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No. 337. Read the following Endorsement of the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 5th April 1871, No. 154:—

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 3rd April 1871, No. 3,969.

I HAVE the honour to forward, herewith, the Consulting Physician's report for the quarter ending 31st March 1871 on the sanitary condition of the stations along this Railway, and beg to call your special attention to Dr. Houston's remarks with reference to the chuttrum and latrine situated in the proximity of the Railway station at Tanjore.

2. With reference to the defects pointed out by the Consulting Physician, the attention of heads of departments has been called to them with a view to have them remedied.

Report on the Sanitary condition of the Great Southern of India Railway Stations for the quarter ending 31st March 1871.

Negapatam.—The ladies' waiting-room was in excellent order. The latrines on the platform were in fair order; but one of them requires fresh tar. At the date of my inspection the workmen's privy was undergoing alteration and repair, which may perhaps account for the unusually foul condition in which I found it.

Sickle.—There are no latrines here. The compound and platform appeared to be in good order.

Keevalore.—The latrines were in good order, and the platform also, except that near the privies; the gravel was loose and rough. The compound was swampy and full of weeds.

Trivalore.—The platform, ladies' waiting-room, and compound were in good order. The females' privy appeared to be under, or just to have undergone, repair, which accounted for an absence of tar and dry earth. The males' privy was in good order.

Kulikerry.—The compound and platform were in fair order, and the latrines were in a satisfactory state, but somewhat short of dry earth.

Kordacherry.—The platform and ladies' waiting-room were tidy. In the latrine the dry earth was somewhat deficient. The compound was much over-grown.

Needamungalum.—The platform was tidy; the Europeans' privies were in good order, but those for Natives were very short of dry earth. The compound was swampy and over-grown on both sides of the line.

Ammapettah.—The privies were in good condition, and the platform was tidy. The compound was over-grown with spear grass, and a little heap of rubbish appeared, close to the line, on the opposite side from the platform.

Saliamungalum.—The latrines were clean and in good order, and the platform was tidy. The compound appeared rather over-grown.

Tanjore.—The ladies' waiting-room was in fair order; but the table wanted re-varnishing sadly. The platform was very tidy, and the latrines, European and Native, seemed well looked after. The part of the compound open to the public was in good order, but a hollow made by surface water, or by the water used in washing engines, should be filled up with gravel. The closed portion of the compound, where the goods shed is situated, was over-grown and rough, but appeared tolerably clean.

With regard to the chuttrum at the Railway compound gate I may here record that the owner had a petition before the Municipal Commissioners on 7th January requesting them, first, to recon-

sider their resolution not to allow carts, etc., to be left within the yard of his chuttrum; and, second, to remove a newly-constructed latrine behind the chuttrum, as it interfered with a bungalow the petitioner was erecting.

The Commissioners rejected the second head of this petition, and called on me, as Consulting Physician to the Railway, through the vice President, for an opinion on the first.

As the matter is important and still, I believe, unsettled, I here copy my reply to Mr. Nicholson's communication :—

"In reply to your letter, No. 369, of 15th instant, I beg to say, from personal observation, that when bandies were kept at Venkattaroyaloo Naidoo's Chuttrum, the place was in an insanitary condition.

"A chuttrum at the gate of a large Railway Station is not a desirable institution, and you will readily understand that bandymen and cattle do more to defile and litter a chuttrum and its neighbourhood than passengers themselves.

"Having heard something of the complaints of the owner against the resolution of the Commissioners, I have made inquiries and have learned, much to my disappointment, that Native travellers really consider it a great hardship not to be allowed to keep their bandies at the chuttrums where they halt, and that many would rather not use the chuttrum than submit to this rule.

"Venkattaroyaloo, therefore, appears to have good grounds for his petition, and it is a great pity the opening of this chuttrum was ever permitted. But I have the honour to remark that probably less than one-fourth of the bandies that used the chuttrum belonged to travellers; ten or a dozen carts, I am informed, halted there daily on their way to, and from, neighbouring villages with produce for Tanjore. To remove all the litter and ordure produced by this traffic, Venkattaroyaloo kept up an establishment of one sweeper, an effete female.

"Should the Commissioners see fit to reconsider their, in a sanitary point of view, admirable resolution to exclude bandies from this chuttrum, I would recommend them carefully to restrict their privilege of admission to the carts of *bonâ fide* travellers, and to make this indulgence to depend on Venkattaroyaloo's maintaining the chuttrum in a thorough state of sanitation, (dated 20th February 1871)."

Boodalore.—The privies were all in good order. The platform was very tidy, and the compound tolerably so.

Teroovembore.—The latrines were in very good order. The platform seemed to be very nicely kept, and the compound was tidy.

