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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 447. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 11th October 1865, No. 499 :—

Read the following letter from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 10th October 1865, No. 712.

1. In reply to Major Prendergast's letter of the 2nd instant, No. 671, I have the honor to quote as follows from a report* which I have received from the Consulting Physician.
* No. 156, 6th October.

"I do not see any necessity for roofing over the Urinaries for Europeans at our Stations. These are so constructed that all urine drains away at once into an adjoining cess, and the more exposed to the air their floors are, the more rapidly will they dry, and the less offensive will they be rendered by the contact of urine with their surface."

2. I quite concur with Dr. VanSomerén in thinking that the Urinaries are much better open, and would, therefore, recommend that no alteration be made in the mode of their construction.

1. Forwarded to Government, with reference to paragraph 4 of Order of the 28th ultimo, No. 2,885.

2. I conclude that the object of Government in suggesting the roofing of the Urinaries was to give shelter to those who may use them; but at some stations they adjoin the open platform, and unless a roof was to be extended over the latter, the required shelter during bad weather could not be afforded.

3. The Jollarapett Station is defective in this respect; and as passengers by all trains are detained there for a considerable time, I would recommend that the communication with the Urinaries for Europeans should be roofed over. Should Government desire it, a roof might also be added to the Urinaries at this, and at other stations where the trains stop for some minutes, but only extending so far as to give shelter to passengers without impeding the free circulation of air.

4. Should this be approved, I would recommend to the Agent (when the order is communicated to him) that some arrangements should be made for the shelter of passengers at Jollarapett proceeding to and from Bangalore. At present there is nothing to protect them from the rain when passing from one train to the other.

(Signed) J. C. ANDERSON, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 448. ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1865, No. 3,116.

RAILWAY, No. 38.

1. The Government consider it highly desirable that at all stations where the trains stop for several minutes, the Urinaries for Europeans should be covered with a light roof, sufficient to protect passengers from the sun and rain, without interfering with thorough ventilation. The communications with these Urinaries should also be roofed over.

Walter Z. Hooper

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19th October 1865.

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of Colonel Anderson's remarks, the Government consider it essential that the covered platform at Jollarapett should be extended in both directions, so as to afford shelter to all passengers arriving at the station, and to those who may have occasion to pass from one train to another. The portion of the platform which is now covered over is of little or no use, as trains going towards Madras pull up to the north of it, and those going towards Beypoor to the south.

3. The attention of the Agent will be called to these suggestions, and the Government trust that no time will be lost in carrying them into effect.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MADRAS RAILWAY COMPANY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, October 10th 1865.

From

A. B. Currie Esq.
Agent and Manager. *A. B.*

To

Leut. Colonel J. C. Anderson. Esq.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

In reply to Major Henderson's letter of the 2nd inst. I have the honor to quote as follows from a report which I have received from the Consulting Physician.

"I do not see any necessity for roofing over the Urinaries for Europeans at all Stations. These are so constructed that all urine drains away at once into an adjoining cistern and the more exposed to the air the better. The more rapidly will they dry and the less offensive will they be rendered by the contact of urine with their surface."

I quite concur with Mr. Anderson in thinking that the Urinaries are much better open, and would therefore recommend that alteration be made in the mode of their construction.

I have the honor to be,

Yours most obedient servant,

Walter D. Hooper

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