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27th October 1870.*

No 387. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 11th October 1870, No. 398.—

Read the following letter from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 8th October 1870, No. 3,773

I ATTACH, for your information, copy of the Consulting Physician's Sanitary Report for the quarter ending 30th ultimo. The attention of the several departments will be requested to the remedying of the defects pointed out by Dr Houston. With regard to his remarks under the head of Kulithalay, I have to state that the yard at that station cannot be improved except by the outlay of a large sum of money.

Report on the Sanitary condition of the Great Southern of India Railway for the quarter ending 30th September 1870.

THE stations generally appeared to me to be in a satisfactory state. The compounds at this season of the year are necessarily more or less overgrown, but I saw little during my inspection that indicated a want of attention to sanitary matters on the part of Station Masters. In the remarks that I shall now make on the stations in detail, I shall, however, point out such defects as came under my notice.—

Negapatam—The privies were in good order, but would all, and especially the workmen's, be the better of a little tar and whitewash. The compound was in very fair order, and the ladies' waiting-room was as neat as possible.

Siccle—The compound appeared to be in good order, and the platform was very tidy.

Keeralore—The privies were quite clean, but the dry-earth on the floor seemed deficient in quantity. There was a good deal of water and long grass in the compound.

Trivalore—The latrines were clean. The ladies' waiting-room was in good-enough order, but there was a native saddle in the corner that obviously should have been elsewhere. The compound on the platform side was in fair order, but, on the other side of the line, it was swampy and overgrown with grass.

Kulikarai—The compound was in very good order, and the privies were clean.

Koidachary—The ladies' waiting-room was tidy, and the privy clean. The compound was swampy and overgrown with grass and weeds.

Needamungalum—The European and Native latrines were clean and in good order, but some tar seemed to be wanted in the first where the commodes stood. The compound on both sides of the line appeared exceedingly swampy. The bushes and weeds the Station Master was having cut down gradually.

Ammappettah—The platform was very tidy. The latrines I found closed. There was a good deal of long spear grass in the compound and some weeds. The debris of a recently cut aloe fence, which lay near the line, I understood the Station Master to say was in course of removal.

Saliamungalum—The compound I found in tolerable order, and the privies were quite clean.

Tanjore—All the privies were clean and in good order. The ladies' waiting-room was quite tidy. I think, however, that the table should have a cover or a fresh coat of varnish, and the floor a mat like that in the ladies' waiting-room at Negapatam. The compound was in fair order, especially the part of it open to the public. Bandies are not now kept at the Chuttrum near the station. I do not believe the Chuttrum to be in a highly sanitary condition, but there seems to be nothing actively bad about it at this moment. I do not think the Municipality has yet succeeded in coming to an arrangement with the owner about a latrine.

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Biodalore —The privies were in very good order. A little tar was wanting, especially in the men's privy on the platform. The compound was in very fair order.

Tiroovembore —Everything here was in good order, but some fresh tar seemed necessary in both latrines.

Trichinopoly —All the latrines were found in good order, but a little tar was wanted. Both the waiting-rooms were as nice as possible. The compound appeared to be in tolerable order.

Ellumanoie —The privies were quite clean, and the station was altogether in fair order; but the hollow piece of ground between the Station Master's house and the road of entrance would be less wet if the pits in it were filled in with the broken brick and other waste material in the compound.

Kulithalay —The latrines and the platform were in as good order as possible. The Station Master's house being closely surrounded on three sides by stagnant water, I readily accepted his statement that his family suffered much from fever. It did not appear to me that anything could be done to make this building healthy. The best sanitary arrangement would be to abandon it and get the Station Master accommodation in the neighbouring village.

Lallapettah —A little tar seemed to be wanted in the privies, which were otherwise in good order. The platform was tidy. Some shrubs and broken brick in the compound might be gradually cleared away without incurring expense.

Cuttalay —The compound, the platform, and the latrines were all in very good order. A little tar seemed to be wanted in the latrines near the doors.

Caroor —I found all the privies, European and Native, clean and requiring merely a little fresh tar. Both waiting-rooms seemed nice in every way except that the table in the ladies' was so much out of repair as to appear unserviceable. The platform was very tidy, and the compound was not at all in bad order, there were weeds in parts however, and on the opposite side from the platform near the bungalows, I observed some old thatch and rubbish. Some pits and hollows in the compound might perhaps be filled in inexpensively with the broken stone and other waste material in their neighbourhood. I saw nothing insanitary about the station however.

Poogalore —This station I found in good order, but there was near the Station Master's house the untidy remains of two old huts. The privies were closed. The Station Master informed me that a sweeper was procured from Tanjore two months ago, but that he decamped a few hours after his arrival. A well was being excavated at the time of my visit.

TANJORE,
6th October 1870

(Signed) J. M. HOUSTON, Surgeon, M.D.,
Consulting Physician, Great Southern of India Railway

(True Copy)

(Signed) W. S. BETTS

SUBMITTED for the information of Government. The condition of the Kulithalay Station was noticed in this Office Endorsement embodied in G. O. of the 12th August 1870, No. 1,924. It appears advisable that the family of the Station Master should move to the neighbouring village.

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, Captain, R.E.,
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No 383. ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1870, No. 2,558.

