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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th April 1877. No. 1,349.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 469. Proceedings of the Madras Government, in the Revenue Department, dated 24th March 1877, No. 1,225.

Miscellaneous.

THE attention of the Consulting Engineer for Railways is called to the statements contained in the *Athenæum* and *Daily News* newspaper of the 22nd instant regarding the state of the cholera shed at Jollarpett and the absence of any medical assistance there. He is requested to report if there is any foundation for the statements advanced, and if so, who is responsible for the state of affairs described.

2. A copy of the newspaper is enclosed for reference.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

No. 469-A. Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 9th April 1877, No. 216:—

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 April 1877, No. 571.

I HAVE the honor to inform you in reply to your letter of this date, No. 527,

* Copy returned herewith.

that my attention had been drawn to the paragraph* which appeared in the

Athenæum and *Daily News* of the 22nd ultimo, and I wrote on that date to the Traffic Manager and to the Consulting Physician on the subject.

2. I enclose for your information copies of their replies to my letters.

From W. ELDER, Esq., Consulting Physician, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Royapooram, 26th March 1877, No. 67.

ADVERTING to your letter No. 1,179, of the 22nd instant, I beg to forward for your information letters* from our Apothecary at Jollarpett

* Sent in original (to be returned).

relative to the statement which appeared in the

Athenæum and *Daily News* of 22nd March, to the effect that recently cholera patients who had alighted at that station were not attended to, and that the carriages in which the sick travelled were not disinfected.

2. You will observe from the enclosures that there is no truth in the charges. There have been no cases of cholera among passengers at Jollarpett Station since December last, and the "virulent type" of cholera which has broken out among the Locomotive staff, and which the correspondent to the *Athenæum* and *Daily News* considers to be so very alarming, has confined its ravages to eight persons, four of whom have recovered.

3. It will be further observed that our Apothecary does not neglect his duty, and that he takes every interest in the sick who come under his care.

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20th April 1877. No. 1,349.*

From A. W. DARKE, Esq., Acting Deputy Traffic Manager, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent
and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 29th March 1877,
No. C 97,549
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Cholera at Jollarett.

With reference to your No. 1,180, dated 22nd March, I beg to say that Mr. Craik informs
me as follows:—
“No cases of cholera have occurred this year among passengers alighting at Jollarett.”

Note on the arrangements for the treatment of Cholera at Jollarett Station.

THERE appears to be no truth whatever, so far as I can learn, in the statement
contained in the *Athenæum* and *Daily News* of the 22nd ultimo, regarding the
absence of medical aid to passengers suffering from cholera at Jollarett. It may
perhaps be a sufficient refutation to say that no case of cholera among passengers has
occurred at this station since December last. A few cases have occurred among the
Railway employés, some of whom were removed to the cholera shed, which has
however not been occupied for about three weeks.

2. The shed which has been built by the Revenue authorities (apparently with-
out consultation with the Railway staff) appears to be farther from the station than
is necessary on sanitary grounds, if we may judge by the proximity of the camp in the
General Hospital compound at Madras. The site selected is about half a mile to the
west of the station-house, and three-quarters of a mile from the residence of the
Apothecary, who lives near the other end of the yard. Passengers have thus to be
taken half a mile, and the attendance on patients, if they were numerous, would be a
heavy tax on the Apothecary, owing to the long distance from his quarters. I am
informed that, owing to the remote situation of the shed, it is very difficult to prevail
on the attendants to remain there during the night, and all the staff whom I consulted
seem to be of opinion that it would be more convenient if the shed were placed opposite
the station-house, or a little to the east, at a safe distance from the line. There is a
high bank which would screen it from observation, and as no houses are built on that
side danger from infection would probably be avoided.

3. A few cases have recently occurred in the Locomotive parcherry at the east
end of the station yard, and difficulty is experienced in removing these patients to the
shed. Their relatives refuse to accompany them, and the sweepers who are the only
attendants at the disposal of the Apothecary are afraid to remain in the shed at
night. I would suggest that the location of the shed be referred for the opinion
of the Company's Consulting Physician.

4. I think it right to state, in justice to Apothecary Mr. Koy, that from a
personal inspection of the whole of the yard I consider its condition to be creditable
to him.

(Signed) W. H. COAKER, Captain, R.E.,
Dy. Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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

MADRAS,
9th April 1877.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th April 1877. No. 1,349.*

SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government, with reference to their Proceed-
ings in the Revenue Department, under date the 24th March 1877, No. 1,225.

2. The Jollarett station was inspected by Captain Coaker on the 6th instant.
Attention is drawn to the inconvenient location of the cholera shed.

