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No. 399. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 18th October 1876, No. 498 :—

ADVERTING to the Proceedings of Government, under date the 8th August 1876, No. 2,044, I have the honor to enclose, for the consideration of His Grace the Governor in Council, a letter* from the Agent of the

* No. 1,046, dated 16th October 1876.

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2. I trust that His Grace the Governor in Council will be pleased to reconsider his decision regarding the small portion of the compound of "Cochrane's bungalow" applied for by the Madras Railway Company. The station at Cuddapah has of late years been one of the most unhealthy upon the whole line of railway; and I agree with Mr. Robinson that it is extremely undesirable to overcrowd the buildings within the present narrow limits of the station enclosure. The only suitable land for extending the station yard is in the direction of "Cochrane's bungalow;" and I am given to understand that the present occupant, Mr. Nelson, raises no objection to the transfer of the small portion of land applied for by the Company.

From R. B. ELWIN, 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, 16th October 1876, No. 1,046.

WITH reference to your letter of the 5th ultimo, No. 944, and to the Order* of Government forwarded therewith, I have the honor to enclose a copy of the Acting Chief Engineer's letter,

* No. 2,044, 8th August 1876.

No. 735, dated the 14th instant, in which he expresses the opinion that it is necessary to rebuild entirely the staff bungalow at Cuddapah.

2. Adverting to the last paragraph of Mr. Robinson's letter, I trust that the Government will be pleased to reconsider their decision as to allotting to the Company, for building purposes, a portion of the compound of Cochrane's bungalow.

From W. R. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Chief Engineer, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 14th October 1876, No. 735.

YOUR endorsement on Consulting Engineer's letter No. 944, dated 5th ultimo.

The walls of the bungalow at Cuddapah are, as has already been explained, built of mud, and are honey-combed with white-ants. During the rains last year a portion of one wall fell in, and it is extremely probable that during the coming monsoon larger portions will come down. The thatched roof is infested with white-ants and has to be renewed every year. Some of the timbers also are very much decayed. I can only repeat the opinion I have already expressed, that it would be cheaper to build a new bungalow than keep the old one in repair.

2. I regret exceedingly the refusal of Government to place us in possession of the small portion of the Judge's compound asked for, the more so as I learn the present Judge has no

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21st November 1876. No. 3,131.

objection to our acquiring it. I fear the overcrowding of dwellings in a hot and feverish station like Cuddapah will seriously affect the health of our staff. The new buildings already proposed, and any future ones that may be required, will all have to be built into the space between the present staff bungalow and the reading-room, as it is the only suitable building ground we have.

No. 400. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1876, No. 3,131.

RAILWAY, No. 54-A.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council agrees in the opinion that it is not desirable to overcrowd in any way the buildings

within the station enclosure; but he considers that there is ample space on the railway premises for the buildings proposed to be erected, which could be so placed as to leave sufficient room around them; more in fact than exists at present. Without urgent necessity it is undesirable to purchase costly ground, and to encroach upon the open space around Cochrane's bungalow.

2. His Grace the Governor in Council is therefore unable to alter the opinion already expressed on the subject; formed after personal examination of the spot.

3. As regards the repair or rebuilding of the staff bungalow the question resolves itself into one of cost. If it can be shown that it will be cheaper to erect a new building than to maintain the present one, a new bungalow will be sanctioned. But this should be illustrated by figures.

4. With reference to the allusion of the Acting Chief Engineer to future buildings, it is observed that their sites can be decided on when the necessity for the buildings is admitted. Plot 2 on the plan, it may be remarked, contains ample space.

(True Extract.)

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

Public Works Dept.

Read the following:-

Letter from the Consulting Engineer
for Railways No 498 dated 18th October 1876

For Orders

W. M. Walker Esq. Esq.
Secretary to Government

I agree in the opinion expressed
to overcrowd in any way either the
station or the bungalows - but there
is ample space on the railway premises
for the buildings proposed to be erected
without the least suggestion of crowding - with
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No. 1046.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 16th October 1876.

From

P. B. Clavin Esq
Agent and Manager. of the A. B. R. Co.

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J. H. Stewart, C.E.
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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 18th October 1876.

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LIEUT.-COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E.,

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Engineer for Railways.

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