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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th May 1865.*

No. 250. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Financial Railway Department:—

Communicating letters from the Consulting Engineer for Railways offering observations on the plans of the proposed Travellers' Bungalow and Choultry at Poothanoor in the Coimbatore District, and furnishing information regarding the stations on the North West Line at which Choultries are required to be built.

(Here enter 2nd May 1865, No. 263.)

No. 251. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1865, No. 1,291.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 34.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineers, 3rd and 7th Divisions.
2. Lieutenant-Colonel Walker will be requested to revise the plans and estimates for the Travellers' Bungalow and Choultry at Poothanoor, with reference to the suggestions of the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

[(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.]

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
Do. do. 7th do. with four Enclosures.

Exd. S. T. Augustin,

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Railway
Department, 2nd May 1865.*

Read the following papers :—

No 9. From Captain A. S. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division; to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp Raiachothi, 20th March 1865, No 196.

With reference to the Order of Government, No. 691, of the 13th instant, I have the honor to request that you will inform me if plans and estimates are to be prepared for erecting choultries in the neighbourhood of all the Railway stations, or merely for the principal stations, in the latter case, I beg that I may be informed as to the stations at which they are to be built.

2. If they are to be built at all the stations the size of the choultries must vary very much.

3. At large stations like Cuddapah, I would beg to suggest that a good sized bandy pettah be attached to the choultry where all bandies should be obliged to go, instead of blocking up the ground near the station; that a wall should be built all round and a gate-keeper be kept, whose pay might be defrayed by charging a small sum on all the bandies, and also from the sale of the manure, according to the plan which is, I believe, carried out at Madura, and which I am given to understand acts very well.

Referred to the Financial Railway Department.

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

CHEPAUK, 25th March 1865.

Referred to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for his report.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary to Government.

31st March 1865.

No 10. From Major W. FAREWELL, Executive Engineer in charge 7th Division; to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, Madras, dated Ootacamund, 22nd March 1865, No. 291.

With reference to G. O., No 415 of 13th February, and Government Order No. 691 of the 13th March 1865, I have the honor to forward the following plans and estimates as therein called for :—

One plan and estimate for building a Travellers' Bungalow and Out-houses	10,480
at Poothanoor.....	8,100
One plan and estimate for constructing a Choultry at Poothanoor.....	18,580
Total...	18,580

Referred to the Financial Railway Department.

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

CHEPAUK, 25th March 1865.

Referred to the Consulting Engineer for any remarks he may have to offer on the plans of the proposed buildings at Poothanoor.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary to Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
31st March 1865.

No 11. From Lieutenant Colonel P. P. L. O'CONNELL, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 3rd April 1865, No 195.

With reference to docket of the 31st ultimo, on Major Farewell's letter* of the 22nd idem, No 291, I have the honor to state that I do not quite approve of the design of the Travellers' Bungalow proposed to be built at Poothanoor,

* Herewith returned.

but as the work has been already commenced it is not advisable, I think, that any change should be made, which will retard its speedy completion.

2. I may remark, however, that the doors leading into the four bed rooms should be made 4 feet wide, corresponding with the doors in the centre halls, an arrangement which it may, perhaps, be found practicable to carry out.

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3. I do not approve of the stables being attached to the kitchen and godowns. It is better, in a sanitary point of view, that they should be built some distance from the kitchen and godowns.

4. A verandah is very necessary both in front and rear of the kitchen and godowns. It should be at least 6 or 7 feet broad, so as to afford shelter to the servants of the travellers occupying the bungalow.

5. There should also be a latrine for the servants, and at least two wells, one near the bungalow, and one between the kitchen and stables. Trees should also be planted about the compound, and provision for all this should, I think, be made at once in the estimate.

6. The rooms proposed in the choultry are, I consider, too confined. I would suggest that two rooms be thrown into one; that doors, instead of windows, be placed at the back, corresponding to those in front; and that a verandah be made in the rear, similar to the one proposed in front.

7. A latrine for men, and a latrine for women, and a well should be provided. Trees should also be planted in the enclosed square, and about the front of the choultry.

8. It is very important that the enclosure at the back of the choultry should not be accessible to carts and cartmen unconnected with travellers. A separate cart stand should be formed, and provision should be made for its being kept thoroughly clean. The drainage of the ground should be carefully attended to. Here too there should be a latrine, and the men resorting to the stand should be required to resort to it.

9. These suggestions entail the necessity of a proper establishment being maintained, and I hope that the orders which Government may pass on papers recently submitted to them, regarding small establishments for the purpose of conservancy, will enable the Magistrate of Coimbatore to entertain the requisite number of men for the Bungalow, Choultry, Bandy-stand and Parcherry at Coimbatore.

10. I think there should be a liberal allowance of cots and other furniture in the Bungalow, so that on a push travellers may make use of the halls for sleeping in.

No. 12. From Lieutenant Colonel P. P. L. O'CONNELL, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 5th April 1865, No. 201.

In returning docket of the 31st ultimo, on a letter* from Captain A. S. Moberly, Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, I have the honor to state that I concur with the Railway Agent and Manager, and the Chief Engineer, in

* Nos. 196, dated 20th March 1865.

considering that choultries should be built at present at the following places on the North-West Line, to accommodate from two to 300 persons:—

Cuddapah.
Yerragoentla.
Gooty.

2. It is anticipated that Yerragoentla will be a very important station for passengers east from Poodatoor, a large and wealthy town on the north side of the river Pennair.

3. Bandy-stands, or bandy pettahs, as Captain Moberly calls them, should not, in my opinion, "be attached to the choultries." They should be kept a part from the choultries, and be carefully looked after by an establishment specially retained for the purpose. I offered some remarks on this subject in my letter of the 1st instant, No. 195, paragraph 8.

No. 12A. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1865, No. 268.
Communicated to the Public Works Department.
(True Extract.)

G. J. Arundell
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with Plans and Estimates.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Civil Works

no 129/291

*Communicated to the
Superintending Engineer 3rd and 4th
Divisions.*

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for the travellers bungalow
and choultry at Poodatoor
with reference to the sugges-
tions of the Consulting
Engineer for Railways.*

*To the Supt Engineer 3rd Div ✓
Supt Engineer 4th Div ✓
12th May 1865 ✓
Staff 15th May*

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letters from the Comd.
Engr. for Railways re-
ferring observations on
the plans of the proposed
Travellers Bungalows and
Chaletty at Parthasar
in the Coimbatore Dist.
and furnishing informa-
tion regarding the
Stations on the N.W.
Line at which Chaletties
are required to be built.
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