

Revenue (1898) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 95

Dated 17th February

[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the stationmaster should
bury any corpse left unclaimed for in the railway
station premises, as soon as it becomes necessary
to sanitise any grounds to do so, & that in any
case he need not keep it above ground more
than 24 hours.

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CURRENT No. 213.

Order

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The Public Works Dept.
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No. 2. R. M.

Dated 8 January 1898

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SUBJECT,

Transferring letter from
the Agent & Manager M.B.
reg. the burying a corpse
that is left unburied for
by the village authorities
at the Champaostations

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

MADRAS, 3rd January 1898.

From

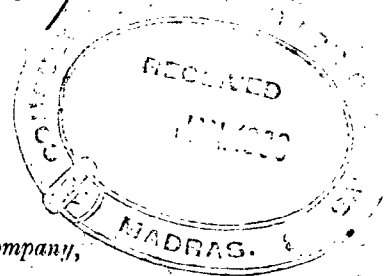
The Agent and Manager,

Madras Railway Company,

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways,

SIR,



Madras.

I have the honour to point out that the following questions which are of practical importance are unanswered in the Government Proceedings N^o 1002^{Revenue} of the 30th November last forwarded with your endorsement N^o 1151 R. of the 17th ultimo.

Are the Station staff justified in burying a corpse that is left uncared for by the village authorities and before a Police enquiry is held? If so, how long should the corpse be kept?

I shall be glad if you will obtain replies to these questions for me, so that the necessary instructions may be issued to the staff.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obed^t. Servant,
J. M. V.
Agent & Manager.

Encl.

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No. 2 R.M.

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MEMORANDUM.

Dated Madras, 8 January 1898.

Letter from the Agent and Managers,
Madras Railway N^o 9812 dated 3^d January
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Transferred to the Revenue
Department.

F. B. Houder
Under Secretary to Govt.

The Revenue Department.

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TO CURRENT No. 213

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C No. 213 of 1898

From the P. W. D. (Ry Branch).

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

Please see G. P.
No 1002 dt 30-11-97 and
the notes thereunder.
Referring to that order,
the Agent and Manager
of the Madras Railway
Company states that
"the following questions
which are of practical
importance are un-
answered", namely,
"are the Station Staff judi-
fied in burying a corpse
that is kept uncreased
for by the village authori-
ties and before a
Police enquiry is held?
If so, how long should
the corpse be kept?"
2. The instructions
issued by Govt in re-
gard to the disposal

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of unclaimed corpses
are contained in para-
3 of the G.O. It is some-
what difficult to lay
down any hard and
fast rule on the subject,
and as the Hon. has
already observed, it
is usually not a matter
of law but of common
sense. But still it is
necessary that the Station
Master should have
some ~~definite~~ instructions
to go by. Where the village
Magistrate readily res-
ponds to the call of the
Station Master, there
is no difficulty. But
where, as in the in-
stance which led to
this correspondence,
he takes no action,
what is the Station-
Master to do. His posi-
tion would become
very awkward, espe-
cially in what might
subsequently turn out
to be not a natural

FOR ORDERS.

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A buried body
can be easily
disinterred &
examined

deaths and it is neces-
sary that his action
in getting the body
buried should not
be liable to be impeach-
ed. It would probably
be well to lay down
that where a village
Magistrate takes no
action within 6 hours
of his receiving the in-
formation of death, the
Station Master should
telegraph or communi-
cate by the speediest
method possible, the fact of
death, and the circum-
stances attending the
death and the indif-
ference of the village
Magistrate, to the near-
est taluk or division-
al Magistrate and
if within 24 hours
thereafter no action
is taken even by
such officer or under
such officer's orders,
the Station Master may
himself proceed to have

the body buried.

(A)
29 Jan 98.

#1.

He should bury the body
as soon as it becomes necessary
on sanitary grounds to do
so: he need not keep it
above ground more than
24 hours: a disinterred
body is just as easy of
medical examⁿ, where that
may be necessary.

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Yes
S/S
9/2/98

To the P and D (Ry)
for concurrence or
remarks.

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14/4/98

abstract
date

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Read again E.O. 1002
- 30-11-97
- Cor. 213 of 98

mic. E.O. 1002 of 17th Feb. 1898.

The Govt consi-
ders that the Station
master should
bury the corpse as
soon as it becomes
necessary on sanitary
grounds to do so. ^{In any case} He
need not keep it
above ground
more than 24 hours
~~and a disinterred body~~
~~is just as easy of~~
~~medical examination~~
~~where that might be~~
~~necessary.~~

S/S
14/4/98

(A)
12 Feb 98.

To the P and D (Ry)
- Board RR
Copy to the P.D.

From orders

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G.O., No. 95, 17th February 1898.

FEBRUARY.

Disposal of Corpses.

Stating that the stationmaster should bury any corpse left uncared for in the railway station premises, as soon as it becomes necessary on sanitary grounds to do so, and that in any case he need not keep it above ground more than 24 hours.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., No. 1002, Revenue, dated 30th November 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on Board's Proceedings submitting to Government report on the disposal of a corpse at the Urampadu Railway station in the Cuddapah district.

READ—the following letter from L. S. MOSS, Esq., Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 3rd January 1898, No. 9812-A./4:—

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Are the station staff justified in burying a corpse that is left uncared for by the village authorities and before a police enquiry is held? If so, how long should the corpse be kept?

I shall be glad if you will obtain replies to these questions for me, so that the necessary instructions may be issued to the staff.

Memo., No. 2 R. M.

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

MADRAS,
8th January 1898.

(Signed) F. D. FOWLER,
Under Secy. to Govt., Railway Branch.

ORDER—No. 95, Revenue, dated 17th February 1898.

Miscellaneous.

The Government considers that the stationmaster should bury the corpse as soon as it becomes necessary on sanitary grounds to do so. In any case he need not keep it above ground more than 24 hours.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department (Railway).
„ the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

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