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15th November 1865.**

No. 292. Read the following Endorsement of the Under Secretary to Government, in charge of the Office of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 30th October 1865, No. 531 :—

Read the following letter from the Agent Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, dated Negapatam, 25th October 1865, No. 1,856.

I attach hereto, for the information of Government, copy of the last Quarterly Sanitary Report prepared by this Company's Consulting Physician. The several points referred to by Doctor Ross are receiving my attention, and I have also communicated with the Deputy Inspector General of Police, S. D., and the Magistrate of Negapatam on the matters relating to their Departments.

Report on the Sanitary condition of the Stations of the G. S. I. Railway, for the Quarter ending September 1865.

1. During the month of September I inspected the whole of the Stations on the Line, and am glad to be able to report that the result of this inspection was, on the whole, satisfactory.

2. The privies, according to the suggestions in my last Report, are roofed in, and will all be ready for use very shortly.

3. I have drawn up a few simple rules for the guidance of the sweepers, and if these are thoroughly carried out, there will, I think, be nothing to complain of as regards the privies from one end of the Line to the other.

4. But there is still another point connected with this subject, to which I would earnestly draw attention.

5. In travelling on the Line I have frequently seen natives, on getting out at a Station, squat down outside, in full view of the passengers, instead of going into the urinal. There is a Constable on the platform, when each Train arrives, and through him the practice to which I have referred, might be put down.

6. Now that clean, comfortable privies have been provided, there can be no excuse for such acts of indecency.

7. I would again draw attention to the subject of planting trees at various Stations.

8. Indeed planting to a considerable extent might be carried out along many parts of the Line; and from these trees, in future years, other, besides sanitary advantages would be derived.

9. I shall now describe the sanitary condition of each Station separately :—

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There is still a dirty, untidy appearance about the compound, which it would be difficult to get rid of until some pits in it are filled up.

*Ladies' Waiting Room.*—Clean.

The matting of the First Class Waiting Room has not been repaired, and is now of course in a still more fragmentary condition than when I last drew attention to it. However I believe this Station will shortly be abandoned.

*Teroovembore.*—Platform and Station house clean. No privy.

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*Boodelore.*—Privy, Station, and neighbourhood clean and neat.

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*Trivalore.*—Station and privy clean. There are some large weeds springing up about the compound. There is also some rubbish lying about in corners. The well to which I formerly drew attention has been walled round.

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*Sickle.*—Platform and Station-house clean. No privy.

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The other privies are clean.

The compound is being levelled and cleared of weeds.

There is a heap of rotting cocoanut leaves near the middle, which it would be well to have burned.

I should also beg to draw attention to a spot on the south face of the burial ground, immediately outside the compound. It is very dirty and over-run with rank weeds. The ditch outside the fence, on the north, is in a filthy state. There is a row of houses opposite, and from these every kind of filth evidently is thrown into this ditch.

TANJORE,  
1st October 1865.

(Signed) J. ROSS, M. B.  
Consulting Physician, G. S. I. Railway.  
(True Copy)

25th October 1865.

(Signed) W. S. BETTS,  
Agent and Manager.

1. Forwarded for the information of Government.
2. It will be seen that the Agent has taken the necessary steps to remedy the defects pointed out by Doctor Ross, the Consulting Physician.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,  
Under Secretary to Government,  
In charge of the Office of the Congs. Engr. for Railways.

No. 293. ORDER THEREON, 15th November 1865, No. 3,424.

RAILWAY, No. 34.

The foregoing papers will be communicated to the Inspector General of Police, whose attention will be directed to Doctor Ross' remark in paragraphs 4 to 6 on the practise of Natives travelling on the line avoiding the urinals provided for their use and committing nuisances outside.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Judicial Department.  
„ Inspector General of Police.  
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.  
„ Editor's Table.

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Wm. J. Ross M.D.  
Consulting Physician  
G.S. Ry.  
Singapore  
1<sup>st</sup> October 1865

True copy  
William J. Ross  
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GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE.

NEGAPATAM, 20th Oct 1865

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I have the honor to be  
Sir, your obedient servant  
William J. Ross

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To Mr. Secretary  
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To Mr. Secy. to Government, P.W.D.  
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