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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21th January 1870.

No. 546 Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department:—

Declaring the Railway Station of Poothanoor, and the village and hamlets in its vicinity, to be a town for the purposes contemplated in Section 48 of Act XXIV. of 1859. } (Here enter 6th January 1870, No. 19)

No. 547. ORDER THEREON, 24th January 1870, No. 284.

RAILWAY, No. 64.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, 6th January 1870.

No. 26. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 10th December 1869, No. 410.

I have the honour to enclose a letter* from the Acting Collector of Coimbatore and two statements prepared by him to show the probable expenditure that would be incurred in taking up the private land in the vicinity of the Coimbatore Railway Station.

* No 32, dated 6th November 1869

2. Estimate No. 1 includes all land within 500 yards of the station boundary, and amounts to Rupees 1,09,259-15 3. Estimate No. 2 includes certain garden lands upon which it is not likely that huts would be erected, and amounts to Rupees 20,109-10-3.

3. I am of opinion that the expenditure proposed even in the curtailed estimate is unnecessary; and that, as the powers afforded to Collectors by Section 48 of Act XXIV. of 1859 are sufficient to enable them to enforce sanitary regulations in villages situated near Railway stations, no further expense should be incurred in the purchase of land on sanitary grounds alone.

4. The hamlet to the east of the Railway Station is objected to principally on account of its proximity to the fuel stores, and I think that it will be necessary to extend the station ground in that direction, the land being taken up under Class A The compensation to be paid for these huts will as already reported to Government, Rupees 1052

5. The Collectors of districts have already been requested to retain all Government lands situated within 500 yards of Railway stations.

From the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Coimbatore, 6th November 1869, No 32

I have to express my regret at the delay that has occurred in furnishing the information called for in paragraph 2 of the Government Order, dated the 16th June last, No 814, Public Department. On taking charge of the district, at the end of September, I found that the orders issued for the preparation of the accounts necessary to form an estimate of the compensation which would have to be paid to the owners of the land at Pothanoor if taken up by Government had not been attended to. I at once insisted on the work being put in hand, and in a short time Estimate No I. was furnished, showing that to acquire the whole extent of land with the buildings situate thereon, which the Sanitary Commissioner considered ought to be kept clear, would involve an outlay of Rupees 1,09,260.

2. On a personal inspection of the land demarcated it struck me that the extent specified by the Sanitary Commissioner, viz, 500 yards clear of the station ground on all sides, was, unless the land was to be had for nothing, larger than was actually required In this instance it included some very valuable garden lands planted with sugar-cane and plantains, which, up to the present time, the owners continue to cultivate, and which I do not think they are likely to give up for building purposes Excluding these I demarcated an extent of land amply sufficient for the construction of a Railway town of considerable size with provision for wide streets and all sanitary arrangements. I also excluded from the estimate compensation for the removal of tiled and well-constructed pucka buildings now standing on the ground, which, with a little management, can be dovetailed into a new town, which I propose should be laid out in the vicinity of the station. This brought down the estimate (*vide* No 2) to Rupees 20,109, but it must be understood that this amount merely represents an estimate based on the usual selling prices in the neighbourhood.

From its position the land has acquired an enhanced and distinct value, and when compensation comes to be settled, I dare say that the amount payable will exceed the estimate by some Rupees 5000 or so

3. The question here suggests itself as to whether it is necessary, as recommended by the Sanitary Commissioner, that this space should be kept entirely clear of buildings, or whether the construction of a well laid out town with wide streets and proper sanitary arrangements is not unobjectionable If the latter question is answered in the affirmative, I should a year or two ago have had no hesitation in stating that any outlay incurred in the purchase of these lands would have been recovered by the sale of building lots, but the projected branch to Matoopollium, *via* Coimbatore may, and I think in all probability will, detract very much from the present importance of Pothanoor, and there will, I think, be far less demand for building sites when it becomes merely a junction, and ceases to be the terminal station for the Neilgherries

4. It occurs to me that public and private interests would be alike served by the introduction of a short Act prohibiting any buildings being erected within a certain specified distance of a Railway station ground without the sanction of Government, which sanction would only be accorded on certain conditions, having for their object a decent style of building, and proper sanitary arrangements

5. The Deputy Superintendent of the Revenue Survey has been applied to for a sketch of the lands proposed to be taken up at Pothanoor, which will be forwarded as soon as received The extent to be acquired is a little over forty-two cawnies, and the rate of compensation, exclusive of that payable for wells and buildings, is about Rupees 357 per cawny

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Transferred to the Public Department, with reference to paragraph 2 of the Order in that Department, No. 814, of the 16th June 1869.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
14*th December* 1869.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to Govt, P. W. D.

No 27. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1870, No. 19.

The Government are of opinion that it will be sufficient to declare the station of Pothanoor, and the village and hamlets in its immediate vicinity, a town for the purposes contemplated by Section 48 of Act XXIV. of 1859. This will enable the Magistrate to take the necessary steps to prevent nuisances which endanger the public health.

2. The Government approve of the suggestion made by the Consulting Engineer that the station ground should be extended in the eastern direction to the extent described, the land being taken up under Class A. The cost of this extension will not exceed, it is observed, 1052 rupees, and the Collector of Coimbatore is authorized to negotiate for the purchase of the land.

(True Extract)

J. S. Brinckin
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with two statements.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Collector of Coimbatore.
" Inspector-General of Police.

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