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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 453-54

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Dated 17 2 1872.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th February 1872.*

No. 288. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 24th January 1872, No. 33 :—

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 19th January 1872, No. 35.

With reference to G. O., No. 20, dated the 6th instant, I have the honour to enclose you the copy of a letter* from the Chief Engineer in which he furnishes explanation of the circumstances under which he designed watchmen's huts for the North-West Line of the description to which the Government of India has taken exception.

2. Looking at the character of the country in which the huts are proposed to be erected and the distances at which the villages are situated from the line of Railway, I quite agree with Mr. Anderson in thinking that it would be false economy to use such a perishable material as mats for the purpose.

3. You will doubtless remember that a drawing of one of the huts as proposed was submitted and discussed at the Meeting of our Stores Committee on the 5th of October last, when you were present, and when the design was approved by the Committee.

4. I trust that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council will be pleased to re-consider the estimate which accompanied my letter No. 634 of the 24th October 1871, and to sanction the expenditure as a charge to Capital.

5. The plan and estimate are returned herewith.

From the Chief Engineer, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 11th January 1872, No. 18.

Your endorsement dated yesterday on G. O., No. 20 of 6th instant.

I do not consider that mat huts at Rupees 30 each would be at all suitable for the watchmen on the 3rd Division, North-West Line.

2. The country where I have deemed it desirable to provide watchmen's huts is bleak and unsheltered. The villages are few in number and are usually at long distances from the line of Railway. Under these circumstances our only chance of retaining the services of really good men is by providing them with comfortable quarters.

3. The design I have submitted for adoption is extremely simple in character, and as inexpensive as circumstances will admit of.

4. It would be very false economy to make use of so perishable a material as mats.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India embodied in G. O., No. 20, dated 6th January 1872.
No. 2,518-B., dated 12th December 1871.

2. My own opinion was given in the papers previously forwarded to the Government of India, *vide* G. O., No. 2,995 of the 27th November 1871; but as the

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necessity for pukka huts is not admitted by the Government of India, there appears to be no alternative but that inexpensive huts should be built at the cost of Revenue.

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

No. 289. ORDER THREON, 17th February 1872, No. 453.

RAILWAY, No. 33.

ORDERED that these papers be forwarded for the consideration of the Government of India with reference to

their letter, dated 12th December 1871, No. 2,518-R.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government

No. 290. DOCKET No. 454 dated 17th February 1872.
Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

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Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 35

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE

Madras, 19th January 1872

From

R. D. Shum Esq.,
Agent and Manager of the M.R.

To

Major H. L. Prendergast R.E.
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

2018 of 11th
Jan 1872

With reference to G.O. No 20 dated the 6th instant, I have the honour to enclose you the copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer in which he furnishes explanation of the circumstances under which he designed Watchmen's Huts for the South West Line of the description to which the Government of India has taken exception.

2. Looking at the character of the Country in which the Huts are proposed to be erected and the distances at which the Villages are situated from the line of Railway I quite agree with Mr. Anderson in thinking that it would be false economy to use such a perishable material as that for the purpose.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant,

W. J. L. M.
Agent and Manager

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Madras Railway Company
Chief Engineer's Office
Madras 11 January 1872.

at 18.
The Agent and Manager,
Dear Sir,
Your endorsement dated yesterday
on P. O. of 20 of 6th instant.
I do not consider that mat-buts
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2. The country where I have deemed
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Yours faithfully
R. H. Nelson
Chief Engineer.

(True Copy)
J. H. Nelson
for the Agent & Manager.

Comptroller.

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Date 19th January 1872.
Recd 20

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The Chief copy of a letter
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-and huts for the
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Yours faithfully
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Chief Engineer.

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J. H. Melville.
Agent & Manager.

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 Govt. of 1872 Madras.
 PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Acting Consulting
 Eng^r for Railways

Dated

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Nos 2884289

Matchumishuto. Paper

Formerly corres-
 pondence regarding the
 construction of Match-
 umishuto in the 3^d
 Div. N. W. line,
 Madras Ry.

Under endorsement of
 the Engineer for P.W. Int.
 containing information regard-
 ing the construction of
 Matchumishuto in the
 3^d Div. of the N. W. line,
 Madras Railway.

P. R. 413/72.
 Secy to Govt. of Madras.

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27th November / 71 No 458-459
 16th January / 72 - 55-40.

Ordered that these papers be
 forwarded for the consideration of the Court of
 Auditors with reference to their letter dated 18th Decr / 71
 Dated 26th Decr 1871
 Dated 26th Decr 1871
 Copy of the above forwarded with
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P. W. 1872 Depart.
 No 413.
 From The Ag. Com. Dir. G.
 for P. W.
 To The Secy to Govt
 P. W.

Dated 24th Jan / 72
 Recd 26th
 Enc. 2. No 33

See Committee
 Agents letter
 regarding the
 Valuations books

No 458-459-17th Feb / 72
 With an order