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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th September 1865.*

No. 273. Read the following Endorsement of the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, in charge, dated Madras, 23rd July 1864, No. 206:—

Read the following letter from R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager Madras Railway Company, to Captain J. G. LINDSAY, R. E., Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, in charge, dated Madras, 16th July 1864, No. 615:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit, for the information of Government, copy of paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Managing Director's letter, No. 341, dated the 13th of May, having reference to Hotel accommodation at Coimbatore.

2. I trust that His Excellency the Governor in Council will be pleased to make a renewed representation to the Government of India, and that authority will be granted for the erection of an Hotel at Coimbatore by this Company.

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Copy of paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Managing Director's letter No. 341, dated 13th May 1864.

Paragraph 7. Your letter No. 561 communicated the decision of the Government of India, that the cost of erecting a Hotel at Coimbatore could not be admitted as a charge to Capital, and your proposal to build one, therefore, which had the approval and support of the Madras Government, fell to the ground. The investigations just referred to which have since taken place into the sanitary conditions of the stations on the line have shown, even more clearly than before, the necessity of some provision of the kind being made for the reception of railway passengers there; and the extent to which the traffic and the interests of the Company and of the Government are affected by the existing state of things, is apparent. The Government of India have observed that it is no part of the business of Railway Companies to build Hotels (which as a general principle is not contested), but in this country, as is well known they have very commonly found it their interest to do so; and in Madras, where private enterprise is yet so little developed, it may be indispensable to follow this course, in cases like Coimbatore, where the traffic from Madras, from Beypore, and from the Neilgherry Hills meets, where there is no accommodation for all these travellers, beyond the waiting room of the station, where the town is not only at some distance, but does not itself afford lodging for Europeans, and where we can find no one with the capital and inclination to build the Hotel so urgently required.

8. The Government of India have suggested that the Companies, without themselves constructing the buildings, should take "what measures may be necessary to lead to the construction of good Hotels along their lines," adding that their power to do this, if so disposed, cannot be doubted. Of your anxiety, as well as our own, to accomplish this object, it is not necessary to speak; but if all your endeavours have failed to induce other parties to build a Hotel at this station, it appears to be a case falling so completely within the meaning of the Secretary of State's Despatch of the 30th of December 1859, addressed to the Government of Bombay, that on a renewed representation from you, the Board are persuaded the erection of the building by the Company will be sanctioned, recommended as it has been by the Madras Government, to whom the exigencies of the case are so well known. There seems no reason to doubt that a tenant will readily be found, as you expect, to rent the Hotel at a remunerative rate, when built.

(True Extract.)

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

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1. Forwarded to Government for orders.

2. The decision of the Government of India regarding Hotels was communicated to this Office in Proceedings of Government of the 4th November 1863, No. 576.

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3. In Order dated the 5th April last, No. 575, in the Revenue Department, the Governor in Council approved of the plan of the Public Bungalow proposed to be built at the Railway station at Coimbatore.

(Signed) J. G. LINDSAY, Captain, R. E.,
Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, in charge.

No. 274. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1865, No. 2,680.

RAILWAY, No. 29.

Recorded, with reference to G. O.
No. 2,669, dated 12th September 1865.

(True Extract.)

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

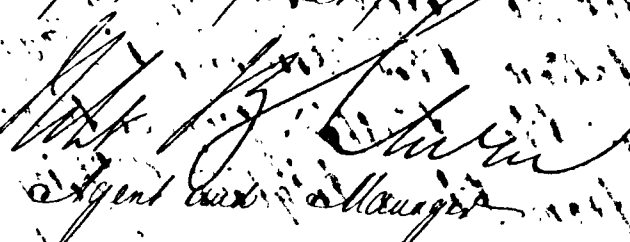
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Yours faithfully,

 W. G. Smith
 Agent and Manager

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