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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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**Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
3rd February 1870.**

No. 16. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 11th January 1870, No. 14.

Railway Department.

Referring to the Order of Government, dated the 13th December 1869, No. 3004, I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to lay before His Excellency in Council the accompanying letter* from the Agent of the Madras Railway Company, from which it seems clear that the statements made by the Civil Surgeon of Coimbatore are not fully borne out by facts.

2. The death, from whatever cause, of a passenger in a Railway carriage is regularly reported to this office.

3. The rules drawn up by the Consulting Physician show that the views expressed by Government with regard to the disinfection of carriages are carried out.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 10th January 1870, No. 14.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 19th ultimo, No. 643, which gave cover to Order of Government, No. 3004, of the 13th December, having reference to the alleged neglect on the part of the Railway authorities to detach and disinfect at Salem a carriage which had conveyed a passenger suffering with cholera, I have the honour to solicit your attention and through you that of the Government to the enclosed copy of a report* from the Traffic Manager, which tends to show that the officers of the Railway were not informed that a corpse was taken out of the train at Salem, nor was any intimation conveyed to them that a passenger had been attacked with cholera in the train.

2. Adverting to the concluding paragraph of Mr. Church's report, I beg to enclose a copy of the rules issued by the Acting Consulting Physician in June last, for the guidance of Apothecaries during the prevalence of epidemic cholera, &c., &c., and with regard to the disinfection of carriages, rooms, &c., &c.

From H. E. CHURCH, Esq., Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 9th January 1870, No. B.C.

Consulting Engineer's letter, No. 643, dated 19th ultimo.

2. Very careful inquiries have been instituted with reference to the report made by the Civil Surgeon of Coimbatore to the Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department, and I am credibly informed that no corpse was taken out of the train at Salem, nor was any intimation conveyed to any of the Company's servants at that station that a passenger had been attacked with cholera. It is quite possible that a passenger was so attacked, and that he alighted at Salem and died there, but I am satisfied that no mention of the state of the passenger was made to any of the Company's servants, or the carriage would have been detached and disinfected. For the same reason it is possible that the carriage was only swept out at Coimbatore in the usual manner, but it is not likely that the carriage was sent further west, inasmuch as a third-class passenger going from Madras to Salem must necessarily travel by the 7 a.m. train, which does not run further than Coimbatore.

2. Very stringent orders have long since been issued by the Consulting Physician to Apothecaries, with reference to the disinfection of carriages, and a printed copy of that officer's instructions received on 21st ultimo is now being embodied in a Circular to Station Masters for guidance.

**Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
2nd February 1870.**

Transferred to the Public Department with reference to the Order in that Department, No. 1640, of the 2nd December 1869.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
13th January 1870.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R.E.,
Surg. to Govt., P. W. D.

No. 17. **Open Trench, 2nd February 1870, No. 133.**

Communicated to the Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department, with reference to G. O., 2nd December 1869, No. 1640.

(True Extract.)

WIT
J. N. L. H.
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department.
" Sanitary Commissioner.

Office of HISTORIC RECORDS.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE
INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
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David February, 3rd

And.

G O. 3rd February

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 16-17.

Communicating papers in connection with the
alleged omission on the part of the Railway Com-
pany to have had disinfected a third class carriage
in which a passenger was mixed with cholera and
died.

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CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Railway Department.

No. 14.

From

Major J. H. M. Shaw M.C.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

To

Colonel C. A. Brown M.C.

Secretary to Government.

Public Works Department.

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

Referring to the order
of Government dated the 20th December
1894, P. 8906, I have the honor
to request that you will be so good
as to lay before His Excellency
in Council the accompanying
letter from the Agent of the
Madras Railway Company from
which it appears that the
statements made by the Civil
Engineer of Coimbatore are not

MS. 11. 10. 1894
with 2 enclosures

Yours truly

fully borne out by facts.

2 The death, from whatever cause, of a passenger in a sailing vessel is regularly reported to this Office.

3 The rules drawn up by the Consulting Physician show that the views expressed by Government with respect to the disinfection of vessels are carried out.

Headquarters of the Board of Health
11, Cannon Street, London E.C. 4
1871

Yours obedient Servant
John Lubbock

Govt. of (1869) Madras.

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... a third class
... all passengers
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Madras Railway
Traffic Manager's Office
Madras 8th January 1870

Dear Sir

Respecting Engomere letter of 12th inst. 1870
Very careful enquiries have been instituted
with reference to the subject matter of the letter
of 12th inst. to the effect that a general of the Madras
Artillery & Cavalry and some other officers
that no corpse was taken out of the train at Salem,
nor was any information conveyed to any of the
Company's servants at that station that a Rifleman
had been attached with the train. It is quite
possible that a Rifleman was so attached, and
that he might be at Salem and died there, but
I am satisfied that no mention of the death of the
Rifleman was made to any of the Company's servants,
as the Carriage would have been detached and
discarded. For the same reason it is possible
that the Carriage was only swept out at
Salem in the usual manner, but it is
not likely that the Carriage was sent further
west, inasmuch as a Third Class Rifleman
going from Salem to Salem must necessarily
be carried by the train from which it does not
~~the train from Salem~~

Very stringent orders have long
since been issued by the Consulting Engineer
to the Carriage men, with reference to the disposal
of Carriages and a printed copy of that order

is enclosed

instructions received on 20th 4th line is now being
embodied in a Circular to Station Masters for
guidance.

Yours faithfully
Signed J. H. (Lynch)
in type & language

The Agent & Manager
Madras Railway

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H. J. R. L. L. L.
Agent & Manager

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS OFFICE

Madras, 16th January 1890

From

D. B. Chinnay

Agent and Manager of the line

to Messrs. J. H. & Co. Engineers

Consulting Engineers for Railways.

In acknowledging the
Receipt of your letter of the 18th ultimo
No 114, which gave notice to Order of
~~Discontinuation of the line to the District~~
Having reference to the alleged neglect
on the part of the Railway authorities
to detect and discontinue at Salem a
passenger which had damaged a passenger
suffering with cholera. I have the
honour to direct your attention and
through you that of the Government
to the Commission of a Report
The Messrs. J. H. & Co. which finds
show that the Officers of the Railway
were not informed that a passenger
was taken out of the train at Salem
nor was any information conveyed to
them that a passenger had been
injured

attacked with Cholera in the train

2. Alluding to the concluding paragraph of Mr. Church's report, that he incloses a copy of the rules issued by the Acting Consulting Physician in June last for the guidance of Apothecaries during the prevalence of Epidemic Cholera, &c., and with regard to the disinfection of carriages, rooms, &c.

I have the honor to be,

~~Very truly yours,~~

Wm. J. H. M.
Agent and Manager

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MADEAS RAILWAY

From

The Agent and Manager

To

The Secretary, Bangalore

For the record

Mr. [unclear],

Date: 10th January 1907
And 11th [unclear]

Enclosed are attached to
an enclosed copy of a letter
from the [unclear] Manager.
There is reference to the
alleged neglect in the
part of the [unclear] [unclear]
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In Feb. 1907