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4th May 1869.*

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Caroor.—Privies clean, but river sand used instead of dry earth. This use of sand ought to be put a stop to, for, as a deodorizer, it is almost, if not altogether, useless.

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TANJORE,
1st April 1869.

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

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

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(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 70.

ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1869, No. 1,460.

RAILWAY, No. 3.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 69. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 15th April 1869, No. 127 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 12th April 1869, No. 2,968.

I have the honour to forward the attached copy of a report on the sanitary condition of the Stations on this line, for the quarter ending 31st March 1869. The attention of the several departments will be drawn to Dr. Ross' remarks.

Report on the sanitary condition of the Stations of the Great Southern of India Railway for the quarter ending 31st March 1869.

During the quarter under report I inspected all the stations from Negapatam to Caroor, and I have pleasure in adding that I found them generally clean and in good order. Such points as require attention at any particular station are specified in the detailed report below.

Negapatam.—Privies clean, but not quite free from smell. Ladies' waiting-room clean, but no seat of any kind in it. On enquiry I was informed by the Station Master that the bench belonging to it was then exposed to the sun to get rid of bugs. However I found the bench under cover, and occupied by four or five Natives, with their bundles. No wonder that it swarms with bugs, and that this so-called exposure to the sun should fail to clear them out.

Workmen's privy in fair order considering the continuous stream of visitors to it. That the whole of the workmen, however, do not habitually use it is but too evident from the filthy state of a patch of bushes a little to the south, and which ought to be cleared without delay. I observed that most of the other patches in the yard had been cut down. When sufficiently dried the brushwood should be collected and burned. The narrow passage between the Porter's lodge at the entrance gate and the wall should be shut up, as it is frequently used as a urinal, and consequently gives out an offensive smell. Neighbourhood tolerably clean.

Sickle.—Platform, compound, and neighbourhood pretty clean. The ground in front of the Station Master's house is in an untidy state, straw and other rubbish being strewed about, and which ought to be removed.

Keevalore.—Privies clean and free from smell, but there is a thick layer of baked earth on the floor of each, which it would be well to scrape off. Compound and neighbourhood pretty clean.

Trivalore.—Privies clean and in good order. Compound pretty clean, but there are several patches of long grass and jungle in it, which might be cleared away with advantage. Waiting-room clean, and has been supplied with new crockery since last report.

Kulikerry and Kordacherry.—The privies at these stations were clean and in good order. Compound and neighbourhood, in each case, also clean.

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Sulliamungalum.—The privies at this station were very clean and in admirable order. Compound and neighbourhood also clean.

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True Copy,
David Logan
Acting Agent

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GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 12 April 1869

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Minister

Major R. E.

Cous: Eng & for Railway

Headman
16th April
1869

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

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from
the Acting Agent

G. J. McAlister

Representative

to
the Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Dated 12th April 1869.

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Report on the Sanitary

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a report on the sanitary
condition of the station of
the N. Y. & N. H. R. R. for the year
ending 31st March 1864.
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