RAILWAY, No. 34.

THE Acting Consulting Engineer's suggestion regarding the family of the Station Master at Kulithalay being

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moved to the neighbouring village should be communicated to the Railway authorities.

(True Extract.)

Colonel R.E.,

Secretary to Government

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd E. C. Shunker.

Gobt. of {1870} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

ACTING CONSULTING ENGINEER

FOR RAILWAYS

Dated October, 27th

Recd

Encl.

G. O., 27th October 1870, No 2,558

OCTOBER.

Nos. 387-388

Station Master.—Intimating that the Acting Consulting Engineer's suggestion regarding the family of the Station Master at Kulithalay on the Great Southern of India Railway being moved to the neighbouring village should be communicated to the Railway authorities

No. 3773

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, October 8th 1870

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Acting Consulting Engineer
for Railway's
Madras

SIR,

I attach for your information copy of the Consulting Physician's Sanitary Report for the Quarter ending 30th ultimus. The attention of the several Departments will be requested to the remedying of the defects pointed out by Dr. Houston with regard to his remarks under the head of Kulithalay. I have to state that the yard at that station cannot be improved except by the outlay of a large sum of money.

I have the honor to be
Your most obedt. Servt.

William A. P. S.
Agent

Report on the Sanitary condition of
the G. I. S. Railway for the Quarter ending
30th September 1870.

The Stations generally appeared to me to be in a satisfactory state. The compounds at this season of the Year are necessarily more or less over grown, but I saw little, during my inspection, that indicated a want of attention to sanitary matters on the part of Station Masters. In the remarks that I shall now make on the Stations in detail, I shall, however point out such defects as came under my notice.

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Negapalam: The Privies were in good order but would, alt- and especially the Workman's- be the better, of a little tar and whitewash-

The compound was in very fair order, and the Ladies waiting Room was as neat as possible. Sickle.

Sickles. The compound appeared to be in good order and the Platform was very tidy.

Revalores

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Privalore

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The compound was in very good order and the Privies were clean.

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The compounds on both sides of the line appeared exceedingly swampy. The bushes and weeds, the Station Master was having cut down gradually.

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The Platform was very tidy. The Latrines I found closed.

There was a good deal of long spear grass in the compound and some weeds.

The debris of a recently cut ^{as a} fence, which lay near the line, I understood the Station Master to say, was in course of removal.

Saliamungalum

The compound I found in tolerable order, and the Privies were quite clean.

Sanjore

All the Privies were clean and in good order.

The Ladies waiting Room was quite tidy. I think however that the table should

should have a cover or a fresh coat of varnish and the floor a mat like that in the Ladies waiting Room at Negapatam.

The compound was in fair order, especially the part of it open to the Public.

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I do not think the Municipality has yet succeeded in coming to an arrangement with the owner about a Latrine.

Boodalore

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The compound was in very fair order.

Tiroorembore

Every thing here was in good order but some fresh tar seemed necessary in both Latrines.

Trichinopoly

All the Latrines were found in good order, but a little tar was wanted.

Both the waiting Rooms were as nice as possible.

The compound appeared to be in tolerable order.

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The Privies were quite clean and the station was altogether in fair order, but the hollow piece of ground between the Station Master's house and the road of entrance would be left wet, if the pits in it were filled in with the broken bricks and other waste material in the compound.

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Kulithalay The Latrines and the Platform were in as good order as possible.

The Station Master's house being close-ly surrounded on three sides by stagnant water, I readily accepted his statement that his family suf-fered much from fever.

It did not appear to me that any-thing could be done to make this building healthy.

The best sanitary arrangement would be to abandon it and get the Station Master accom-modation in the neighbouring village.

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This Station I found in good order, but there was near the Station Master's house, the entire remains of two old huts. The Privies were closed.

The Station Master informed me that a sweeper was procured from Tanjore two months ago, but that he decamped a few hours after his arrival.

A well being excavated at the time of my visit.

Signed J. M. Houston M.D. Surg.
Consulting Physician
G. S. S. Railway

Tanjore October 1870.

(True copy)
William B. B. B.

No 398-

Submitted for the information of Government. The resolution
of the Recruiting station was noticed in this
Office endorsement embodied in G.O. of the 13th
August 1870. N: 1724. It appears advisable that
the family of the station ^{Master} should move to the
neighbouring village.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 11th October 1870

11th. Sunday at Captains,
 Sp. Consy Engr. for Railways

To

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George

Public Works Department
 No 2558
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the 27th Oct 1870.
 Read the following

From The Asst. Engineer } H.E. No 398 of 11th October 1870
 for Railways.

The Acting Consulting
 Engineer's suggestion re-
 garding the family of
 the Station Master at
 Pulithalay being moved
 to the neighbouring
 village should be
 communicated to the
 Railway authorities.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.
 From The Consulting Engineer
 for Railways,
 No 4040

To The Secretary to Government,
 P. W. Department,
 Fort St. George

Dated 11th October 1870

Received 12th

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Submitting for
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 30 September 1870
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The Asst Engineer
 for Railways.

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To the Secy. connecting Engrs
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Station Master. Intimating that
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at Kulithalay on the L. S. of S. Ry
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village should be communicated
to the Ry authorities.

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