Trichinopoly.—The Europeans latrine seemed to want a little tar at spots where the plaster had given away; all the latrines were otherwise in excellent order. There appeared to be more weeds and rubbish in the compound, especially near the lime-kilns than need be. Both the waiting-rooms were in excellent order.

Ellamanore.—The platform was very tidy, and the privies were in very good order. The compound was clean, but there were too many weeds in the hollow near the Station Master's house. The Station Master and the Telegraph Clerk both complained of the extreme heat of their office. I think a pandal at the back of the building might cheaply obviate this.

Kulithalay.—The latrines and the platform were in excellent order. The compound was a swamp as usual. The Station Master's house is not now occupied.

Lallapettah.—The compound was rough and broken. The privies and the platform were in capital order.

Cuttalay.—The latrines were in good order, and the platform was very tidy; but the compound had a very rough appearance.

Caroor.—The furniture in both waiting-rooms was generally dilapidated. Water was spilt about the ladies' bath-room in a careless way, and the soop dishes were dirty. I found dirty water in one of the basins in the gentlemen's waiting room, and had a little difficulty in getting

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it removed. The latrines were in fair order and clean, but by no means free from smell. The compound abounded in holes, weeds, and broken stone, but was tolerably clean except near the Post Office gate, where I found not only sweepings and rubbish, but a considerable amount of most offensive filth.

TANJORE, 31*st March* 1871.

(Signed) J. M. HOUSTON, M.D.,
Consulting Physician, G.S.I.R.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Collector of Tanjore has been addressed on the subject of the Consulting Physician's remarks relating to the chuttrum near Tanjore.

(Signed) C. J. SMITH, Captain, R. E.,
Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 338. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1871, No. 1,139.

RAILWAY, No. 50.

THE Government will await a report on the result of the reference made to the Collector of Tanjore regarding the chuttrum near that station.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No. 3969 GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, April 3rd 1871.

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To The acting Consulting Engineer for Railways Madras

SIR.

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With reference to the defects painted out by the Con Physician the attention of Heads of departments has been called to them with a view to have them remedied

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obdt Servant

[signature]
for Agent

No 3969

From
The Agent
S. I. R.

To
The Chief Consulting Engr.
for Railways

Dated 5th April 1871
Recd 5th April 1871

Forwarding Consulting Physicians Sanitary report for the quarter ending 31st March 1871

P. W. 1603/71

Report on the Sanitary Condition of the G. S. I. Railway Stations for the Quarter ending 31st March 1871.

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The Compound was Swampy and full of weeds.

Trivalore

The Platform, Ladies waiting Room and Compound were in good order.

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The Platform was very tidy, and the Latrines, European and Native, seemed well looked after.

The part of the Compound open to the Public was in good order, but a hollow made by surface water, or by the water used in washing Engines should be filled up with gravel

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With regard to the Chuttrum at the Railway Compound gate I may here record, that the owner had a petition before the Municipal Commissioners on 7th January requesting them 1st to reconsider their Resolution not to allow Carts &c to be left within the yard of his Chuttrum and 2d to remove a newly constructed Latrine behind the Chuttrum, as it interfered with a Bungalow the Petitioner was erecting

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Venkattarayaloo, therefore, appears to have good grounds for his petition, and it is a great pity the opening of this Chuttrum was ever permitted.

But I have the honour to remark that probably less than one fourth of the Bandies that used the Chuttrum belonged to Travellers, ten or a dozen Carts, I am informed, halted there daily on their way to and from neighbouring Villages with produce for Sayone. To remove all the litter and ordure produced by this Office, Venkattarayaloo kept up an Establishment of one Sweeper - an effete female

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(Sgd) J. M. Houston M.D.
Consulting Physician
G. S. I. Ry

Tanjore March 31st 1871

(True Copy)
Fred. Wm. Kosneman
Hd. Clerk Agents Office

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From the Dy Cons: Engr for Rgs

To the Secy to Govt P. W. D.

F. Ltd George

Dated 5th April 1871

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Enclosures 2

Submitting for the information letter No 3969 dd 3d April 1871 recd from the Agent of the G. I. of I. Ry forwarding Consulting Physicians report for the quarter ending 31st March 1871

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The Government will await a report on the result of the reference made to the Collector of Pangora regarding the Chuttrum near that Station.—

To Con Engr for Railways
Rev Dept

Dated 24th April 71

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To The Ag Consulting Engr for Railways

Dated.

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Stations. Passing orders on the endorsement of the Engr for Rys submitting the Engr Physician's report on the Sanitary State of the Stations on the G.S.I.P. Ry for the quarter ending [illegible] March 71.