a number of these animals between Tripatore and Coopum, and that they are so strong and vicious as to be a cause of fear to the line watchmen, who are frightened to make much show of resistance to them single-handed. Not long ago a Sawmy Bull got through the fence on to the line (at the 133/2, South-west Line), and the line watchman was afraid to attempt to drive him off until he had collected a gang of the men employed on the permanent-way to assist him.

5. This subject is, in my opinion, really a very serious one, and I trust that the Government will be pleased to take some steps in the matter.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 1st December 1875, No. 3,418.

RAILWAY, No. 3.

It is observed that in the letter from the Government of India recorded with G.O., No. 2,324, dated 11th August 1875, sanction was accorded to the expenditure necessary for fitting 118 engines of the Madras Railway with cow-catcher. Until the effect of the contrivance has been fairly tried, the Government must defer passing special orders on the subject of "Sawmy Bulls."

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No. 1067

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 15th October 1875.

From

R. D. Elwin Esq.
Agent and Manager. M. R. Co.

To

M. J. H. Shaw Stewart, Esq.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

In continuation of my
enclosure of 10th of the 5th instant, I
have the honour to forward herewith a
report in the usual form of the Com.
which was run over at the 143 miles Bangalore
Branch by the 7.45 P.M. train from
Bangalore of the 7th idem. The owner of the
animal will be prosecuted and the
result reported to you in due course.

2. The following is a list of
damage done to the permanent way:-

15 Ties broken

1 Post Slipped

15 Ties bent so much as to be rendered
useless.

25 Ties bent slightly.

3. The damage done to the Engine
was very slight and no damage was sus-
tained by the remainder of the stock with
the exception of Road Brake Wagon at 147

which had one axle bent and two springs broken. as stated in the previous report the Duke Ward and 3rd class cars of 141 were thrown off the line.

The following trains were delayed in consequence of this accident:-

The 12.50 a.m. train from Jollapetli arrived at Bangalore at 12.30 noon instead of 6.15 a.m.

The 7 a.m. train from Jollapetli arrived at Bangalore at 3.0 P.m. instead of 1.0 P.m.

The 6 P.m. train from Madras was detained 5 hours and 40 minutes at Jollapetli and arrived at Bangalore at 7.5 P.m. instead of 1.30 P.m. and at Chittoor at 2.24 P.m. instead of 9.30 a.m.

The 7.30 P.m. train from Madras arrived at Pothanna at 7.20 P.m. instead of 6.15 P.m.

The 10.15 a.m. train from Bangalore was detained 5 hours and 30 minutes at Jollapetli and arrived at Madras at 11.28 a.m. instead of 6.0 a.m.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. J. Hunter

Agent and Manager

MADRAS RAILWAY.

Division _____ W. Line

Dated _____
Received _____ 187

Statement of Cattle run
over by trains.

21/11/75
in Reg.

No. 1157

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE.

Madras, 18th November 1875.

From

Robert B. Clavin Esq.

Agent and Manager. M.R.C.

To

Lieut Colonel J. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter
N^o 1067 of the 13th ultimo, I have the honor
to inform you that the man who was
supposed to be the owner of the bull which
caused the accident to the mail train on
the Bangalore Branch on the 1st of October,
was tried before the second class Magistrate
of Tripatore on the 19th ultimo, and acquitted.

2. The defendant whose name is
Gona Govindan called witnesses to prove
that though he was originally the owner
of the animal he had given it over to the
Sawmy ten years ago, and upon these
grounds the charge was dismissed.

3. In connection with this subject I
shall be obliged if you will again call
the attention of His Excellency the Governor
in Council to the danger occasioned to
trains and the lives of passengers by "Sawmy".

*
Vide G. O.
N^o 1798 of the
22nd March 1875

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5. This subject is in my opinion really a very serious one, and I trust that the Government will be pleased to take some steps in the matter.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

W. A. Brown

Agent and Manager

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.
Madras, 23rd November 1876.

No. 636

From

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

To

MAJOR-GENERAL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honour to
submit for the consideration of Government
No 1064 d/13/10/75 and certain papers in connection with
No 1157 d/18/11/75
a case of derailment which occurred
upon the Bangalore branch of the
Madras Railway on the 1st October
1875. The circumstances are as
follow.

2. The 7.45 p.m. mail
train from Bangalore ran over a hill
at

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

For Railways.

Dated

19th Nov^r

1876

No. 20.

No. 1157.

Reference is made to
information in reference
to the accident to the
train from on the 1st
October last, by the
train having run over
a hill.

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GO-1 10/11/75
in B. 10/75

at the 14th mile, about half-way
between Coopers and Dollapett
stations. The engine passed safely
over the animal, but two vehicles, a
brake van and a third class carriage,
were thrown off the rails. Most for-
tunately no one was hurt, and the
damage to the rolling-stock and to
permanent way was slight. The
inconvenience caused to the public
was considerable, five trains having been
delayed in consequence of the accident.

The man who was
supposed to be the owner of the bull
was tried under Section XIX of Act
XVIII of 1854 before the Magistrate
of

of Tripatore, and acquitted upon the
ground that, though he was originally
the owner of the animal, he had
given it over to the "Savany" ten
years previously.

The Agent of the
Madras Railway Company begs
that the attention of Government may
again be directed to the danger
which results to ^{the} lives of passen-
gers and to Railway property generally
from the custom which allows bulls,
when dedicated to Hindoo temples, to
run at large free from all control -
and looked after by no one. Mr. Elwin
states that the line between Tripatore
and

and Coopers is frequented by a
number of these animals, that they
are strong and vicious, and a terror to
the watchmen.

5. Upon the occasion of
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this class belong to temples, and not
to individuals, the inhabitants of the
villages to which they belong should
be held responsible for any damage
done by them. The suggestion
was not however adopted. I
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subject demands serious

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I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Wm Stewart L. Col. R.E.
Com. Engineer for Railways

Pro. of G.
22 March 1875
No 793

No. 3618

Public Works Department

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Dated the 1st Dec 1900.

Read the following

Memorandum

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

(M.O. 1538 of 23rd Nov 1900)

It is observed
that in the letter from
the Government of Madras
dated with G.O. No.
2324 of 11th August 1900
sanction was accorded
to the expenditure
necessary for fitting
118 Engines of the Madras
Railway with
Cow Catchers. In view
of the cost of the same
arrangement has been
made.

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22-11-11-22-23-24

P. W. 1875 of 1875

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

To

The Secretary to Government

P. W. Department,

Fort Saint George.

Dated 29th 1900

Recd 11th 1900 1875

No. 636

Submittal of

Memorandum on

reporting a case of a

serious fault being

found in the

at 113 feet N. from

and the consequent

arrangement of

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fairly tried, the
Government must
refuse passing special
orders on the subject
of Lumbering Bills.

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Desd - 14-12-75

Consulting Engineer
for Railways &c.

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20th Dec 26-11-75

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fairly tried, the
Government must
be in passing special
orders on the subject
of Savings Banks

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Box 9-10

Accident. (Revised Copy)
Please order in letter from
the Chgo. Eng. for Philip Submaster
correspondence in reference to the
incident of the mail train
in Chicago, caused by
Savings Bank being here
over.

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