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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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Dated	4	3	1876

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th March 1876.*

No. 51. 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, 28th February 1876, No. 110 :—

In compliance with the instructions contained in the Order of Government, dated the 6th October 1875, No. 2,864, I have the honor to submit two letters* from the Magistrate of Bellary.

* No. 735, dated 11th December 1875.
" 132, " 22nd February 1876.

2. With the first of these letters was forwarded a copy of the Proceedings of the Joint Magistrate of Bellary, when trying the two men who were charged with having placed the truck upon the rails on the 17th March. Mr. Master explained that the Joint Magistrate omitted to furnish him with a copy of the preliminary inquiry into the case, and that he never even heard of the occurrence until he received the order of Government quoted above. He stated that the inquiry had not, in his opinion, been at all satisfactory, and that he had ordered a further inquiry to be made.

3. With his second letter Mr. Master forwards a copy of a letter from the Joint Magistrate, and states that there is now apparently no possibility of discovering the offenders. He considers the inquiry into this case to have been unsatisfactory from the commencement; and explains that he has made arrangements by which, for the future, he will be himself informed of all accidents which occur upon the railway.

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No. 52.

ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1876, No. 588.

RAILWAY, No. 7.

COMMUNICATED to the Judicial Department in continuation of G.O., No. 2,864, dated 6th October 1875.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Judicial Department, with Enclosures.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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From:

The Consulting Engineer
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(H.E. No 110 of 28th Feb. 1876.)

Communicated to the
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 No 2864, dated 6th October
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Accident near the village
of Napanoo on the 17th
March 1875, Madras P.W.
Letter from the Eng. Insp. for
P.Ws. submitting with re-
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the Magistrate of Bellary
regarding the — Communi-
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