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22nd March 1875.*

No. 531. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R E, Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 11th February 1875, No. 94.—

I HAVE the honor to forward, herewith, a letter* from the Agent of the Madras Railway giving cover to report of the derailment of a carriage of the 5-30 P M. train from Arconum to Vellore on the 16th December last at the 72nd mile of the South-West Line, by which the permanent-way was considerably damaged. The accident is said to have been caused by a sawmy bull having charged the train and got under the wheels of the carriage, and the Resident Engineer suggests, for consideration, whether as animals of this class belong to temples, and not to individuals, it would not be desirable that the inhabitants of the villages to which they belong should be held responsible for any damage caused by them.

2. The subject having been referred to the Collector of North Arcot, Mr. Whiteside in his letter, dated the 5th instant, No 7, (also enclosed,) states that, although local inquiries were instituted, it cannot be ascertained to which particular temple the bull belongs. This is not the first time an accident has happened from this cause, and it seems necessary, if possible, that steps should be taken to prevent their recurrence. To say nothing of the danger incurred, the damage to property is very considerable; in the present instance amounting to upwards of 300 rupees.

From R. B ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 19th December 1874, No. 1,130.

I HAVE the honor to forward you, herewith, a report received from the Resident Engineer, 1st Division, South-West Line, of a bull having been run over at the 71-15 and 16 mile, South-West Line, on the 16th instant.

2. I also enclose you copy of a letter from Mr. Carter, No 869, of 18th instant, and request that you will be so good as to call the attention of Government to his observations with reference to sawmy bulls.

From H. R P. CARTER, Esq., Resident Engineer, to B ANDERSON, Esq., Chief Engineer of the Madras Railway Company, dated Arconum, 18th December 1874, No 869.

I HAVE to report that the penultimate carriage of the 5-30 P M. train from Arconum to Vellore on 16th instant was thrown off the line at 71-15 and was dragged to 72-8 where the train was stopped.

2 The cause of the accident was a sawmy bull which, from what I can gather, charged the train and got under the wheels of the carriage.

3. You are doubtless aware that these animals belong to no one in particular, and are frequently very vicious. In many cases to my knowledge they have charged trollies on the line, and I believe I am right in saying that a ballast train was on one occasion charged by one of these animals and some wagons derailed.

4. It is unfortunate that we cannot prosecute any one in this case, and I have to suggest, for your consideration, whether it might not be well to apply to Government to make the inhabitants of the villages which these animals resort to responsible for damage they may cause.

5. In this case 115 pot sleepers, 2 tie-bars, and 2 chairs were broken.

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22nd March 1875.

From W S WHITESIDE, Esq, Magistrate of North Arcot, to Lieutenant Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Camp at Trivellam, 5th February 1875, No 7.

ADVERTING to your letter of the 22nd December last, No 1,227, I have the honor to inform you that, notwithstanding local inquiries were instituted, it cannot be ascertained to which particular temple the sawmy bull therein referred to belongs. It is generally known that bulls dedicated to Hindu temples for religious purposes are usually allowed to be at large uncontrolled and without the exercise of the right of ownership by any one. No particular person, therefore, can be held responsible for damage or mischief that such a bull may occasion.

No. 532. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1875, No 708.

RAILWAY, No. 65.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council is not prepared to deal with this question as proposed.

2. The best security against damage from cattle trespass lies in improved fencing and increased vigilance of Railway servants.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.

Secretary to Government.

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 94

From

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E.,

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department.

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

No. 1130, dated
19th December
1874

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from the Agent of the Madras Railway, giving cover to report of the derailment of a carriage of the 5.30 p.m. train from Arcot to Vellore, on the 16th December last, at the 72nd mile of the South-West line, by which the permanent way was considerably damaged. The accident is said to have been caused by a Sawmy Bull having charged the train and got under the wheels of the carriage, and the Resident Engineer suggests for consideration whether all animals of this class belong to temples, and not to individuals.

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upwards of three hundred Rupees.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Muchao
11th February
1895
J. B. H.

W. C. Conker
District, P.

for Com. Engineer for Railways

P.W. Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following

from

The Genl & Engr for Ry. (H.E. No 94 of 11th Febr/75)
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His Excellency the
Governor in Council does
^{is not prepared}
not see his way to deal
with this question as
proposed.

The animals
might doubtless be
destroyed with impunity
if found trespassing.

But as already hinted
the best security against
damage from cattle
trespass lies in improved
fencing. I don't think that it is safe
to hint this - even in Calcutta
they did not kill a 1st class cattle
that was on the road shop & the
like, take & the 1st class cattle
up country or else have
some other 1/3

From

To

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

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT
No. 94/3

Dated 11th Feb 1875

Recd 12th Feb 1875

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NO 94

Shutting in

where correspondence

regarding a survey

of the line and also

the 16th Dec/74, and

a carriage being

demanded thereon.

S.O. No. 198-22-3/75

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fencing, and increased
 vigilance of Railway
 servants.
THW

The Court say foot
 Dec. 23-3-75

Public Works Dept.
 Letter from the Consulting Engineer
 for Railways No 94 dated 11 February 1875.
For Orders

Legal proceedings are
 possible under the
 current - and I fear that
 the matter can scarcely
 be dealt with in the
 In Calcutta the
 - except to make a few
 years ago I used all the
 - into carts - broke them
 except conservancy carts
 and then they are still at
 work - but this could be
 done in the Mofasil
 do not see their way to deal
 with the question as proposed
 at present - Suppose we
 got a decree against a temple
 or idol, it could be executed
 15/2 1875

Orders.
 Circular to protect
 the line against
 the Secretary to the
 Commission of the
 Public in the
 are not more
 dangerous because
 they are more
 But the danger
 is just, cannot
 the R.C. shoot
 them down
 but when
 they are
 for

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Comr. Engineer
Railways.

Dated

At

C. O. M. S. 7/78

531-532.

Cattle trespass. (R)

The Comr. Engineer
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