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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1350 Press Mis.

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No. 180. Read the following :—

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent, Great Southern of India Railway, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 9th May 1871, No. 4008.

I have the honour to state, in reply to your Memorandum, No. 138, of the 6th instant, that only two Apothecaries are employed upon this line ; one having charge between Negapatam and Trichinopoly, the other between Trichinopoly and Erode.

2. It is part of the recognised duties of these Apothecaries to give attention, until relieved, to cases of sudden illness to passengers which occur at any station where they (the Apothecaries) at the time happen to be.

3. The head-quarters of one Apothecary are at Trichinopoly and of the other at Negapatam, at both of which places the railway stations form part of the town, and Civil Dispensaries are close at hand.

4. These two Apothecaries have to take charge of all cases of illness to Company's servants employed at road-side stations within their respective districts, and it must be their first duty to give attention to such cases. It will be seen, therefore, that they cannot undertake at Trichinopoly and at Negapatam (as might be done by an Apothecary who has charge of one station only) the treatment of cases of illness to passengers, especially in cholera cases, which require constant watching and attendance. In both these towns, as before stated, medical assistance is available and Dispensaries are close at hand.

5. The Company employs several Europeans at Negapatam and at Trichinopoly, and many of these servants, with their wives and children, reside in the station compounds. It would be exposing these people to a needless risk to bring so near to them cholera patients for treatment.

6. You are aware that our Consulting Physician has protested against the admission of infectious diseases into a place of such public resort as the compound of a railway station, and also that the Company has no legal power to detain a passenger suffering from illness. The Government of India has this question now under consideration with a view of legislating thereon.

From B. ANDERSON, Esq., Acting Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 11th May 1871, No. 291.

I have the honour to observe, with reference to your endorsement, No. 287, upon G. O., No. 540, of the 26th ultimo, that the Company's Apothecaries have always understood* that it is their duty to give medical aid to any traveller by the railway who may be attacked by cholera or any other sudden illness.

* *Vide* page 44 of the General Instructions in the Working Time Book.

2. With respect to the provision of huts for cholera patients, I infer that your request is that they should be built inside the station compounds at the expense of

the Company. I am not, however, prepared to agree to such an arrangement, as in my opinion, and in that of the Consulting Physician,† it would be attended with the greatest risk to the health and lives of the Company's servants.

† *Vide* enclosed copy of his letter, No. 126, of the 11th instant.

3. I entirely agree with the Sanitary Commissioner in thinking that cholera-sheds should be provided, but in my opinion they should be erected *outside* the station compounds, where the patients could be attended to by the Railway Apothecaries until relieved by a Hospital Assistant or Government Apothecary, the expense of erecting and maintaining the buildings being borne by the Government.

4. The order does not authorize the refund to the Railway Apothecaries of the expenses to which they may be put by furnishing cholera patients with "absolute necessaries" in the way of food and drink, in the manner recommended by Mr. Cornish, in paragraph 6 of his letter to the Chief Secretary.

5. Upon this authority being communicated to me, I shall be happy to arrange with our Apothecaries that they shall supply food, &c., in the manner suggested.

From W. J. VANSOMEREN, Esq., M.D., Consulting Physician, Madras Railway Company, to the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, dated Royapooram, 11th May 1871, No. 126.

There are but three points in the accompanying Proceedings of Government which demand any observations from me :—

1*st.*—The site of the cholera-shed proposed by the Sanitary Commissioner. This shed, I submit, should be erected *outside* the station boundary and in the direction from which the wind least frequently blows. To introduce a focus of contagion into our station premises would be to risk the lives of the Company's servants.

2*nd.*—The Apothecaries of the Company are bound to attend to any cases of illness among railway passengers while these are within railway limits ; and, when the proposed sheds are erected, they will do so even without those limits in cases of cholera, until relieved by a Hospital Assistant or Apothecary from the nearest station.

3*rd.*—The Order of Government does not make any provision for reimbursing Railway Apothecaries the expenses to which they may be put by furnishing cholera patients with "absolute necessaries" in the way of food and drink, recommended by the Sanitary Commissioner. Until such provision is made, as Mr. Cornish suggests in the 6th paragraph of his letter to the Chief Secretary to Government, I fear the Apothecaries will be unable to meet the expenses in question.

No. 219.

Submitted to Government, with reference to G. O., No. 26, of the 5th May 1871.

2. The Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway points out that he has only two Apothecaries, whose head-quarters are at Trichinopoly and Negapatam ; while at these stations other medical assistance is available.

3. As regards the objection of the Agent of the Madras Railway to a hut for cholera patients being within the station compound, I imagine the Sanitary Commissioner only wishes that the hut should be as near as possible to the station, without being inside the railway premises.

