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No. 26. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 27th October 1873, No. 567 :—

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 24th October 1873, No. 5,240.

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith the report on the sanitary condition of the stations on this line of railway for the quarter ending the 30th ultimo, and to state that the attention of the several departments has been drawn to the Consulting Physician's remarks.

Report on the Stations of the Great Southern of India Railway for the quarter ending 30th September 1873.

1. *Negapatam.*—The latrines on the platform were in fair order, but the slabs of brick and lime coated with tar, on which the feet of persons using the privy are presumed to rest, were much chipped, probably by the coarse unyielding shoes frequently worn by natives. I think that here, and at other stations where the latrines are in common use, it would be well either to remove these slabs, or to construct them of solid blocks of stone or iron.

The ladies' waiting-room was tidy, but a little more care in cleansing the bath-room crockery is desirable.

The workmen's privy I found in very bad order, the urine pails being without exception absent, and the floor dirty and offensive; I would recommend the removal of the slabs for the feet at this privy, as it is quite open to the weather and unsuited, at this season at least, for carrying out in detail a system of dry-earth conservancy.

2. *Sickle.*—Everything appeared to be in good order.

3. *Keevalore.*—Everything was in good order except that the platform was rather rough and broken up, especially near the latrines.

4. *Trivalore.*—The ladies' waiting-room and the latrines were in fair order; the sand had been washed away here and there from the platform, which was otherwise in good order.

5. *Kullikery.*—Everything here seemed to be in fair order.

6. *Koradachary.*—The ladies' waiting-room and the latrine were in good order. The platform had, however, rough stones projecting on its surface at the time of my inspection, doubtless due to recent heavy rains having washed away the sand.

7. *Needamungalam.*—The latrines for Europeans and Natives were in good order, but the dry-earth in the latter lay in lumps, instead of in powder on the floor. No doubt, however, it is difficult during rainy weather to carry out the dry-earth system effectively.

The platform was tidy, but the compound was, as usual at this season, swampy and over-grown on both sides of the line.

8. *Ammapetta.*—Everything was in good order here.

9. *Saliamungalum.*—Everything was in fair order, but whiteants had attacked the passage leading to the latrine for females.

10. *Tanjore.*—The latrines were in good order, but the slabs for the feet were chipped in those for natives, and at the time of my inspection the dry-earth arrangements were decidedly imperfect.

The ladies' waiting-room was in fair order, and the compound and platform also.

11. *Boodalore.*—Everything was in good order.

12. *Teroovemboor.*—Everything here was in very good order.

13. *Trichinopoly.*—The waiting-rooms were tidy.

The latrines were in good order, but the raised brick and lime slabs for the feet were chipped and broken, and I was assured by an European, who was obliging enough to assist at my inspection, and whom I supposed to be the Line Inspector, that he found it impossible to keep them in repair. Stone slabs should be substituted, or the old arrangement of spreading the dry earth on the floor should be resumed.

The compound was unusually swampy, probably owing to recent rains.

14. *Ellamanore.*—The latrines were in very good order. The platform was very tidy indeed, and the compound also except in the hollow near the Station Master's house where there is necessarily a swamp in wet weather.

15. *Kulitalay.*—The platform was very neat, and the latrines were in good order except that the slabs for the feet in one of them was chipped and the lime exposed. The compound was very swampy.

16. *Lallapetta.*—The platform was very nicely laid out, and both latrines were in very good order. The compound was rough and broken.

17. *Cuttalay.*—The latrines and the compound were in very good order, and the platform was most tastefully laid out.

18. *Caroor.*—The latrines for natives were in very indifferent order, and on the morning of my inspection the sweeper had even been remiss in the discharge of his functions at the latrine for Europeans.

19. The ladies' waiting-room I could not inspect as it was occupied by a party, but the waiting-room for gentlemen was in fair order; one of the basins was however wanting.

The compound was in pretty good order.

TANJORE, (Signed) J. M. HOUSTON, M.D., Surgeon Major,
9th October 1873. *Consulting Physician, G. S. of I. Railway.*

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(Signed) W. H. COAKER, Lieutenant, R.E.,
for *Consulting Engineer for Railways.*

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1873, No. 2,901.

RAILWAY, No. 6. ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Surgeon Major
Comg. 1st Regt. H. L. I. K.

Trichinopoly
Oct. 1873.

(True copy)
Wm A Meighan
Regt Clerk

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Submitted for the information of Government.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 27 October 1873.

W. R. Loader Lt. R.E.,
Jr. Consg. Engineer for Railways.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

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and Consulting Engineer
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To

The Secretary to Government,
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