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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23th March 1876.*

No. 439. 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, 18th March 1876, No. 145 :—

I HAVE the honor to submit the enclosed from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, reporting that two attempts were made on the 20th January 1876 to throw trains off the line by placing obstructions upon the rails.

2. At 301st mile 13th telegraph post, North-West Line, between the Auspree and Adoni stations, a tool-box and an iron pot-sleeper were placed during the night upon the rails; but the obstructions were discovered and removed by the line watchman before the 5-30 A.M. train from Adoni had passed. It is supposed that the articles were taken from a platelayer's hut near by.

3. The Magistrate of the district, who happened to be on circuit at the time, personally held an inquiry into the matter, which resulted, as will be seen from the accompanying letter* from Mr. Master's, in the conviction of two men who were sentenced by him to five years' rigorous imprisonment each.

4. The papers connected with the accident, referred to in paragraph 5 of the Chief Engineer's letter, are printed in the Order of Government, No. 2,864, dated 6th October 1875.

5. The second attempt was made at 204th mile 11th telegraph post, South-West Line, between the Salem and Shevaroy Hill stations. Four inverted chairs were placed at night upon the rails, each at a joint on the outer edge of a curve; but they were discovered and removed by the line watchman before the 6-40 A.M. from Erode had passed. It is probable that the chairs were taken from the Salem station yard.

6. I learn from the Agent that the nearest village to the spot where the chairs were placed is Neerengeepetty, and that the person or persons who placed them on the line have not been discovered as yet.

From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Magistrate of Bellary, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Camp at Alur, 22nd February 1876, No. 131.

You have doubtless been informed by the Railway authorities of the attempt, which was made by certain persons on the 20th ultimo, to injure the morning train from Adoni, by placing obstructions, a tool-box and a pot-sleeper, on the rails near the village of Nagarur, a place already of evil repute with regard to such offences.

2. I have the honor to inform you that being on circuit in the taluq of Adoni myself, I proceeded to the village and made an inquiry into the case. The Police had shown energy in the matter, and had arrested two men said to have been implicated.

3. They were committed by me to take their trial in the Court of Session at Bellary, and the result of their trial in that Court is a conviction under Section XXV of Act XVIII of 1854, and a sentence upon each of five years' rigorous imprisonment.

From W. R. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Chief Engineer, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 24th January 1876, No. 74.

I REGRET to have to report that two attempts to throw trains off the line were made on the 20th instant.

Your Charges were placed on the 11th inst.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd March 1876.

2. Mr. Wilkinson, Resident Engineer, 3rd Division, North-West Line, in a letter, dated the 21st instant, informs me that some persons placed a tool-box and a pot-sleeper on the line near Nagarur village, at 301st mile 13th telegraph post, (main line) during the night of Wednesday or early Thursday morning 20th instant.

3. The line watchman, however, discovered and removed the obstructions before the passage of the 5-30 A.M. train from Adoni.

4. The case has been reported to the Superintendent of Police, who is now in the district.

5. Nagarur is the village near which the trolley was placed on the line in March 1875. See Acting Chief Engineer's letter, No. 233, of 22nd March.

6. Mr. Harding, Resident Engineer, 3rd Division, South-West Line, reports that four chairs were placed on the rails at 204th mile 11th telegraph post, each at a joint, and on the outer edge of the curve, and were inverted but not keyed, there being no keys lying about. They were discovered and removed by the watchman just before the passage of the 6-40 A.M. train.

7. Prosecuting Inspector Collins has been instructed to take up the case and try and discover the offenders.

No. 86.

For the information of the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

MADRAS,
26th January 1876.

(Signed) J. W. MELLIS,
for Agent and Manager.

No. 440.

ORDER THEREON, 28th March 1876, No. 781.

RAILWAY, No. 42.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council must express his satisfaction at the energy shown by the Police and the prompt personal

action taken by the Magistrate of Bellary in connection with the attempt to obstruct the line between the Auspree and Adoni stations of the Madras Railway on the 20th January last.

2. The result has been the conviction and rigorous punishment of the offenders. His Grace in Council trusts that the inquiry into the similar case near Salem will not be lightly abandoned. The facts seem to point to persons connected with the works either now or at some former period.

3. In both cases it is satisfactory to find that the watchmen detected the obstruction.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Judicial Department.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

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Madras Railway Company,
Chief Engineer's Office
Madras 24th Jan'y 1876.

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Yours faithfully
W. A. Robinson
City Chief Engineer.

True Copy

J. H. Nelson
for the Agent & Manager.

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For the information of the Consulting
Engineer for Railways.

Madras
26th Jan'y 1876.

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MADRAS RAILWAY
From
The Agent and Manager.
To
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.
Dated
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Referring that two
attempts were made
to throw train off
the line on the 20th
inst.

Dated 26 January 1876
Recd. 27 inst. No. 16.

MADRAS RAILWAY.
From The Agent and Manager.
To The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 18th March 1876.

No. 1435

From

LIEUT.-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,

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

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4. The papers connected
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paragraph 5 of the Chief Supt's
letter are printed in the order
of

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of Government No 2864 dated 6 October 1876
5. The second attempt was
made at 20 1/2 mile South West line,
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Your most obedient Servant

Maunthony S. J. P. R.

Consulting Engineer for Ryas

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ON 1876 Sept 14

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT
From
No 20478

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

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

Dated 14th March 1876.
Recd 20th March 1876.

No. 145
Circular
Reprinting

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break off the

line on night of

23 January 1876.

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23-3-76

No 781 Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 28th March 1876.

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The Commr. Eng. for Rail.

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G. O. 28th March 1876, No.

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Ankree & Adoni Madras
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