

# Public Works (1890) Department.

## RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 801 Ry.

DATED 9<sup>th</sup> June

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Trees on the Madras Railway lines.—Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways submitting letters from the agent & manager, proposing to cut down the —, recorded.

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5,000-14-11-85

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

MADRAS, 8<sup>th</sup> May 1889.

From

The Agent and Manager,  
M. R. Co.

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The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

I have the honour to quote for your information an extract from a letter from the Chief Engineer respecting the effects of a storm, which passed over the line between Hamamardun and Hadgadi stations on the 5<sup>th</sup> instant.

"At  $\frac{17}{2}$  miles a tree fell close to the line and damaged the door of a third class carriage on the 8 P.M. train. The line was cleared before the 10 A.M. train was due.

"At 202<sup>nd</sup> mile the 2-25 P.M. train from  
Rangaloo City was stopped by a number of branches  
of trees which fell on the line. This train was delay-  
ed about 40 minutes while the line was being  
cleared".

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient Servt.

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all intertwined  
with a great  
number of small  
branches and  
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To  
From

MADRAS RAILWAY.

The Agent and Manager.

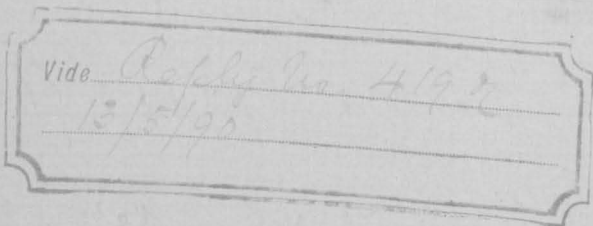
The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 1890  
Recd. 9<sup>th</sup> 1890

No. 513

Regarding the  
effects of a storm which  
passed the line between  
Samaranthuram &  
Kadugai Station -



(No. 138)  
No. 540

MADRAS RAILWAY.

5,000-14-11-85.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

MADRAS, 15<sup>th</sup> May 1890

From

The Agent and Manager.  
M.R.C.

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

Your No. 419 dated 13<sup>th</sup> May inst.

I have the honour to inform you that your surmise as to the ownership of the trees alluded to in your letter above quoted is correct. They are the property of the Railway Company, and it is proposed to fell the whole of them for use as Loco-motive fuel. It is also in contemplation to plant young trees

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trees as fast as the old ones  
are felled so as to maintain  
the plantation which may  
eventually become a valuable  
property to the Company.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient Servant

Wm. Smith  
Ag Agent and Manager



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From

MADRAS RAILWAY.

The Agent and Manager.

To  
The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 1890

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As to the cause -  
Ship & discharge of  
trees between Kanna-  
damm & Annamalai.

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No. 587

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

MADRAS, 30<sup>th</sup> May 1890

From

The Agent and Manager.  
M.R.C.

To

SIR,

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

I have the honour to forward for your information the following report by the driver of the mail train Bangalore to Madras of the 27<sup>th</sup> instant.

I beg to state that on the said date while working the above train between Amboor and Vaniyambadi stations the branches and leaves of a tree on the left side of the line grazed against the left side stanchions of my engine, but did no damage. So

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I have the honor  
to forward for your information  
the following report by the  
of the Street & Water Department  
of the City of New York.  
It is stated that in the  
last date while working the  
tunnel between Chambers and  
Broadway, the  
the lower of a line on the left  
side of the tunnel was  
the left side of the tunnel  
the right side of the tunnel.

I sent information of the same  
to the P.W. Inspector to have the  
tree removed. I observed a dark  
object on the line some distance  
to the  $\frac{90}{8}$  mile and warned my  
two firemen (who were firing  
at the time) to be cautious. Just  
as the firemen and I got on to  
the centre of the engine, and were  
in action of shutting off the  
Regulator, reversing lever, and  
putting on brakes, the engine came  
in contact with a large tree fallen  
on the line and the train came  
to a stop within three or four  
telegraph posts distance; I next  
proceeded to ascertain the damage,  
which are as follows:- viz

- bow Catcher (3' bar) — bent
- Smoke box handle — bent
- Handle rail in front } bent  
of smoke box.

Head Lamp with bracket - smashed  
 Special Lamp - do  
 L. side safety valves spring } - broken  
 balance screw.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Brake Van glass shutter - smashed  
 3 carriages sun shades - damaged.

Passengers all safe,  
 no damage to P.W. There was  
 a detention of 20 minutes caused  
 owing to the above, I arrived at  
 Madras 10 minutes late and  
 pulled up the other 10 minutes.  
 I must here note that Mr  
 Reynolds the Prosecuting Inspector  
 gave great assistance."

With a view to prevent  
 the probability of a repetition of  
 a similar accident the Chief Engineer  
 has been asked to cause an  
 examination to be made through-  
 out the line and to at once  
 stop

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer  
 for Railways.

Dated

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lop or fell any trees which may  
be considered too close for safety.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant  
*W. B. ...*  
Agent & Manager

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

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To

From

MADRAS RAILWAY.

The Agent and Manager.

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 1890

Recd.

No.

587

Report by an accident  
to the main train on  
the 29<sup>th</sup> instant

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(No. II.)  
No. 151  
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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS OFFICE,

Madras, 31<sup>st</sup> May 1890.

From

The Ag. Agent and Manager, M.R. Coy.

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

Your letter No. 490 dated 30<sup>th</sup> May/90

From the concluding para. of  
this office letter N. 151/587 of 30<sup>th</sup> instant  
which seems to have crossed your letter  
quoted above, it will be seen that your  
suggestion for the prevention of future  
accidents of a similar nature to the  
one which occurred at 9<sup>0</sup>/<sub>8</sub> has already  
been anticipated.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedt. Servant.

M. R. Coy.

Ag. Agent and Manager.

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From  
MADRAS RAILWAY.  
To  
The Agent and Manager.  
The Consulting Engineer  
for Railways.  
Dated 31<sup>st</sup> Decy 1890.  
Recd. 26.99  
No. 591.  
As to suggestion  
for the preservation  
of future accidents

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Form No. 1.

OFFICE OF CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Madras, 5<sup>th</sup> June 1890.

Letter from the Agent and Manager, Madras  
Railway, No.  $\frac{138}{573}$ , dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 1890.

— Do — No.  $\frac{138}{540}$ , " 15<sup>th</sup> — Do —  
— Do — No.  $\frac{151}{587}$ , " 30<sup>th</sup> — Do —  
— Do — No.  $\frac{2151}{591}$ , " 31<sup>st</sup> — Do —

No. 388.

Government.

SUBMITTED. for the information of  
Government.

2. The Agent and Manager,  
Madras Railway, has been  
called upon to make a  
careful inspection of the  
whole system with a  
view to the removal of  
all trees which by  
reason of their proximity  
to the line would be a  
source of danger in the  
event of their being blown  
across it.

3. On receipt of this report  
the Revenue and Forest  
Departments will be  
addressed with regard  
to such trees as may  
come under their juris-  
diction.

Sidney Smith  
Major,

Offg. Comd. U.S. Army.

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B. No. 801 R 27 June/90.

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for R

P.W.C. No. 5263.

From

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER  
FOR RAILWAYS,  
MADRAS.

No. 388

Dated

Received

5th

June 1890

No. of ENCLOSURES. four.

Subject.

Submitting for the information  
of Govt. letter from the Chief and Manager,  
M.D. Dy. reporting fall of trees across the railway.

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No. 801 R 27 June/90.

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