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No 1. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways,
dated Madras, 17th June 1876, No 296 —

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, 5th June 1876, No 584.

In reply to your letter of the 1st instant, No 573, I have the honor to inform you
that the Apothecary at Ghooty writes as follows, with reference to the fatal accident
that occurred to the ballast cooly maistry on the 25th ultimo —

“ A few days ago a cooly fell from a girder bridge at 11 A M, and was brought
to the station at 3 P M when I saw him, and having detained him for an hour before
sending him into the Civil Dispensary, the Sub-Magistrate told me I was wrong for
not sending the man away directly to the hospital I explained matters to him and
told him that I did it in good faith and for the man's own good. He in return told
me that, as I had no hospital to put injured men in, I must make it my duty to
despatch all persons suffering from serious injuries to the Civil Dispensary at once ”

2 In my opinion, it is, as a general rule, advisable that in cases of serious
accident the patients should be sent to the nearest hospital as soon as what is
immediately necessary has been done by the Apothecary, as they are likely to be
better cared for there than at their own homes, and, moreover, the Railway Apothecary
has thus the advantage of conferring with the Civil Surgeon or some other authority.

MADRAS RAILWAY

Report of Fatal Accident on the 2nd Division, North-west Line

Collectorate — Bellary Railway District, Section and Mile — 4th Section, 2nd Division,
North-west Line, 248th mile, 10th Telegraph Post Between what two Stations and Name of
nearest Village — Royalcherroo and Ghooty, Erappully village Whether at a Level Crossing or
not — No Date of the Accident — 25th May 1876, 12-20 P M Nature of Accident — A Ballast
Cooly Maistry while riding on the brake-rod of a wagon fell off and received some internal injuries,
from which he died 12 hours after his fall Circumstances which caused the Accident — It was
necessary to divide the ballast train at a bridge Deceased unhooked part of the train and told
the driver to “ draw a head ” Deceased then got upon the stay rod of a moving wagon and holding
on with his hands to the side he made for the door, which was not fastened, so as soon as he took
hold of it, it gave way and he fell into the bed of the river, a fall of about 16 feet Nature of
Assistance afforded — Arroomoogum was taken to Ghooty and examined by Company's Apothecary
who thought deceased was not much hurt, but afterwards, as he appeared to get worse, he was
taken to the Civil Dispensary, where he died Name, Age, Caste and Occupation — Arroomoogum
Pundarum, 23 years, Valoovan, Maistry in the Contractor's employ Gratuity proposed to be given
or not, and, if so, how much — Not Whether reported to the Police Authorities and Verdict
of Inquest (if any) — Yes Verdict found at inquest will be reported hereafter Remarks by
the Company's Officers — The accident appears to have been due to the indiscretion of the
deceased Remarks by the Consulting Engineer — Nil

GHOOTY,
27th May 1876

(Signed) G A F FRENCH,
Resident Engineer

(„) W. R ROBINSON,
Acting Chief Engineer

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To the Consulting Engineer for Railways for information

30th May 1876

(Signed) J W MELLIS,
for Agent and Manager

SUBMITTED for the information of Government

2 Letter No 584 is in reply to an inquiry from this office as to the circumstances under which it was found necessary to send the deceased to the Civil Dispensary at Ghooty while there was a Company's Apothecary present at the station
(Signed) J H M SHAW-STEWART, Lt-Col, R E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways

No 2

ORDER THEREON, 1st July 1876, No 1,663

RAILWAY, No 1

ORDERED to be recorded

2 His Grace the Governor in Council considers that the Apothecary

acted with discretion in detaining the man for medical treatment in the first instance
Immediate medical action may save life in cases of serious injury

(True Extract)

Colonel,

Offg Under Secy to Govt, P W D

MADRAS RAILWAY

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE

Madras, 5th June 1876.

From

Robert D. Churn Esq
Agent and Manager. M A Co

To

Lt-Col J H M Shaw Stewart, R E
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant No 573, I have the honour to inform you that the Apothecary at Ghooty writes as follows with reference to the fatal accident that occurred to the Ballast Cart, near by on the 25th ult.

"A few days ago a coolie fell from a garden bridge at 11 AM and was brought to the station at 2 PM when I saw him, and having detained him for an hour before sending him into the Civil Dispensary, the Sub Magistrate told me I was wrong for not sending the man away directly to the Hospital. I explained matters to him and told him that I did it in good faith and for the man's own good. He in return told me that as I had no hospital to put him in, I must make it my duty to despatch all persons suffering from diseases

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of conferring with the General Surgeon or some
other authority.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

W. H. Wain

Agent & Collector

Remarks by the Consulting Engineer

The accident appears to have been
due to the intoxication of the
steersman.

Shading the circumference under which the ball float body providing means to the barrel & apertures at body

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

From
The Agent and Manager

To
The Consulting Engineer for Railways

Received 31. May. 1876.

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Consulting Engineer's Office,
Madras, 17th June 1876

No 296

SUBMITTED for the information OF GOVERNMENT

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Montgomery Lieut. Col. R. B.
Cons. Engineer for Railways

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

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Letter from the Consulting Engineer for
Railways No 296 of 17th June 1876?

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Major Genl. P. C.

Secretary to Govt. P. W. D.

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

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Commr. of the Port

Dated

Place

For

By

G. O. 1 July 1870 No 1653

No. 182

By Commr. of the Port

Fatal accident to a
Ballast Cooly at
Shooly station - M. P.

Endorsement of the
Comr. of the Port submitting
further particulars regarding
the conduct of the Apothecary
in connection with the
accident with remarks.