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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
24th July 1867.*

No. 592. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the  
Revenue Department :—

Abandoning the proposition of opening a com-  
munication direct from the Poothanoor Sta-  
tion platform to the Travellers' Bungalow at  
that place. } (Here enter 19th July 1867, No. 1,613.)

No. 593. ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1867, No. 2,234.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 79.

Communicated to the Consulting  
Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
19th July 1867.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 329. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th February 1867,  
No. 827.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary  
to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd December 1866, No. 318.

1. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 20th instant, and to inform you that servants have been employed.
2. I have also purchased the articles mentioned in the subjoined List, being indispensable necessities not in store in my Office, and request sanction for the expenditure under the head of Public Bungalow Fee Fund.
3. I have so far as possible supplied articles on the scale of double what is sanctioned for an ordinary first-class bungalow.
4. I have shewn in column 4 of the list the articles still required, and not procurable here, and request they may be furnished from the Board's Office, or that I may be authorized to purchase them.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Lists.

1. The Board sanction the sum of Rupees 185-8-0, being the charges incurred in the purchase of the furniture, &c., entered in the List No. 2, received with the foregoing letter. This charge should be met from the "Public Bungalow Fee Fund."
2. The crockery and other articles in column 4 in the Collector's List No. 1, will be sent to the Collector from this Office shortly.
3. The Collector will report whether the means of access to the bungalow from the Railway Station cannot be materially improved and shortened.

No. 330. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th March 1867, No. 1,498.  
Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the  
Board of Revenue, dated 16th February 1867, No. 49:—

1. In reply to paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings of 11th instant, I beg to report that the subject of improving and shortening the means of access to the bungalow from the Railway Station was laid before the Consulting Engineer in my letter of the 14th ultimo.
2. It will appear, from the accompanying Sketch, that a direct line of road marked A. B. was proposed by me, but the Agent and Manager of the Railway Company considers it objectionable, and proposes another line by C. D. The advantage to travellers by the latter line would be so little, compared with the cost of its construction, and the purchase of the necessary land, that I think it will be best to adhere to the old line. Copy of correspondence on the subject is forwarded for the Board's information.

From the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 14th January  
1867, No. 2.

1. I have the honour to request that you will obtain from Government authority for opening a road from the platform of the Railway Station to the public Bungalow, as indicated in the accompanying sketch.

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2. The building has recently been constructed at a cost of Rupees 23,000, and in consequence of the want of a direct communication, it is at present of little use to the public.

From the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Madras, 24th January 1867, No. —.

Referring to your letter, dated the 14th instant, No. 2, I have the honour to enclose copy of No. 27, dated 21st January 1867. a communication from the Agent and Manager Madras Railway Company, objecting to the road proposed by you, and suggesting the adoption of another, as shewn upon the sketch herewith returned. Should you concur with him, I shall submit the papers for consideration of Government.

From the Agent and Manager, to the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 21st January 1867, No. 27.

1. With reference to your letter of the 18th instant, No. 15, forwarding copy of a communication from the Collector of Coimbatore, accompanied by a sketch, I have the honour to state that the road proposed by Mr. Grant, marked A. B., would be objectionable, as the ground which would be taken up will doubtless be required at some future day for an extension of our building accommodation, but independent of this, a public road through our station compound would be undesirable in every way, by giving facilities to unprincipled people to trespass on our property, and possibly commit depredations.

\* Returned.

2. It appears to me, that a road shewn on the sketch\* by C. D. would answer all practical purposes, and to which, on behalf of the Railway, there would be no objection.

From the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 26th January 1867, No. 4.

In reply to your letter of the 24th instant, I have the honour to inform you that, if a road through the Railway Station cannot be allowed, the advantage to travellers, proceeding by the new line proposed by the Agent and Manager of the Railway, would be so little, compared with the cost of its construction, and the purchase of the necessary land, that I think it will be best to adhere to the old line.

*ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Sketch.*

The Collector is requested to ascertain whether the road marked in the plan "Old road to Engineer's Office" might not be made available. The Board do not quite understand the objection of the Agent and Manager to the proposed road on the ground of its being a "public" road. It appears that all that is wanted is the opening of another gate or entrance to the Railway compound, the proposed road would be no more a public one than that leading from the present gate of the compound to the Station building.

No. 331. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd July 1867, No. 4,120. Read again letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 16th February 1867,

No. 49, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 11th March 1867, No. 1,498. Read also the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 21st May 1867, No. 119.

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 11th March 1867, No. 1,498, I have the honour to forward copy of letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 2nd instant, No. 182, setting forth his objections to the proposed road between the Railway Station and the Travellers' Bungalow at Poothanoor, and stating that the Agent and Manager is still adverse to its being opened. In addition

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tion to his objections, set forth in his letter of the 21st January 1867, to the Deputy Consulting Engineer, embodied with Board's Proceedings under reply, the Agent and Manager does not bring forward any additional objections to opening out the new road.

