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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
5th November 1870.*

No. 35. Read the following letter from the Postmaster-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 28th October 1870, No. 3672-2669:—

With reference to the Order of Government in the Public Department, No. 1301, dated 15th instant, I have the honour to subjoin, for the information of Government, copy of a letter from the Postmaster of Madras, explaining the circumstances attending the accident to which that Order relates.

No. 857, dated 8th October 1870.

2. The orders given to the drivers of the Post Office carts are to drive at seven miles an hour in the suburbs and at six miles an hour in Black Town.

3. As the carts leave the General Post Office and return to it punctually at fixed hours, it is scarcely possible that this speed can be exceeded without its being observed, and I have no reason to think that it ever is exceeded.

4. The drivers have been warned to use the utmost care ; but I do not think it necessary (unless it is the wish of Government that I should do so) to make any change in the speed.

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From the Postmaster, Madras, to the Postmaster-General, Madras, dated 8th October 1870, No. 857.

I have the honour to report that, on the 1st instant, a man was knocked down by one of the mail cart horses when passing through a street of the town with the mail, and the wheel of the cart passed over him ; he was taken to the General Hospital, where he subsequently died. A Coroner's inquest has been held, and, I learn, a verdict of " accidental death " recorded.

2. The street in which the accident occurred is not a small by-road, but one of the main arteries of the town, through which the mails pass at a slower rate than elsewhere. I find from inquiry that a municipal cart was standing on one side of the road, and that, just as the mail cart came abreast of it, deceased (who was an infirm old man, upwards of sixty years of age) came out from behind it immediately in front of the horse's head. I do not impute the slightest blame to the mail cart driver ; it was utterly impossible to have prevented the accident occurring under such circumstances.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1870, No. 1433.

To be recorded.
(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. H. Burne

POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
MADRAS, 28th Oct 1870.

From

Lieut. Col. A. L. Pears
Postmaster General,

To

The Honble R. S. Ellis Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

With reference to the Order of Government in the Public Department No 1301 dated 15 instant, I have the honor to subjoin for the information of Government *N. 857 of 28 Oct 70* copy of a letter from the Postmaster of Madras, explaining the circumstances attending the accident to which that Order relates.

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Dated November, 5th.

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G. O., 5th November 1870, No. 1433.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 35-36.

Recording letter from the Postmaster-General forwarding copy of a communication from the Postmaster, Madras, explaining the circumstances attending the accident to which is referred on the 1st volume by the whole of the carts passing over a high of an old m.

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4 The drivers have been warned to use the utmost care. But I do not think it necessary, (unless it is the wish of Government that I should do so) to make any change in the speed.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
M^{rs}
Postmaster General.

From

The Postmaster Madras,
To The Postmaster General Madras

No. 87 dated 8 October 1870

Sir,

I have the honor to report that on the 7th instant, a man was knocked down by

one of the mail cart horses when passing this a street of the Town with the Mail, and the wheel of the cart passed over him - he was taken to the General Hospital where he subsequently died. A coroner's inquest has been held and I hear a verdict of accidental death recorded.

The street in which the accident occurred is not a small by-road but one of the main arteries of the town, through which the Mails pass at a slower rate than elsewhere. I find from enquiry that a Municipal Cart was standing on one side of the road, & that just as the Mail Cart came abreast of it, deceased (who was an infirm old man upwards of 60 years of age) came out from behind it immediately in front of the horses head. I do not impute the slightest blame to the Mail Cart driver. it was utterly impossible to have prevented the accident occurring, under such circumstances.

(True Copy,

M^{rs}

I am &c
(Sd/ M^{rs} Percy
Postmaster

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Govt. of Madras.

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Dated Nov^r 5.

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Nos. 35. 36.

Recording letter from the
Postmaster Genl. forwarding
Copy of a Communication from
the Postmaster Madras, ex-
plaining the circumstances
attending the accident which
occurred on the 1st ultimo, by
the Mail Cart passing over the
body of an old man.

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Public

Department

From

The Postmaster General,

Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Department,

Fort Saint George,

No. 1864

No. 36921

Dated

28 October 1870

Received

Answered

Subject

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