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

No. 470.

ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1877, No. 1,349.

RAILWAY, No. 66.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council
considers the result of the inquiry to be
fairly satisfactory, with the exception of
two points, viz., attendance upon patients and supply of food, &c., to them. Difficulty
is apparently experienced in making the toties do their duty at the cholera shed; and
the Apothecary appears to have had to feed some patients from his own pocket.

2. The attention of the Agent will be drawn to these points, and he will be asked
to state whether assistance is desired from Government. As there is no Civil station
in the neighbourhood of Jollarett, it is desirable that the cholera shed should be
supervised by the Railway Apothecary.

3. With regard to the location of the shed, it is observed that it was erected in
July 1876 by the Collector of Salem, at the instance of the Railway officials. As
the site chosen is represented to be inconvenient, the Collector will be asked to arrange,
in communication with the Railway officials, for the removal of the shed to a more
convenient site.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Revenue Department.

Erd. S. T. Austin.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th March 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 794.

Dated 24th March 1877, No. 1,225.

Miscellaneous.

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Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Ed. A. F. Goodall

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Madras Railway
Traffic Manager's Office
Madras, March 29th 1907

The Agent and Manager,
Madras Railway Company,
Royapuram.

Dear Sir,
Cholera at Sollarpett.

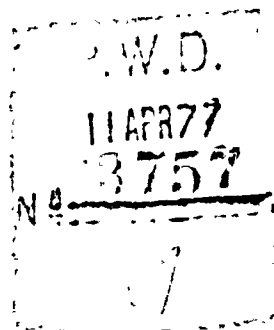
With reference to your No. 1180 date
22nd March. I beg to say that Mr. Craik
informs me as follows.
No cases of Cholera have
occurred this year among passengers
alighting at Sollarpett.

Yours,
/ Sd/- P. W. Darke.
Actg. Dy. Traffic Manager.

/ True copy /

J. H. Leckie
Agent & Manager.

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(signed) W. H. Coaker Cap. R.E.
Dy. Comd. Eng. for R.E.

(True copy)

Madras,
9 April 1877 }

Munthow
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Comd. Eng. for R.E.

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No. 571

MADRAS

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

H. H. Brown

Agent & Manager

Cholera, of a virulent type, has broken out here, and many cases of it have occurred in trains coming into the station. The rules of the Railway, I am told, provide for the disinfection of carriages in which such may occur, but this, I believe, is not done. The Company must, by the neglect of these precautions, lay themselves open to serious liability. A shed, designated the cholera shed, has been built a few yards from the station, and into this the passengers attacked are sent, where, without attendance or medical aid, they are left to lie and end their existence. Can any thing be more cruel than this? A man, I will suppose, hundreds of miles away from home and kindred, and with the joyous expectation of being there before long is suddenly attacked with this dreadful plague. He is removed to the fatal shed, and no one sees him until some time afterwards, when through neglect and exhaustion, he has succumbed to the attack. Can anything be more inhuman? Government ought at once to make a strict enquiry into this, and have the patients who are taken into this place properly attended to and cared for, or it will ever remain a blot on their administration.

After having looked threatening for some

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The Agent and Manager.
To
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.
Indulgent
Recd.
6.3 April 1877
No. 571.
Regarding cholera
at Colanpet

Madras Railway Company
Consulting Physicians Office
Rajagopalram, 26th March 1877

N. 67

To
The Agent and Manager
Madras Railway Company

Dear Sir,

In answer to your letter N. 1179 of
the 22nd inst. I beg to forward for your
perusal information in this form sur. No. 1179 at Colanpet
regarding cholera at the station which I heard in the
labour return. The 22nd March
the 22nd March and Daily news of 22nd March
to the effect that recently cholera patients
who had visited at that station were not
allowed to enter the carriages in which
the sick travellers were not permitted.

Now will observe from the enclosed
that there is no fault in the charges. There
was seen no case of cholera among passengers
at Colanpet station since December last
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It will be further observed that
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come under his care.

Yours faithfully
H. R. L. L. L.
Agent and Manager

For
J. G. M. J. G. M.
Consulting Physician
Madras Railway Co.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Railway Branch.

Consulting Engineer's Office,
Madras, 9th April 1877.

Letter from Agent Madras Railway
No 571 - 5 April 1877 with enclosure.

Note by Deputy Consulting Engineer
dated 9 April 1877
No. 246

SUBMITTED

for the consideration of Government with
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W. M. M. M.
L. J. P. R.

For Engineer's Office

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No 1349 Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

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