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No. 34. Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chittoor, 15th June 1867, No. 41:—

1. I have the honour, with reference to paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, dated 14th ultimo, No. 1,460, to submit, for the information of Government, copies of the correspondence* that has passed between my Acting Head Assistant and myself on the subject of Dr. vanSomeren's remarks regarding the filthy state of the Arconum Station premises. Government will observe from this correspondence that the nuisances complained of are absolutely confined to the Railway enclosures. I have never visited Arconum without expostulating against the filthy and unsightly appearance of the enclosure north of the platform through which lies the approach to the new pettah to which it presents a striking contrast.

* To Acting Head Assistant Collector, dated 18th May 1867, No. 367.
From do., 10th June 1867, No. 208.

2. I am quite ready to be judged by the results already effected in the improvement and gradual extension of the new pettah, but feel that so long as the Railway enclosure is suffered to remain in its present state, these efforts cannot be appreciated by travellers who form their opinion merely from what is visible within from the platform.

3. In the observations which Mr. Wilkinson makes in paragraph 7 of his letter I most heartily concur, and in a letter to the address of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, I have made a most energetic protest against the transfer proposed by Dr. vanSomeren.

4. Speaking out of a long acquaintance with the place, and a knowledge of the feeling both European and Native, I have no hesitation in saying that such a transfer would be distasteful to all, and would seriously affect the usefulness of the proposed Chuttrum.

From the Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Head Assistant Collector of North Arcot, dated Palmanair, 18th May 1867, No. 367.

1. In forwarding the accompanying spare copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 1,460, dated 14th instant, Public Works Department, I have the honour to ask your attention to that passage of paragraph 2 of Dr. vanSomeren's letter therein embodied, where it is said that the refuse and garbage of the Arconum Station are thrown into a channel which forms one of the water-sheds of a large tank to the east. If this be the case, the Police cannot be doing their duty, as the new pettah has been declared a town within the meaning of the Police Act.

2. The enclosure to which the Consulting Physician alludes further on in the same paragraph is probably the spot recently appropriated as a bandy-stand, with well and tope attached to it.

3. I have made a strong protest against the proposition to erect the new Chuttrum at this place. The arrangement does not appear to me to commend itself on any single consideration, and any change from the site now set apart on the north side of the platform for the Choultry would be as distasteful to the native traveller as it would be to those who have already settled, and may hereafter locate on the south side of the Railway enclosures. I conclude that the prickly-pear clumps, alluded to in the concluding part of paragraph 2, are within the Railway enclosure, as also the tank (query, old ballast pits, for I know of no other than the village tank) recommended to be filled up.

4. If my surmise be correct, the Railway authorities are responsible for taking order within their premises both as respects these nuisances and the filthy huts at the further extremity. If I am writing under any misapprehension of facts, I beg you will correct me.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 2nd July 1867.

From the Acting Head Assistant Collector of North Arcot, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated Ranipett, 10th June 1867, No. 208.

1. In reply to your letter, No. 367, dated 18th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that on Saturday last, when at Arconum, I inspected the nuisance, &c., complained of by Dr. vanSomeren.

2. Just outside the hedge which separates the line of rails from the Railway compound, at a distance of twenty yards from a goods shed and ten yards from the public road, I found a mass of offal and decaying matter including a dead dog. This was all heaped up in a channel which supplies a tank to the east where people are in the habit of washing cloths, &c.

3. The prickly-pear in the compound has been allowed to grow both in height and breadth, and affords a convenient shelter for the disposal of rubbish which the Railway officials are too careless to carry to a greater distance.

4. At the end of the compound near the pettah, an increasing number of poor native huts composed of palmyra leaves have been allowed to accumulate, and butchers expose rank flesh for sale on the side of the road. I think it is rather anomalous that while outside the Railway premises no one is allowed to erect a building, unless it is tiled and kept in good repair, these hovels should be permitted within that enclosure.

5. The only place to which the Consulting Physician can, in my opinion, refer when he speaks of a tank to be filled up are some hollows near the lines from which during the construction ballast was obtained. The use to which these hollows are put I have spoken of in paragraph 2.

6. It thus appears that the Railway Company are responsible for the whole of the nuisances at Arconum.

7. If the Chuttrum were to be built on the south side of the Railway premises as recommended by Dr. vanSomeren, it would seldom if ever be used. Those who did use it would have to cross the line of rails and to pass through the Railway compound before reaching the bazaar near to which it must be situated. It would also be at a distance from the Police Station, and in an inconvenient place for a beat Constable to visit, and I was assured by the natives that it would be contrary to their wishes and interests if it were built on the south, instead of the north side.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1867, No. 1,956.

RAILWAY, No. 2.

1. Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to G. O. of the 14th May 1867, No. 1,460.

2. It appears from these papers that the nuisances at the Arconum Railway Station, brought to notice by the Consulting Physician of the Madras Railway Company in his letter of the 5th April 1867, No. 47, are confined to the Railway enclosure. Colonel Anderson will draw the attention of the Railway authorities to the matter, and will urge upon them the necessity of adopting early remedial measures.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Revenue Department.
" Collector of North Arcot.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

North Arcot

No. 208 H. Asst. Collector's Office
Ranipet 10th June 1867.

From F. H. Wilkinson Esq.
Ag. H. Asst. Collr of N. A.

To J. D. Robinson Esq.
Collector of North Arcot

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(Signed) F. W. Wilkinson

Ag Asst Collector

(True Copy)

Ag Sub Collector in charge

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No 367.

North Arcot
Collectorate Circuit Office
Palmanair 18th May 1867.

To

J. D. Robinson Esq.
Collector of North Arcot

To

F. H. Wilkinson Esq.
Ag Assistant Collector of
North Arcot

Sir,

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt servt
Signed J. D. Robinson
Collector

/ True Copy /
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Ag Sub Collector in charge

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In a letter from the Collector of North Street dated 15th June 1867 No 41

No 41

North Street
Collectors office
Letter 15th June 1867.

From
J. D. Robinson Esqre
Collector of North Street.

To
Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.
Fort St. George

Sir,

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Your most obedient Servant,

J. Kellie
Collector

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Public Works Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 2nd July 1867.

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Read the following

From J. D. Robinson Esqre C.E. 2/15th June 1867 No 41

Collector of N. A.

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It appears from these papers that the nuisances at the Arconum Railway Station, brought to notice by the Consulting Physician of the Madras Railway Company in his letter of the 5th April 1867, No 47, are confined to the Railway enclosure. Col. Anderson will draw the attention of the Railway authorities to the matter, and will urge upon them the necessity of adopting early

W. M.

Rect. 1st May 1867 No 1956

To

Colonel C. A. Gamble CB
Secretary to Govt
P. W. D.
Fort St George

Dated 15th June 1867

Received 24th June 1867

Answered 26th June 1867 No 1141

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Lieutenant Captain
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No 1956 - 2nd July 1867.

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Communicating their instructions to the Consulting Engineer for Railways the Letter from the Collector of North Arcot, complaining of nuisances at the Arcanum Railway Station.

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