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No. 75. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 9th January 1871, No. 10:—

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 6th January 1871, No. 3,863.

I HAVE the honour to send you herewith copy of Consulting Physician's Report on the sanitary condition of the stations on this line for the quarter ending 31st December 1870. The attention of the heads of departments has been drawn to such of the Consulting Physician's remarks as applies to their respective departments, with a view to have the defects pointed out by Dr. Houston rectified.

Sanitary Report on the Stations of the Great Southern of India Railway for the quarter ending 31st December 1870.

Negapatam.—The ladies' waiting room was in very good order. The state of the latrines on the platform was satisfactory; but the workmen's privy seemed to require attention. The dry-earth arrangements there want supervision, and I think it would be well if some subordinate officer were directed to inspect this privy daily, as it is used by so large a number of workmen. The Resident Engineer requested my attention to the drain into which the urine runs. I agree with him that this drain should be closed, and the urine received in pails and carried to a distance. If this alteration is made, a daily inspection will be absolutely necessary to maintain a sanitary condition of the latrine.

Sickle.—The compound and platform appeared to be in fair order; but the ragged fence of matting in front of the Station Master's cook-house is an untidy arrangement.

Keevalore.—The compound was nearly full of water. The platform was tidy and the privies were in good order; but the dry earth on the floor was insufficient in amount.

Trivalore.—There was a good deal of water, and many weeds in the compound. The privies were in good order, and the platform was tidy. The ladies' waiting room was clean.

Kulikerry.—The platform was tidy. The latrines were being tarred at the time of my inspection, so there was no dry earth on the floors. The compound was not much overgrown. The low weeds and bushes could be removed without much expense or difficulty.

Kordachary.—The platform and the ladies' waiting room were tidy and neat. The latrine was in good order. The compound was swampy in several places and much overgrown on both sides of the line.

Needamungalum.—All the privies, European and Native, were in good order. Nearly all bushes have been removed from the compound, but in many places it is swampy and produces a grass of great height. The platform was tidy and the sides of the embankment had been carefully cleared of weeds and long grass.

Ammapetta.—The compound was overgrown with spear grass. The platform and privies were in good order.

Saliamungalum.—The latrines were in good order. The platform was quite tidy, and the compound tolerably so.

Tanjore.—The ladies' waiting room, all the latrines, European and Native, and the Railway compound I found in good order. The passengers' shed and the outside verandah of the booking office leak considerably. The entrance to the station has lately been improved by Captain Montgomerie, R. E., who has widened the road seemingly at the expense of the adjoining chuttrum compound. The owner of this chuttrum recently applied to the Municipal Commissioners for permission to have a bandy-stand at the chuttrum, but without success.

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Boodalore.—The privies were in good order, but the dry earth was deficient in quantity. The platform was tidy and so was the compound, except that some decayed branches required removal.

Tiroovembore.—The compound and platform were tidy, and the latrines were in excellent order.

Trichinopoly.—The latrines were all in good order, but the quantity of dry earth on the floors seemed hardly enough. Both waiting rooms were quite tidy. The compound was in fair order, but the bushes that have sprung up during the rains might now be removed.

Ellamanore.—Everything at this station was in good order. The holes near the Station Master's house referred to in my last report have been almost filled up.

Kulithalay.—The privies and platform were in good order. The Station Master informed me that he had instructions not to reside in his bungalow.

Lalapetta.—The platform and latrines were in very good order, but the compound looked rough and weedy.

Cuttalay.—Everything here was in good order.

Caroor.—The dry earth in the latrines was deficient in quantity. The platform and both the waiting rooms were tidy. The table in the ladies' waiting room and the basin-stand in the gentlemen's were, however, infirm and dilapidated. The compound was clean, but very rough and overgrown in patches.

TANJORE,
31st December 1870.

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

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

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

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(True Extract.)

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

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Submitted for the information of Government.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 9th January 1871.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

C. J. Smith Captain R.E.
A. J. J. Consng. Engr. for Railways.

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