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No. 456. 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 October 1876, No. 507:—

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information of Government, the accompanying statement of accidents by fire which have occurred on the Madras and South Indian Railways for the quarter ending 30th September 1876.

2. With regard to paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, No. 2,096, dated 14th August 1876, the Locomotive Superintendent states "there is nothing in the construction of engines Nos. 124, 78, and 52 different to the other engines upon the Madras Railway, to which can be attributed any special liability to set fire to the trains behind them, neither can the fires be attributed to unskilful handling of the engines. The ash-pans and spark-arresters were reported in good order in each case."

Statement of Cases of Fire on the Madras and South Indian Railways for the quarter ending 30th September 1876 not yet reported to Government.

Month and Date.	Train.	Number of Engine.	Name of Driver.	Where Fire was discovered.	Whether burning Wood or Coal.	Whether fitted with spark-arrestor or not.	Whether Arrestor and Ash-pan were in good order.	Damage sustained by Vehicle.	Damages to contents of Vehicle.	Number and description of Vehicle.	Whether properly Shunted.	Delay to Train.	Remarks.
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21st July ..	7 A.M. passenger ..	94	J. Marsh.	At Morsapore station.	Wood ..	Yes ..	Yes ..	Head stock scorched.	None ..	H. S. O. G. No. 1,410.	Yes ..	None ..	Probable cause, sparks from engine.
8th ..	9.30 A.M. from Arcotum.	104	J. Leggett.	At 14th mile, 2nd telegraph post, between the Wundumitash and Cuddalore station.	Do. ..	Do. ..	Do. ..	A small hole burnt in the woodwork under buffer casting.	Empty ..	Coke wagon No. 223.	Not ..	10 minutes.	Probable cause, fire-sparks from engine.
20th ..	9.30 A.M. mixed from Arcotum.	84	C. King.	At 11th mile, 6th telegraph post, between the Cuddalore and Arcotum station.	Do. ..	Do. ..	Do. ..	One corner back of buffer casting slightly burnt.	Do. ..	Po. No. 236.	Do. ..	Do. ..	Do.
20th ..	9.55 P.M. Mail from Arcotum.	6	D. Francis.	On approaching Korgve station.	Do. ..	Do. ..	Do. ..	Side bar singed and one bottom board burnt about 12 inches in length.	None ..	A Great Indian Peninsula Company's mail wagon No. 6,876.	Do. ..	None ..	Do.
20th ..	9.59 A.M. mixed from Arcotum.	104	J. Leggett.	At 10th mile, 11th telegraph post, between the Cuddalore and Arcotum station.	Do. ..	Do. ..	Do. ..	One corner of wagon slightly charred.	Empty ..	H. S. O. G. No. 79.	Do. ..	7 minutes.	Do.
19th ..	A Goods special ..	8	M. Vennar.	At 13th mile, 18th telegraph post, between the Cuddalore and Arcotum station.	Coal ..	Not ..	Ash-pan in Wagon charred and side fastenings burnt.	partially charred and side fastenings burnt.	None ..	Truck No. 1,679.	Not ..	25 minutes.	Supposed cause, fire-sparks from engine.

MADRAS,

23rd October 1876.

(Signed) C. J. SMITH, Major, R.E.,
for Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 23rd October 1876.

No. 507

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

To

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

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Your most obedient servant

W. Smith Major (R.R.)

for Genl. Engineer for Railways.

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with accounts of the
series of accidents
by the passenger
train 30 Sept 76.

C. E. for Rep. ✓ Dated 8/11/76

From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

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

Dated 23rd Oct. 1876.
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