Mr. Anderson is of opinion that the hut should be put up and maintained at the expense of the Government, and that definite orders are required for the reimbursement to the Railway Apothecaries for the cost of the absolute necessaries that may be provided by them. It would appear from paragraph 6 of Dr. Cornish's letter that Collectors have funds to meet the latter charge, under a provision for pauper travellers ; but I beg to be favoured with the orders of the Government on both these points.

MADRAS, 16*th May* 1871. (Signed) HEW L. PRENDERGAST, Major, R. E.,
Ag. Consulting Engr. for Railways.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George.

Transferred to the Public Department, with reference to the orders in that Department, dated 26th April 1871, No. 549.

FORT ST. GEORGE, *May* 1871. (Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.

No. 181. ORDER THEREON, 31st August 1871, No. 1359.

The erection of cholera-huts at Negapatam and Trichinopoly seems unnecessary, for, as pointed out, the railway stations at both these places form part of the town, and Civil Dispensaries are close at hand.

2. As suggested by the Consulting Engineer, it is not necessary that cholera huts should be built in disagreeable or dangerous proximity to the houses of the railway employés or to the station or adjacent villages. A site not liable to these objections, and as much isolated from all adjacent habitations as possible, should be selected.

3. The Government are willing to bear the expense of these huts, which should be composed, wherever possible, of bamboo and matting.

4. The Magistrates of districts are authorized to pay, as a contingent charge, the bills submitted by the Railway Apothecaries for absolute necessaries supplied by them to cholera patients.

5. It is to be understood that these huts are required only at such places where medical aid is available, and that travellers attacked with cholera are not to be removed from railway carriages at places where no such aid can be afforded, unless on their own express desire to be moved. It appears to the Government that when a traveller is attacked with cholera and cannot be left at a station where medical aid is available, the carriage in which he is travelling should be cleared of other passengers and placed at the end of the train, and that the sick man should be allowed to occupy the infected carriage, with any friends or persons who may be willing to aid him, until he reaches his destination or some intermediate station where he can receive medical aid.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R. E.,
Under Secretary, P. W. D.,
for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Public Works Department.
,, Magistrate of
,, Acting Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Acting Accountant-General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 31st.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 31st August 1871, *No.* 1350.

AUGUST.
Nos. 180-181.

Passing orders respecting the erection of cholera-sheds at railway stations where medical aid is procurable.

drunk at the time. that he crossed
the line, when the engine went
over his two legs. but does not
know whether the engine was
wilfully or accidentally, driven
over him. The 2nd Class Magistrate's
report dated 27th December was
sent to Mr. Rice, the Division
officer whose initials appear there-
on, with an endorsement of
"Recorded".

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed't Servt.

Alexander
District Magistrate.

19th March 1875. No. 662

Communicated to the Public Works Department with reference to this office letter of the 22nd February 1875. No. 504.

By order &c.
Public Works Department.
19/3/75.

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Ans. 26th Feb. 1875. No. 331

Forwards Report of Fatal Accident on the Madras Railway at the Pothanoor Station.

Submitted for the information of Government.

The Registrar to Government, Judicial Department.

Read &c.

Ordered that no inquest was held & that the Dispensary Hospital Assistant who has taken the Statement from the injured man Bob be examined by the Civil Surgeon.

By order &c.
Public Works Department.
19/3/75.

Ans. 26th Feb. 1875. No. 504.

Recorded and communicated to the Judicial Department with remark that no inquest appears to have been held by the local Magisterial Authorities.

By order &c.
Public Works Department.
19/3/75.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd February 1875.

No. 533. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 2nd February 1875, No. 81 :—

MADRAS RAILWAY.

Report of a fatal Accident on the Madras Railway at the Pothanoor Station.

Collectorate.—Coimbatore. *Railway District, Section, and Mile.*—4th Division, 1st Section, 302nd Mile. *Between what two stations, and name of nearest village.*—At Pothanoor Station. *Whether at a level crossing or not.*—Not at level crossing. *Date of the Accident.*—25th December 1874. *Nature of Accident.*—Both legs severely injured by an engine passing over them. *Circumstances which caused the Accident.*—The individual supposed to be in a state of intoxication. *Nature of assistance afforded.*—Sent to the Coimbatore Civil Dispensary where both legs were amputated. *Name, age, caste, and occupation.*—Bob, 25 years, pariah, Drivers' Bungalow cook. *Gratuity proposed to be given or not, and if so, how much.*—Nil. *Whether reported to the Police Authorities, and Verdict of Inquest (if any).*—Reported to the Police. No inquest held. *Remarks by the Company's Officers.*—Died in Coimbatore Dispensary on the 28th December 1874 at 8-45 P.M.

