

Revenue (1898) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 95

Dated 17<sup>th</sup> February

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the stationmaster should  
bury any corpse left unburied 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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Revenue (189 <sup>8</sup>) Department.

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Order

From  
The Public Works Dept.  
Railway Branch

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, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1898.

From

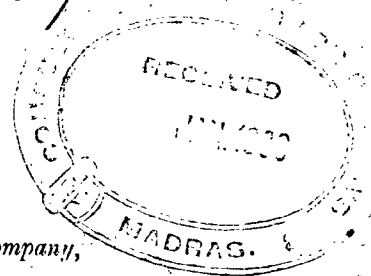
The Agent and Manager,

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<sup>o</sup> 1002 of the 30<sup>th</sup> November last forwarded with your endorsement N<sup>o</sup> 1151 R. of the 17<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>t</sup>. Servant,  
J. S. M. V.  
Agent & Manager.

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Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,  
RAILWAY BRANCH.

MEMORANDUM.

Dated Madras, 8 January 1898.

Letter from the Agent and Manager,  
Madras Railway N<sup>o</sup> 9812 dated 3<sup>d</sup> January  
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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

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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.

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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 exam<sup>n</sup>, where that  
may be necessary.

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Yes  
S/S  
9/2/98

To the PWD (Ry)  
for concurrence or  
remarks.

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- 30-11-97  
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mic. E.O. 1002 of 17<sup>th</sup> 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. <sup>In any case</sup> 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.~~

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(A)  
12 Feb 98.

To the PWD (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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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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