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23rd July 1867.

No. 544. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 13th July 1867, No. 204 :—

Read the following letter from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 10th July 1867, No. 2,349.

I attach hereto, for the information of Government, copy of the Consulting Physician's last report upon the sanitary condition of the stations on this Railway. The suggestion Dr. Ross gives for the suppression of vermin has before been acted upon, and I have given instructions again for it to be followed.

Report on the sanitary condition of the Stations of the Great Southern of India Railway for the quarter ending June 1867.

1. During the quarter now under report I inspected the whole of the Stations from Negapatam to Caroor, and found them in very good order.

2. Indeed, as regards a supply of dry earth, cleanliness, and freedom from smell, the privies from one end of the line to the other were in a satisfactory state, and there was nothing calling for special remark in regard to them except that in several instances the earth is not reduced to a sufficiently fine powder.

With regard to the Stations of Negapatam and Tanjore, there is one point to which I would draw particular attention. The furniture in the waiting-room of each of these stations is infested with bugs, and thorough measures should be at once adopted for getting rid of such filthy vermin. Perhaps the simplest and most efficient plan would be to remove the matting, chairs, tables, &c., outside, and drench them thoroughly with boiling water, leaving them exposed to the sun for several hours. This plan thoroughly carried out, and repeated daily for three or four times would, I think, prove efficient. Of course the waiting-room itself must also be thoroughly swept out. Indeed a better plan would be to wash the floor well with boiling water also.

3. It is quite practicable to get rid of these pests altogether in this way, at least for a time, and the same measures must be repeated as often as may be necessary.

4. Though on this occasion I have but few remarks to offer, I think it just as well to notice the state of each Station separately.

Negapatam.—All the privies were clean by my report for the previous quarter, and drew attention to a particularly offensive spot close to the workmen's privy. On the present occasion I found it just as filthy as before. With this exception the compound was clean, as was also the neighbourhood.

Sickle.—Platform, compound, and neighbourhood clean.

Keevalore.—Privies clean, but the dry earth not sufficiently powdered. Compound clean.

Trivalore, Kulikery, and Kordachary.—All the privies at these stations were clean, and the dry earth in proper condition. Compounds, &c., clean.

Nedamunglum.—Privies both for Europeans and Natives clean. The door of one of the former wants repair, the hinges having given away.

Ammappettah.—Platform, compound, and neighbourhood clean.

Saliyamungalum, Tanjore, and Boodalor.—Except in the case of the waiting-room at Tanjore, which has already been referred to, the condition of these Stations was satisfactory in all respects.

Cottraputty.—Platform and compound quite clean.

Teruvembore.—The privies here were remarkably clean. Compound pretty clean.

Trichinopoly.—Privies for natives—the only ones as yet—were quite clean. A great deal of building still going on at this station.

Ellamanore.—Privies here quite clean. The compound at this station is a model of neatness.

Kulithalay and Lallapettah.—The privies here were clean, but the earth was in great coarse lumps, rendering it almost useless as a deodorizer.

Kutalay.—Is merely a gate-lodge.

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Caroor.—The privies here were quite clean with plenty of dry earth. Extensive buildings going on here.

TANJORE,
1st July 1867.

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

1. Submitted for the information of Government.
2. With reference to the remarks in the second paragraph of the Consulting Physician's Report, it may be questioned whether it would not be the best course to remove the matting of the waiting-rooms altogether. On the Madras Railway stone flags are now being introduced at all the larger stations, and a marked improvement in cleanliness is the result. Should this material be considered too expensive for the stations in the Cauvery Delta, the brick flooring uncovered would, I think, be preferable to matting.

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

No. 545. ORDER THEREON, 23rd July 1867, No. 2,203.

RAILWAY, No. 37.

1. The Government have perused with satisfaction the report of the Company's Consulting Physician on the sanitary condition of the Stations of the Great Southern of India Railway for the quarter ended 30th June last.

2. The remarks in paragraph 2 of the Consulting Engineer's observations will be communicated to the Agent, with an intimation that the Government rely upon his taking immediate measures to ensure the removal of the vermin which now infest the waiting-rooms of the Railway stations at Tanjore and Negapatam.

3. The Consulting Physician again notices the offensive condition of the ground adjacent to the "workmen's privy" at Negapatam, and reports that the earth supplied to the privies at Keevalore, Kulithalay, and Lallapettah is not sufficiently powdered, and that the door of one of the privies at Nedamungalum is in need of repair. His Excellency in Council requests that the attention of the officers concerned may be at once drawn to these matters.

4. The state of the compound of the Teruvembore station would appear to be still capable of improvement.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways,
,, Editors' Table.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 2349

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE.

NEGAPATAM, 18th July 1867

From

THE AGENT

Great Southern of India Railway.

To

*The Consulting Engineer for Railways
at Madras*

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*I have the honor to be
Sir*

*Yours Most Obedient Servant
William W. W.*

Agent.

Report on the Condition
of the Stations of the Gt. Northern
for the Quarter ending June 1867

During the quarter now under report
I inspected the whole of the Stations from Newcastle
to London and found them in very good order.
In the two regions a supply of dry earth
abundant and freedom from all the nuisances
from one end of the line to the other were in
a satisfactory state and there was nothing
calling for special remark in regard to them
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for Consulting Engineer
for Railways
London

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Forwarding copy of
Dr. Jones letter of
Report on Sanitary
Condition of Stations
on the Railway.

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Nagapattinam - All the Privies were clean
by my report for the previous visit the
dew falling on to the platform and
offensive spot due to the low running
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Platform Compound and
Neighbourhood clean.
Koviloor - Privies clean, but the drainage
not sufficiently powerful. Compound
clean.

Cristine - All the Privies at these
Military and **Station** were clean and
Koricherry - the drainage proper
Condition. Compound clean.
Nellamangudi - Privies both for Europeans
and Natives clean.
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was left open. The drainage
given away.

Mundapettah - Platform Compound
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(Signed) James Ross M.B.
Consulting Physician to
G. S. Railway

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1 July 1877

True copy
W. J. R. S. S. S.
agent
17/7/77

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J. Anderson Lieut. Colonel R.E.
Consulting Eng^r for Railways

Madras
13 July
1867

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

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 RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From
 The Consgr. Engineer for Railways,
 To
 The Secretary to Government,
 P. W. Dept.

Dated 18th July 1867.
 Received 18th July 1867.

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*Submitting for
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Under date the 23rd July 1867

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To
The Com: Engr for.
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Reviewing the Report
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stations of the G. I. S. Railway
for the quarter ended 30th June/67

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