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No. 578. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 4th February 1874, No. 71:—

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, 2nd February 1874, No. 5,369.

I HAVE the honour to forward the enclosed report, by the Consulting Physician of this Company, on the sanitary condition of the stations on this line for the quarter ending 31st December last. The attention of the several departments has been drawn to Dr. Houston's observations.

*Report on the Stations of the Great Southern of India Railway for the Quarter ending
31st December 1873.*

Negapatam.—The latrines on the platform were in fair order, but not quite free from smell. In one of them the chunam of the slabs for the feet was much exposed, and the outside of eastern wall had a good deal of plaster knocked away. Stone slabs for the feet, like those recently introduced at Trichinopoly, are urgently recommended here. The ladies' waiting-room was in fair order. The workmen's privy was in rather better order than usual, but at the time of my inspection two of three urine pails were overflowing.

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

3. *Keevalore.*—The latrines were in fair order, but the plaster had been knocked off the inner wall of both in one or two places. The platform was tidy.

4. *Trivalore.*—The ladies' waiting-room was in good order, but the plaster has fallen off from the inner side of one of the walls near the door. The brickwork of the eastern wall of one of the privies is exposed on its outside; otherwise the latrines appeared to be in good order and the platform also.

5. *Kulikery.*—The latrines were in good order, but the plaster is knocked off the western corner of one of them. The platform was in a fair condition.

6. *Kordachary.*—The ladies' waiting-room and the latrine were in fair order. The platform was tidy.

7. *Needamungalum.*—Everything appeared to be in good order, except the compound which is much overgrown.

8. *Ammapettah.*—Everything was in good order.

9. *Saliamungalum.*—Everything was in good order.

10. *Tanjore.*—The western end of the compound is rough and overgrown, but the eastern part is in very good order, considering the heavy traffic and the large number of carts and bullocks that pass to and from the stores daily. The ladies' waiting-room is in good order, and so are all the latrines, but the brick and chunam slabs for the feet in the Native privies are always more or less chipped, and it is desirable to take an early opportunity to replace these with the solid stone slabs lately introduced at Trichinopoly.

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

12. *Teroovembore.*—The latrines were in very good order, and the platform remarkably neat.

13. *Trichinopoly.*—The latrines were in very good order. Small blocks of stone have been substituted for the brick and chunam slabs with marked advantage. It would be a further improvement to increase the number of stone slabs in the latrine for men, as at an important station like this several passengers may be expected to enter the latrine simultaneously. The waiting-rooms were both in fair order, but the matting under the wash-hand stand in the gentlemen's room was in rags.

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14. *Ellamanore*.—The platform and the raised portion of the compound were in excellent order, but the hollow near the Station Master's house appeared rather overgrown. The latrines were in good order, but in one of them the slabs for the feet were chipped here and there.
15. *Kulitalay*.—The slabs in one of the privies were a little chipped and the compound was a swamp as usual, otherwise everything was in good order.
16. *Lallapettah*.—Everything here was in good order.
17. *Cuttalay*.—The latrines were in good order. The platform has a pretty flower garden at its western end and is everywhere very neat.
18. *Caroor*.—The latrines were in tolerable order, but none of them were free from smell. The margins of the commode pans in the latrines for Europeans were chipped to a fearful degree. The waiting-rooms were in fair condition, but the commode pans in the ladies' bath-room had a stained and insufficiently scrubbed appearance. The compound, though rough and broken, was not dirty so far as I saw.

TANJORE,
January 1874.

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

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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AGENT'S OFFICE.

NEGAPATAM, 2nd February 1874

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THE AGENT,

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To

The Consulting Engineer
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Madras

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

William B. B. B.
Agent

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CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 4th Febry. 1874.

Lt Col. R.E.,
Consng. Engineer for Railways.

To
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The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

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The Chief Engineer
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