2. The plan sent to the Consulting Engineer is said to have been mislaid. It will be forwarded to the Board as soon as received.

From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Madras, 2nd May 1867, No. 182.

1. Referring to your letter, No. 8, dated 2nd ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that I conferred with the Agent and Manager at the last Railway Stores Committee, on the propriety of opening a communication direct from the station of Coimbatore to the Travellers' Bungalow, and that he is adverse to it. I also examined the locality during a recent inspection of the line, and am of opinion that there are great objections to the proposed measure.

2. There is already a path across the station premises for the convenience of the villagers of Poothanoor. The Railway authorities were obliged to provide this communication, but it is a serious inconvenience to them, and necessitates the keeping up of an extra watching establishment to relieve their Goods Waggons from the danger of depredations. The proposed road to the Travellers' Bungalow would pass close to the Stores, and of course it would add to the difficulty of guarding the Railway property. Moreover, the ground will sooner or later be occupied by additional buildings. I cannot myself see that the circuit, which travellers have now to make in passing from the Railway Station to the bungalow, would be a serious inconvenience to them.

3. As regards the comparison between the proposed road and that which passengers frequent, to pass to and from the station, you will observe the entrance is almost contiguous to the station, and that it is under the eye of the Station Establishment, which the other would not be.

4. I regret that I have mislaid the plan of the station premises, which you had the goodness to send me. It will be returned as soon as it is found.

1. Resolved that the foregoing papers be submitted for consideration and orders of Government.

2. In their Proceedings, dated 11th February 1867, No. 827, sanctioning an outlay on the part of the Collector for fitting up the public bungalow at Coimbatore, the Board requested information as to whether the means of access to the bungalow from the Railway could not be materially improved and shortened.

3. There is at present only one means of egress from the Railway compound, and in order to reach the bungalow from the station, it is necessary, after quitting the Railway Company's premises, to proceed half round the exterior of their enclosure.

4. In answer to the Board's inquiries, the Collector stated that the Agent and Manager decidedly objected to the formation of any "public" road through the Railway compound, on the ground that it would afford an opportunity for (unprincipled people to commit) depredations, &c.

5. A plan of the compound accompanied the Collector's letter, and the Board not seeing the force of Mr. Elwin's objection, and observing a line on the plan marked "Old road to Engineer's Office,"

\* Board's Proceedings, dated 11th March 1867, No. 1,498. and leading directly towards the bungalows suggested\* that this road should be

restored, and pointed out that such road would not be a "public" road any more than that at present existing, and that all that was required was the opening of a new gate or entrance to the compound near the bungalow.

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6. It appears from the Collector's letter, herewith submitted, that Mr. Elwin still objects to the proposed road, and is supported in his opinion by the Consulting Engineer, who states as a further objection that the ground will soon be required for buildings.

7. The Board confess that they are unable to perceive, in the above arguments, any sufficient reason for the objections expressed by the Agent and Manager, and the Consulting Engineer.

8. The Government have incurred a very considerable expense in providing the bungalow at Poothanoor solely for the convenience of the Railway passengers, and may, in the opinion of the Board, very reasonably require the Railway Company to permit a direct road to it to be opened through the Station compound.

9. The detour which persons resorting to the bungalow are now obliged to make is considerable, and is a serious inconvenience to them.

10. The objection raised by the Company that the road would render their Stores liable to depredation seems quite untenable, for the compound is not so fenced in as to render entry difficult, and the proposed road would give no facilities for access which do not already exist.

11. The Board cannot but think that, considering the very inconvenient hours at which trains reach and leave Poothanoor, and the total absence of any thing like good accommodation in the Company's own Waiting and Refreshment-rooms at this station, they ought to shew such a regard for the convenience of their passengers as to facilitate their access to a place where they can obtain proper accommodation.

No. 332. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department.

Communicating to Revenue Department letter from Consulting Engineer for Railways on the propriety of opening a communication direct from the Coimbatore Station to the Travellers' Bungalow.

(Here enter 8th July 1867, No. 2,031.)

No. 333.

ORDER THEREON, 19th July 1867, No. 1,613.

Miscellaneous.

In the face of the objections raised by the Railway authorities and the Consulting Engineer to the proposed direct road from the Pothanoor station platform to the Travellers' Bungalow, the Government will not press the suggestion.

(True Extract.)

To the Board of Revenue.

.. the Department Public Works.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Secretary to Government.

*Lt. Commr to the Cons: Eng  
for Railways*

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