MADRAS,
1st February 1875.

(Signed) R. B. ELWIN,
Agent and Manager.

Remarks by the Consulting Engineer.—The man was crossing the line at the time of the occurrence, which was about 5 P.M. The cause of death being apparent no inquest appears to have been held.

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

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

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

No. 534. ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1875, No. 504.

RAILWAY, No. 72.

RECORDED and communicated to the Judicial Department with remark that no inquest appears to have been held by the local Magisterial Authorities.

(True Extract,)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
,, Judicial Department.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.
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Judicial Department.

Govt. of [1875] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

for RAILWAYS.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated February 22nd.

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Encl.

G. O. 22nd February 1875, No. 504.

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Communicated to the Director of Public Works for information and such action as may be necessary, with reference to the letter from the Agent, Great Southern of India Railway, dated 9th instant, No. 138 of which a copy is forwarded.

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Any report called for

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 533-534

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Accident (*Madras Railway*).—Report of a fatal accident to a cook at Pothanoor on the 25th December 1874, recorded and communicated to the Judicial Department with remarks.

To the Director of Public Works for information.

Judicial Department 26/2

No. 138

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, May 9th 1874.

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To The acting Consulting Engineer for Railways Madras

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I have the honor to be
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Your most obedt Servant
William Betts
Agent

No. 291.

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

15 17 Madras, 11th May 1876

From

Reverend Anderson Esqre

Agent and Manager. M. R. Co.

To

Major H. L. Prendergast, R.E.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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vide Page 44 the Annual instructions on the working Time Book

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From
The Secy
to Govt
P.W.D.

To
The Offg Consulting Engr
for Railways

Dated 12th May 1876
Read 12 " "
No. 2208/71.

Regarding the duties of the Apothecaries.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Blissfield Anderson
Acting Agent & Manager.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

P. W. 2268/71

Dated 11th May 1871.

Read 12th

No. 291.

Replying with reference to the erection of cholera sheds, and the attention of the Company's Apothecaries on travellers suffering from Cholera or any other sudden illness.

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Yours faithfully
(Sd) W. D. Van Someren, M.D
Consulting Physician.

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Madras 16th May 1871.

I have &c.
Major R.E.
Sg. Lieut. Engr. for Railways

To,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

Public Department, 13 27

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Order thereon.

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or adjacent villages.

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Public Department, Fort St. George, the 16th May 1871.

From

The Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government, Public Department.

No. 219, dated 16th May 1871.

Transmitted to the Public Department with reference to the orders in that Department dated 26th April 1871 No. 549.

Requesting orders on various points regarding the provision of Cholera Huts on the lines of Railway.

Chief Engineer (Offg.) to Govt. Pro. Dept.

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3. The Government are willing to bear the expense of these huts, which should be composed, wherever possible, of bamboo and matting.

} I fear the article will not do. They will always be out of repair.

I think they should be made of [illegible] material, they can easily be repaired or reconstructed

4. The Magistrates of Districts are authorized to pay, as a contingent charge, the Bills submitted by the Railway Apothecaries for absolute necessaries supplied by them to Cholera patients.

I do not see much profit in this clause there is no medical aid. If a person is taken ill on a carriage the C° must convey him to his destination unless he chooses to get out some where

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The P. W. Department
— Board of ——
— Accountant General
— Surgeon General Govt
— Sanitary Commissioner.

They cannot leave him at Godrie unattended & uncared for - whether there is a sick or not. The other passengers have any friend or relation who elects to stay with him should be removed to another carriage - his carriage should be attached to the end of the train & he should be kept from leaving it & mingling with & infecting the passengers & public at the stations. Sheds are only needed at places to the Railway, where Govt. provides & there medical aid is accessible. The sick should be separated & be with the consent of the station. & the R. C°. should keep all

Yours

Jaspee. I don't think we should countenance a too great facility in turning out passengers attacked by cholera or other illness. It is the duty of people to take care of the sick with whom they are casually brought in contact & to incur some danger in doing so. W

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways 3/16 May 1871. No 219.

Order thereon - Botacamund. 31 August 1871. No 1350.

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To Public Works dept.
- Magistrates of the Districts harassed by the Railway viz:-
- I. G. I. Med. dept
- Sanitary Commr.
- Accomnt. Genl.

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North Arcot.
Salem
Coimbatore
Malabar
Cuddapah.
Bellary
Trichinopoly
Tanjore.

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To

The Public Works Secy;

Dated Augt 31. } 187/, No. 1358.
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Nos. 189. 191.

Passing orders regarding the
Creation of Charges Fields
at Railway Stations where
Road Aid is procurable.