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2nd February 1875.*

No. 45. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 8th January 1875, No 19 —

From R. B FLWIN Esq, Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to Lieutenant Colonel J. H M. SHAW-STEWART, R E, Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 7th January 1875, No. 20.

I HAVE the honor to enclose, for your information, copy of a letter, No 7, dated the 6th instant, from the Acting Consulting Physician, reporting the result of his inspection of the stations on the South-West Line and its branches, and of the medical stores and records in charge of the Apothecaries at the several stations.

2. The attention of heads of departments has been called to the matters brought to notice by Dr. Brockman.

From Dr. E F BROCKMAN, Acting Consulting Physician, Madras Railway Company, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq, Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Royapuram, 6th January 1875, No 7.

I HAVE the honor to report to you that, during the past fortnight, I completed the inspection of the South-West Line and its branches, and have the pleasure to inform you that, with a few exceptions as noted below, I found the stations, as regards their cleanliness and conservancy arrangements, satisfactory, also that I was pleased with the manner in which the Apothecaries had and were performing their duties

2 The Apothecaries were all at their posts, the medicines and instruments were in good order, and where I found instruments damaged and repairable, I ordered them to be returned into stores, or to be forwarded to one of the larger stations to which workshops are attached to be cleaned and repaired. The medicines in one or two instances I found were far in excess of requirements of those stations, and were in consequence suffering from age and the climate. I hope to exercise a more strict checking of the quantities required by the Apothecaries in their next indents for the coming half-year. I have ordered all such unserviceable medicines to be destroyed by fire, or to be buried. The journals, records, etc, were in all instances brought up to date, and I could detect no omissions after a close examination of these books

3 As regards the cleanliness of the various stations along the line, they were generally clean, but I would bring to your notice those which were deficient in the following respects —
19th December, Tinnalore — Native latrines have urinous odour, micturition at the entrance.

"	"	Trivellore — Recent droppings Urinals not washed after departure of the last train
"	"	Sholingur — European urinary, one pan used and not cleaned
"	"	Teruvellum — European urinary, one pan uncleared, scavenger absent, Station Master said he had telegraphed to Traffic Manager
"	"	Goorattum — Native latrines, men's entrance dirty.
"	"	Tripatore — Ladies' rooms, pan used and not cleaned
28th	"	Morapore — One commode without pan in the ladies' room, and the pan of the second commode broken
"	"	Mullapooram — No commode in ladies' room, and commode in gentlemen's room broken.
29th	"	Wutkullee. — One pan soiled in gentlemen's privy A native found defecating in the European urinal.
30th	"	Somanoor — Two stools soiled in the gentlemen's room, one stool without pan. Attention of the Station Master drawn to this.

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29th December, Pottasore — Urinous odour strong in latrines. More tar should be used.
" " " " — Floor of ladies' room requires asphaltting
30th " " " " — Floor of ladies' room in a very dirty and wet state with a strong urinous odour, said to be used by the Station Master as a bath room. The native women and men's urinaries require to be asphaltting.

" " " " — Deypore — The Post Office in the vicinity of the station compound causes a considerable nuisance in not attending to their latrines and by throwing waste paper into the station compound. The Post Master spoken to on the subject.

The buildings of the various stations were in a good state of cleanliness and repair, and from perusal of the above you will notice that the want of cleanliness of the urinaries and latrines was the chief defective point. As formerly represented to you by Dr vanSomeren in his report in September last, I have reason to believe that the European latrines and urinaries are daily used by the Railway officials at the stations, so that on arrival of the trains passengers are incommoded by finding these places of convenience in a dirty state. The plan suggested by Dr vanSomeren is a good one, viz., "that the European latrines should be locked up after the departure of each train, and re-opened shortly before its arrival." At Tiroor the Station Master employs the ladies' room as a bath-room. Apothecary Lennox tells me that he has remonstrated on several occasions with the Station Master regarding this, but without effecting any improvement. I would bring this specially to your notice as well as the Traffic Manager with suggestions as to the remedy. I have forwarded my remarks as above to the Traffic Manager with suggestions as to the remedy. I hope shortly to complete the inspection of the North-West Line.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.
(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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ORDER THEREON, 2nd February 1875, No 295
RAILWAY, No 9.

RECORDED It is evident that there was great need of inspection of latrines and bath-rooms on the South-West Lines. And His Excellency the Governor in Council trusts that Mr. Brockman's next report will show that his remarks have not been without practical effect.

(True Extract)

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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No. 20

MADRAS RAILWAY

AGENT AND MANAGERS OFFICE

Madras, 7 January 1875

From

Robert B. Sherrin Esq.,
Agent and Manager R. & Co. Company

To

Lieutenant Colonel J. H. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways

SIR,

I have the honour to enclose for your information copy of a letter dated the 6th instant from the Acting Consulting Physician reporting the result of his inspection of the stations on the South West Line and its branches, and of the Medical Stores and Records in charge of the Apothecaries at the several stations.

The attention of heads of Departments has been called to the matters brought to notice by Doctor Brockman.

I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient servant

Robert B. Sherrin
Agent and Manager

No. 11

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Submitted for the information of Government.

W. G. R. E.
Cons. Eng. for Railways

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras. 8th Jan. 1875.

To

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

MADRAS RAILWAY

From

The Agent and Manager

To

The Consulting Engineer

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The Consulting Engineer
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To
The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
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Dated 8 January 1875
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from the Agent in Charge
forwarding report
from the Ins. Physician
upon the sanitary &
condition of the station
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