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No. 541. Read the following endorsement of the Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 1st February 1870, No. 39:—

Read the following letter from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 27th January 1870, No. 3,308.

ATTACHED I send you copy of our Consulting Physician's Quarterly Report upon the sanitary condition of the stations along the line of railway. The attention of the several heads of departments has been called to Dr. Ross' remarks.

Report on the sanitary condition of the stations of the Great Southern of India Railway for the quarter ending December 1869.

IT is satisfactory to be able to report that the sanitary conditions of the stations for the quarter was, on the whole, remarkably good.

With some of the stations there was absolutely no fault to find in regard to privy arrangements. Everything was as it should be, and, even in the case of those which fell short of this high standard, there was still very little to complain of.

I shall now report on the stations individually, beginning with

Negapatam.—In my last report I pointed out that the privies for natives wanted a fresh coat of tar. As they have not got it in the meantime, they are very much more in want of it now. They were clean but not free from smell, nor are they likely to be so until freshly tarred and whitewashed both inside and outside.

The approach to the native female privy has been partially washed away, and the breach very insecurely bridged over by a loose sheet of corrugated iron. The necessary repairs should be carried out at once.

The privy for gentlemen was clean, but also wants tar and whitewash. The hinges of the door want looking to as it won't shut properly.

Ladies' waiting-room clean, but there was only one commode, which is not sufficient. Workmen's privy decidedly not so clean as it might be, nor so free from odour. This, too, wants tar and whitewash.

There is a considerable heap of sweepings, shavings, etc., in the south-east corner of the compound, which ought to be removed.

Neighbourhood tolerably clean.

Sickle.—Compound and neighbourhood clean.

Keevalore.—The floor of the privies has now been tarred. They are clean and in good order.

Trivalore.—The privies in each instance were perfectly clean and in good order.

Kulikary and Kordachary.—The waiting-room at Trivalore was clean. It would look more comfortable if the floor were matted.

Compound and neighbourhood in each station in fair condition.

Needamungalum.—The walls and floor of the privies have been swept since last report.

The privies for natives looked clean, but had a strong smell of stale urine. I found river-sand spread, and that very scantily, instead of dry earth. This ought not to be permitted.

Compound as usual at this season was to a considerable extent under water, and the neighbourhood not much better off in this respect.

Ammapetta.—Compound and neighbourhood clean.

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Tanjore.—Just as on last inspection I found the privies without dry earth; they were, however, clean.

Though the privy attached to the old Ticket Office has not been removed, it was less dirty than on previous inspections.

Station Master's privy is better attended to now.

The patch of bushes at the north-east corner of the compound has been removed and the place is now clean. The ash-tub at the gate of the chuttrum was in better order than on my last inspection.

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Compound and neighbourhood in each case clean.

Trichinopoly.—Privies clean, but that for Europeans had rather a strong smell of urine.

No alteration has been made in its internal arrangements except that the two spaces enclosed by sheets of galvanized iron have been fitted with doors.

Waiting-rooms clean and properly furnished.

The compound and neighbourhood pretty clean but very wet.

Alamanore.—Privies here not particularly clean, and the earth on the floor saturated with moisture.

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No alteration has been made in their arrangement since my last report, and, until the suggestions then made are carried out, they will continue to be, as they have hitherto been, the most unsavoury on the whole line.

There was still a collection of sweepings and ashes near the south gate, but the roads along the south and west walls of the compound were much cleaner than formerly.

The compound itself and neighbourhood were pretty clean, and, for the present at any rate, the practice formerly referred to of hanging straw bundles on the trees has been discontinued.

TANJORE,
1*st January* 1870.

(Signed) J. ROSS, M.B.,
Constg. Physician, G. S. of I. Railways.

(True copy.)

(Signed) W. S. BETTS,
Agent.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(Signed) J. G. LINDSAY, Captain, R. E.,
Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 542. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1870, No. 656.

RAILWAY, No. 70.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

No. 3308 GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, January 27 1870.

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/Signed/ James Rae M.B.
Consulting Physician
G.I.P. Railway

Lahore
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Madras, 1st February 1870.

Lt. Col. Engg. for Railways.

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Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

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