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No. 291. Read the following endorsement of the Officiating Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 30th September 1875, No. 539:—

From R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to Major C. J. SMITH, R.E., Officiating Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 29th September 1875, No. 1,016.

Has the honor to enclose copies of two letters from the Acting Consulting Physician, Nos. 310 and 333, dated the 7th and 29th September 1875, reporting upon the condition of the stations on the South-West and North-West Lines, and Bellary branch, and upon the records, medicines, &c., kept by the Apothecaries.

From Dr. W. ELDER, Officiating Consulting Physician of the Madras Railway Company, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Royapoorum, 7th September 1875, No. 310.

I HAVE the honor to state that I lately inspected the North-West Line and Bellary Branch, and have much pleasure in reporting favorably on all the stations. The platforms, waiting-rooms, latrines, and compounds were clean.

2. I discovered at the latrines of a few of the smaller stations some slight defects in the placing of the buckets to receive the droppings. I have called the attention of the Traffic Manager to this delinquency.

3. The platform latrine at Ghooty station is not so free from odour as it might be, but I attribute the cause to defective ventilation, and have requested the Chief Engineer to give the matter his consideration.

4. I also inspected the stores and records in charge of the Apothecaries on the North-West Line, and beg to report favorably on all, except the Apothecary at Arconum. His records had not been well kept for three months back, and the cause of this was attributed to his having suffered from fever for some time and was thereby rendered so weak that he was unable to do much writing.

5. As there had been no prior delinquencies, and he had been always considered a good servant, I excused the defect, but in the meantime have transferred him to Bellary station, which is a less remunerative one than Arconum. My report on the South-West Line will follow at an early date.

From the same Officer, dated Royapoorum, 29th September 1875, No. 333.

I HAVE the honor to report that I was engaged last week on inspection on the South-West Line, and I am happy to be able to state that I was very favorably impressed with the clean and tidy appearance of the stations generally. It is difficult to keep the compounds of such large stations as Salem, Jollarpett, Bangalore and Pothenore just as tidy as might be desired, but I found the Apothecaries using every endeavor to enforce cleanliness and attention to sanitary requirements.

2. Some of the smaller stations between Pothenore and Beypore were rather dirty, and in several instances the Station-masters were using the back verandahs of the stations as cook-houses. I have requested the Traffic Manager to give the matter his kind attention.

3. In connection with this, however, I may remark that it appears to me the accommodation at these stations is by far too limited. I observed the verandahs and platforms packed with goods, leaving very little space for passengers to walk on.

4. I also inspected the dispensaries and stores, &c., in charge of the Apothecaries, and have much pleasure in reporting favorably on all except at Perambor. I found the dispensary there

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in a very disorderly state and the medicines far from being nicely kept, I have called the attention of the Company's Physician at Perambore to this serious delinquency.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(Signed) C. J. SMITH, Major, R.E.,
Officiating Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 292.

ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1875, No. 2,961.

RAILWAY, No. 26.

THE practice noticed by the Officiating Consulting Physician of using the back verandahs of the smaller stations on the South-West Line between Pothanore and Beypoor for cooking purposes is, in the opinion of the Governor in Council, very objectionable. The accommodation at these stations is reported to be far too limited. Upon this point the Consulting Engineer for Railways will report in detail.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Rai

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