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No. 191. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 1st August 1867, No. 215:—

Read the following letter from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 31st July 1867, No. 264.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, yesterday, of Order of Government, No. 2,234, dated the 24th instant, passed upon the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 11th February, No. 827, and the correspondence arising out of the contemplated construction of a road from the Poothanoor Station platform to the new travellers' bungalow at that place.

2. I am sorry to observe in paragraph 7 of the Board of Revenue's Proceedings, that the reasons assigned in my letter to the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, of the 21st January, No. 27, why the road proposed by Mr. Grant would be objectionable, viz., that the ground which would be required for the purpose will doubtless, at a future day, be needed for additional buildings, but that independently of this a public road through our station compound would be undesirable in every way, failed to carry conviction with them.

3. Again, in paragraph 10, the Board do not appear to understand the inconveniences arising from a public road through a station yard, remarking, that "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." Whether our compounds are fenced in or not, the public have no right of access to them, except when proceeding to or from the booking offices or platforms, (Passenger and Goods Department,) and if found in in any other part of the premises would be treated as trespassers, whereas if a public road were constructed through a station compound, our privacy would be done away with, and facilities afforded to dishonest people to commit depredations; moreover, an increased police force would be necessary to guard our goods waggons, stores, &c., &c.

4. With regard to paragraph 11, I do not think that any member of the Revenue Board could recently have been at Poothanoor station, otherwise the remark, "the total absence of anything like good accommodation in the Company's "own waiting and refreshment rooms," would not have been made.

5. The hours at which the trains arrive at, and depart from, the Poothanoor station were arranged after careful consideration, and with a view to consult the convenience of the public; but if the Board of Revenue, who find these hours so very inconvenient, will take the trouble to draw out a fresh time table, and overcome the difficulties inseparable from the working of a single line of 400 miles in length, I shall be much obliged to them.

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1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. There seems to be no necessity for further remarks on the subject, as the Government has decided that a road to the travellers' bungalow through the station ground is not to be opened.

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

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
8th August 1867.

No. 192. ORDER THEREON, 8th August 1867, No. 2,405.

RAILWAY, No. 9. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Rrd. S. T. Augustin.

No 264

MADRAS RAILWAY COMPANY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, July 31st 1867.

From

R. B. Elwin Esqre.
Agent and Manager. of the M.R.Co.

To

Lieutenant Colonel J. C. Anderson RE.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt yesterday of Order of Government No 2234, dated the 24th instant, passed upon the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 11th February, No 829, and the Correspondence arising out of the contemplated Construction of a road from the Pookkanoor Station platform, to the new Travellers Bungalow at that place.

I am sorry to observe, in paragraph 2 of the Board of Revenue Proceedings, that the reasons assigned in my letter to the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, of the 21st January ult 27, why the road proposed by the Honble Board would be objectionable, viz that the ground which would be required for the purpose will doubtless at a future day be needed for additional buildings, but that independently of this a public road through our Station compound would be undesirable in every way, failed to carry conviction with them.

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Again in Paragraph X, the Board do not appear to understand the inconvenience arising from a public Road through a Station Yard, remarking, that "the objection raised by the Company that the Road would render their Station liable to depredation, seems quite untenable, as the Compound is not to be fenced in so as to render entry difficult, and the proposed Road would give no facilities for access, which do not already exist." Whether our Compounds are fenced in or not, the Public have no right of access to them, except for the purpose of proceeding to or from the Booking Offices or Platforms, (Passenger and Goods Departments), and if found in any other part of the Premises would be treated as Trespassers, whereas if a public Road were Constructed through a Station Compound, our Servants would have access to the people to commit depredations, moreover an increased Police force would be necessary to guard our Goods Waggons, Stores, &c. &c.

4.

With regard to Paragraph II, I do not think, that any members of the Revenue Boards could recently have been at Doothoor Station, otherwise the remark, "that totally obviates the necessity of anything like good accommodation in the Company's own Meeting and Refreshment Rooms," would not have been made.

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The hours at which the trains arrive at, and depart from the Doot-hamair Station were arranged after careful Consideration, and with a view to Consult the Convenience of the Public, as well as those of the Board of Revenue, who found them very inconvenient, will take the Standing Orders to have out a fresh Time Table, and overcome the difficulties complained of from the starting of a Goods Train off 1100 Miles in length, so that no Goods charged to them -

Have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt,
Agent and Manager

No 215.

Submitted for the information of Government.
There seems to be no necessity for further remarks on the subject, as the Government has decided that a road to the Travellers' Bungalow through the Station ground is not to be opened.

Madras
1st August 67

Consulting Engineer for Railways

To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Deptt
Fort Saint George

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Dated July 31st 1867

Recd. August 1st

No. 264

Submitting observations with reference to the Contemplated Construction of a Road from the Pookkanoor Station Platform to the new Travellers Bungalow at that place.

No. 2405

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Fort St George
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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

From

The Consg. Engineer for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Dept.

Dated 16/6 } August 1869.
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No. 216

Enclosures, No.

No. 2406 - 3rd Aug 1869
Submitting for the information of Government a letter from the Agent & Chief Engr. of the S.M. Railway, offering his remarks relative to the contemplated construction of a road from the Egmore Station platform to the new Frontier Bungalow.

No. 191—192

Dated 5th August 1869