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11th December 1865.*

No. 231. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 1st December 1865, No. 593:—

Read the following letter from the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 30th November 1865, No. 28.

1. I have the honor to report that I inspected the South-West and North-West branches of the Madras Railway in the month of November 1865. The stations were for the most part clean and well kept.

2. At Avady, however, broken pans were to be seen outside the Ladies' closet.

3. The station grounds at Salem are slovenly, particularly near the men's houses.

4. At Vaniembaddy and Mallapooram the asphalt of the latrines requires pointing.

5. The Morapoor Ladies' waiting-room is unfurnished and dirty.

6. The Shevaroy station is not clean.

7. Perandoory and Sankerrydroog have one scavenger for the two stations.

8. Pootanoor village is clean, but the village latrine,* was offensive on the 11th November.
* The Collector of Coimbatore has been addressed on this point.

On the same date the commodes were still in the bath-room attached to the Gentlemen's waiting-room of the Coimbatore station, there was no water in the basins, and the bath-room was disgustingly odorous.

9. The refreshment arrangements at Coimbatore are bad.

All plates and tumblers are wiped in the refreshment-room on the table cloth of a side table. The table cloths on the refreshment table are almost always stained and foul.

Jams, tobacco, and cabbages are heaped together in the corner of the room.

The so-called refreshments are not fit to be put on the table.

10. At Coimbatore the dry earth is kept in covered boxes, but in no other latrines have such receptacles been provided.

11. It would be well to place a light at night at the entrance of the urinary of the north platform of the Arcunum station, during the time the train from Madras stays there.

The Passenger Carriages of the 5 p. m. train from Madras are usually at the rear of the train, and while the engine is taking water the first and second class carriages are generally opposite or beyond the end of the platform, and the passengers defile the platform and neighbouring ground because they do not see the urinal.

12. At Terutany it is evident that the natives have not been broken of the habit of urinating out-side latrines.

13. The Kuddichoondy bridge is in progress, and the Beypoor pier has nearly reached its full length, the piles driven last year have suffered between wind and water, but are being scraped.

14. Wooden trenails were used on parts of the line, especially near Beypoor, to fix the chairs to the sleepers, but the Engineers re-place them by iron spikes when the trenails wear out.

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15. The Board of Trade orders "ends of platforms to be ramped (not stepped)," and "mile posts to be provided," should be attended to on the line now under construction.

16. Engine No. 29, on the Cuddapah line, has no steam gauge, one of the feed-cocks is useless, its pipe having been broken off, and the regulator is out of order. Engine No. 35 has no steam gauge.

First class carriage A. No. 1 leaks through the ventilators in the roof.

1. Forwarded to Government for information.

2. A copy of the report has been sent to the Agent and Manager, and his attention has been drawn to the remarks made therein.

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

No. 232.

ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1865, No. 3,748.

RAILWAY, No. 22.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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