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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 3579

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Dated 27. 11. 1865.

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No. 622. Read the following Endorsement of the Under Secretary to Government, in charge of the Office of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 2nd November 1865, No. 541 :—

Read the following letter from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Under Secretary to Government, in charge of the Office of Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 31st October 1865, No. 775.

1. With reference to your letter of the 21st instant, No. 730, I have the honor to observe that I am always most anxious to carry out the orders of Government without demur, but that with regard to the erection of roofs for the latrines for Europeans, there is so much disinclination on the part of the Railway officers, and I think deservedly so, to the adoption of such a course, that I venture to solicit a re-consideration of the matter by His Excellency the Governor in Council.

2. At Bangalore, the urinaries for Europeans, owing to their being closed in, have always been, and still are, a standing nuisance, and until those at this station were altered, and the sunshine and air admitted, they were equally obnoxious.

3. In my letter of the 10th instant, I communicated the views of the Consulting Physician, which expressed in forcible terms, the undesirableness of covering in the urinaries, and as experience has taught us, that the more sun which can be brought to bear upon the channels and floors of urinaries, the more wholesome and free from unpleasantness they become, I trust that the Government will kindly re-consider their present order.

4. I have personally seen the Chief Engineer, and represented the necessity for prompt action in providing a covered way at Jollarapett, and the Government may rest assured that no time will be lost in giving effect to their wishes in this respect.

1. Submitted for the orders of Government, with reference to G. O. dated the 19th instant, No. 3,116.

2. It will be seen that the Railway authorities are opposed to the change recommended by Government, but I am of opinion that a light zinc "lean-to" roof, large enough only to afford shelter to one person, might be judiciously placed over each urinary, without interfering with its thorough ventilation, and without entailing any of the evil consequences anticipated by the Agent and Manager.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW, STEWART, Major, R. E.,

Under Secy. to Government,

In charge of the Office of the Consng. Engr. for Railways.

No. 623. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1865, No. 3,579.

RAILWAY, No. 56.

The Railway authorities appear to have misapprehended the suggestion made in the first paragraph of the Order of Government, dated the 19th ultimo, No. 3,116. It was not intended that the roof should extend over the whole

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urinal, but that, as is believed to be the case at Salem, it should be sufficiently large to protect from the sun and rain passengers when actually making use of the urinal. The Government believe that this may be done without interfering with thorough ventilation, and that, by increasing the fall in the gutters, and by flushing them immediately after the departure of each train, the urine may be carried off much more quickly and effectually than is now the case, and without the creation of any offensive effluvium.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Md. S. T. Augustia.

No. 775.

MADRAS RAILWAY COMPANY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE.

Madras, *October 31st* 1865.

From

R. B. Elvins Esq.

Agent and Manager of the
Madras Railway Company.

To

*Major J. H. W. Shaw Stewart R.E.
in charge of the office of
Consulting Engineer for Railways.*

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 21st instant, No. 730, I have the honor to observe, that I am always most anxious to carry out the Orders of Government without delay, but that with regard to the creation of roofs for the latrines for Europeans, there is so much dissimulation on the part of the Railway officers, and I think deservedly so, to the adoption of such a course, that I venture to solicit a reconsideration of the matter by His Excellency the Governor in Council.

At Bangalore, the Urinaries for Europeans, owing to their being closed in, have always been, and still are, a standing nuisance, and until those at this Station, were altered, and the sunshine and air admitted, they were equally obnoxious.

3 — In my letter of the 10th instant, I communicated the views of the Consulting Physicians, which expressed in forcible terms, the undesirableness of covering in the Urinaries, and as experience has taught us, that the more Sun which can be brought to bear upon the channels and floors of Urinaries, the more wholesome and free from unpleasantness they become, I trust that the Government will kindly reconsider their recent order.

4 — I have personally seen the Chief Engineer, and represented the necessity for prompt action in providing a covered way at Sollerapett, and the Government may rest assured, that no time will be lost in giving effect to their wishes in this respect.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours most obedient servant,

W. J. Whinn
Agent and Manager

No 541-

Submitted for the Orders of Government;
with reference to L. O. dated the 19th instant No 3116.
It will be seen that the Railway Authorities are opposed to the change recommended by Government, but

I am of opinion that a light zinc lean-to roof, long enough only to afford shelter to one person, might be judiciously placed over each urinary, without interfering with its thorough ventilation, and without incurring any of the evil consequences anticipated by the Agent and Manager.

Madras
2 November
1865

Major R. E.
In charge of the Office of the
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

To

The Secretary to Government
D. P. W.
Fort Saint George

Public Works Department
No. 3579

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 27th November 1865
Read the following

From the Consulting Engineer
for Railways

Requesting, for the reasons
stated, a reconsideration of Order 31st Oct/65 No 776
the suggestion of Govt. to
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Recd. 21/11/65
MADRAS RAILWAYS

From
No 4 2/4

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Dated 21st 1865
Recd. 20th Dec

No. 795/821

Requesting, for the reasons
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the suggestion of Govt. to
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Europeans -

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W.B.

3⁷⁰ The Engineer
for Railway-✓
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90/1865 Depart
Pro. of Govt for Avon

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Pro. of the M. Govt
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Arrivances for Europeans at
Railway stations. The Com. Ingr
furnished with the certain informa-
tion relative to the arrival of.

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