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No. 151. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways,
dated Madras, 24th April 1876, No 200 —

No 1,399

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY.

Report of Accident

Collectorate — Trichinopoly *Railway District, Section, and Mile* — Western Section, No 1,
mile 82 *Between what two stations, and name of nearest village* — Trichinopoly Fort Station
yard, Vamadum village *Whether at a level crossing or not* — Not at level crossing *Date of
the Accident* — 15th March 1876, 10-25 A.M. *Nature of the Accident* — A female 3rd-class
passenger from Erode to Madura, travelling by No 9 Mail Train from Erode to Trichinopoly
Junction, jumped out of the window of a 3rd-class carriage, clear of the rails, and fell over the
embankment. Train stopped for three minutes to pick up the passenger, who appeared to be
sound and unhurt. *On circumstances which caused the Accident* — Through fright *Nature of
assistance afforded* — Stopped the train and picked up the passenger. *Name, age, caste, and
occupation* — Name unknown, about 40 years of age, native, a resident of Madura. *Gratuity
proposed to be given or not, if so, how much* — — *Who reported to the Police authorities,
and verdict of inquest (if any)* — — *Remarks by the Company's officers* — The passenger
travelled by No 2 Train from Trichinopoly Junction to Madura the same day at her own
request. *Remarks by the Consulting Engineer* — Vide endorsement to Government, No 200,
dated 24th April 1876

NEGAPATAM,
22nd March 1876

(Signed) W S BETTS,
Agent.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways

From W. S BETTS, Esq, Agent of the South Indian Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel
J H. M SHAW-STEWART, RE, Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated
Negapatam, 30th March 1876, No 1,452.

Your letter No 284 of the 24th instant. The Traffic Manager made an inquiry into the
circumstances attending this case. It appears that the parcels' clerk had to proceed from the Fort
to the Junction Station at Trichinopoly. As the train was leaving the former station he opened
the door of the carriage in which the female passenger was riding, in order to take a seat therein.
The woman appears to have become alarmed at this proceeding, and as he entered by the door
on one side she threw herself through the window on the opposite side.

2 As the act was committed by the woman through fear, it was not considered advisable
to prosecute her.

From the same Officer, dated Negapatam, 14th April 1876, No 1,519.

Your letter No 343 of the 5th instant. The Traffic Manager, within a few minutes of
the occurrence of the accident, personally inquired into the case and questioned the chief actors
in it. He is of opinion that the statement made by the woman is correct, viz., that she threw
herself from the carriage solely through fear. She made no complaint against the clerk, neither
did any of the other passengers who were in the same carriage.

Submitted for the information of Government

2 As it appeared improbable that a woman, who had travelled all the way
from Erode, should have suddenly lost all command over herself upon the appearance
of a man at the opposite side of the carriage, within a large station, the Agent was

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requested to state whether full inquiry had been made into the circumstances, and, if so, to report the result. Mr. Belts does so in his letters Nos 1,452, dated 30th March, and 1,519, dated 14th April 1876.

3 The matter was further discussed at a Meeting of the Stores Committee held at Tinchinopoly on the 11th instant, and I am satisfied that the circumstances are as reported. No blame attaches to the man. The woman was riding alone in an open compartment, while the adjoining one, which was also open, contained several passengers.

(Signed) J H M SHAW-STEWART, Lt-Col, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No 152

ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1876, No 1,158.

RAILWAY, No 20

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy to Govt, P.W.D.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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No 1519

South Indian
GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,
at ...

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY.

DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF ACCIDENT.

Collectorate	Railway Dist Sec and Mil.	Between what two stations and name of nearest village.	Whether at a level crossing or not	Date of the Accident	Nature of the Accident	Circumstances which caused the Accident	Nature of Assis- tance afforded	Name, age, caste and occupation	Gratuity pro- posed to be given or not if so how much	Whether reported to the Police authorities and dict of inquest (if any)	Remarks by the Company's Officers	Remarks by the Consulting Engineer
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Trichinopoly	Madras Section. No 1 Rule 87.	Trichinopoly to Station yard Madras Village	Not at level crossing	16 th March 1876 10 55 A.M.	A female 3 rd class passenger from Madras travelling by 109 Madras Train from Trichinopoly Junction jumped out of the window of a 3 rd class carriage clear of the rails and fell over the embankment. Train stopped for 8 minutes to pick up the passenger who appeared to be sound and unhurt.	Through freight	Stopped the train and picked up the passenger	Name unknown, about 40 years of age. Native. a resident of Madras.			The passenger travelled by No 2 train from Trichinopoly Junction to Madras the same day at her own request.	Vide endorsement to Government No 200 dated 24 th April 1876.

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Madras

16th March

1876

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for Railways.
Madras

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No 1519

South Indian
GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,
NEGAPATAM, 14th April 1876

From

THE AGENT, *South Indian*
Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways
Madras.

SIR,

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant

William B. C.

Agent.

No. 1452

South Indian
GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.
AGENT'S OFFICE,
NEGAPATAM, 30th March 1866

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NEGAPATAM, 30th March 1866

From

THE AGENT, *South Indian*
Great Southern of India Railway,

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The Consulting Engineer for Railways
in Madras

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Have the honour to be,

Yours Most Obedt Servant

Lucy Warner Betts

Agent

From ~~1179~~ 328
 Mr. J. J. Clark.
 At St. J. City.
 Mr. Geo. W. Rogers
 for drawings
 Dated 14th of
 Decr 1859
 W^{ts} 1519
 As the women
 are coming here
 out of Kansas

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

Consulting Engineer's Office,
Madras, 24 April 1876.

No 200

SUBMITTED *for the information* OF GOVERNMENT.

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had travelled all the way from
Irode, should have suddenly lost
all command over herself upon
the appearance of a man at the
opposite side of the carriage, within
a large station, the Agent was
requested to state whether full
inquiring had been made into the
circumstances, and if so to report
the result. Mr. Betto does so in his

letters Nos 1452 dated 30th March,
and 1519 dated 14 April 1876.

3. The matter was further discussed at a meeting of the Worcester Committee

From
The Capt.
J. B.

At New York
for Exchange

Jan 1897

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Cit. N^o. 1452

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L. J. R. E.

Cons. Engrs. for Railways. Recd
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The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Fort Saint George.

N^o 1158 of 9th May 1876.

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by the accident -

Enclosures.

Dated 24 April 1876
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*The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort St George.*

*The Consulting Engineer
for Railways*

1876. Dec 29th
From
The Consulting Engineer

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The Cms. Eng. Railways.

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G. O., 9th May 1876, No 1158

Nos.

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Accident. P. 1 Ry.

Endorsement by the
Comdg. Engr for Ry.
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Class Passenger -
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