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No 509 Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways,
dated Madras, 20th June 1876, No. 298 —

From Dr W ELDER, Acting Consulting Physician, to R B ELWIN, Esq, Agent
and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Royapooram, 31st May
1876, No 204

With reference to your favor No 1,946 of yesterday, I beg to say that I am
waiting for *full particulars* from the Apothecary about the outbreak of cholera in the
4th Division, South-west Line, before communicating with you relative to the matter
I have sent a telegram this morning inquiring the reason of delay

2 I will forward the report as soon as it comes to hand

From Mr J CHANDI, Apothecary, Madras Railway Company, to Dr W ELDER, Acting
Consulting Physician, Madras Railway Company, Royapooram, dated Palghaut, 31st
May 1876, No 101

*In reply to your telegram just received, asking for particulars in connection with the out-
break of cholera among ballast coolies, I beg to inform you that two coolies working the ballast
train near Puttamby were attacked with cholera on the 25th instant They were immediately
removed from the wagons to a detached building close to the choultry at Puttamby I happened
to be on that day at Shoranore, where I was informed by the Permanent-way Inspector of the
circumstance I availed myself of the first train and went to Puttamby to render medical aid,
but before the evening the poor men both died

2 I was informed by the contractor that two more were attacked while the ballast train
was passing Purley to Palghaut on the same day They belonged to the village at Purley and
therefore were at once removed to their own huts

On the 26th instant while the ballast was working near Purley station, five more of the
coolies belonging to the same village were attacked, and were at once removed to their own huts.
But in these cases my assistance was not asked for, but they were taken charge of by their friends
I understand that not only these cases but others to the number of about twelve were attacked
in the same village in the space of three days, all of these cases, without exception, proved fatal,
each case not lingering more than four or six hours

3 The ballast work, in consequence of this outbreak, was put a stop to on the 27th, and all
the wagons had been washed out and disinfected by me before they were removed to the next
division

4 I beg further to state that this was not a special outbreak among ballast coolies only,
but it was prevalent to a great extent in the villages adjoining Palghaut, Purley and Luckady
stations Yesterday a pointsman at Luckady died of cholera, and he was under my treatment,
but at Purley it is not so bad now as it was a few days ago, and at Palghaut village no case is
heard of since two days

5. I hope I have given you all the information necessary

To the Agent and Manager for information
(Signed) W ELDER,
Acting Consulting Physician.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government in continuation of this office
endorsement, No. 266, dated 31st May 1876

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

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ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1876, No 1,592

RAILWAY, No. 47.

RECORDED, and communicated to the
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(True Extract)

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

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No 211
Madras Railway Company
Consulting Physician's Office
Royapooram 4th May 1876

The Agent and Manager
Madras Railway Company

Dear Sir,
With reference to your favour
No 1946 of yesterday, I beg to say
that I am waiting for full particulars
from the Apothecary about the outbreak
of Cholera in the "Division South
West Line" before communicating with
you relative to the matter. I have
sent a telegram this morning enquiring
the reason of delay.

I will forward the report as
soon as it comes to hand.

I am Yrs
Wm. William Elder
As Consulting Physician

No 101

To

The Consulting Physician
Madras Railway Company
Royapooram

Sir,
In reply to your telegram
just received asking for particulars
in connection with the outbreak of
Cholera among Ballast Coolies I beg to
inform you that two coolies working
the Ballast train near Puttambay
were

were attacked with Cholera on the 25th instant. They were immediately removed from the waggons to a detached building close to the Choultry at Putnamy. It happened to be on that day at Shoremore where I was informed by the Permanent Mag. Inspector of the circumstances. I unravelled myself of the first train and went to Putnamy to render medical aid, but before the evening the poor men both died.

I was informed by the contractor that two more were attacked while the Ballast train was passing Purley to Palghat on the same day. They belonged to the village at Purley and therefore were at once removed to their own huts.

On the 26th instant while the Ballast was working near Purley station, five more of the coolies belonging to the same village were attacked and were at once removed to their own huts. But in these cases my assistance was not asked for, but they were taken charge of by their friends. I understand that not only these cases but others to the number of about 12 were attacked in the same village in the space of 3 days; all of these cases without exception proved fatal, each case not lingering more than four or six hours. The Ballast work in consequence

of this outbreak was put a stop to on the 27th and all the waggons had been washed out and disinfected by me, before they were removed to the next division.

I beg further to state that there was not a special outbreak among Ballast Coolies only, but it was prevalent to a great extent in the villages adjoining, Palghat, Purley and Luckady stations. Yesterday a postman at Luckady died of Cholera and he was under my treatment but at Purley it is not so bad now as it was a few days ago, and at Palghat village no case is heard of since two days. I hope I have given you all the information necessary.

Palghat

31st May 1876

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I beg to remain
Yr. Obedt. Servant
J. J. Bhandi

Apothecary M. R. Co.

To the Agent and Manager for information
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By Bone Physician

M. J. Bhandi
Agent and Manager

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in continuation of this official endorsement No 266 dated 13 May 1876

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CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 25 June 1876

H. E. R. E.,
Consng. Engineer for Railways

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

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From *P. W. Department*
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The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,
To
The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort St George.

Dated *20th* June 1876.
Received *21st* June 1876.
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Enclosures. 1

Submitting
further correspondence
upon the subject of
an outbreak of
Cholera in the
South West district

With order

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Cholera in the S.W.
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Indorsement of the Com. Eng.
submitting further
correspondence in the
subject of the outbreak
— recorded &
sent to the Public Dept.