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Local Funds—Choultries.

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ABSTRACT—Requesting Board to expedite the transmission of the information called for regarding the comfort and convenience of passengers travelling by Railway.

IN G O, F D, dated 19th November 1875, No 2,235, report is called for how far funds can be usefully employed from local sources in providing Chuttrums and topes at Railway Stations, and whether existing endowments for Chuttrums on lines of road now being superseded can be utilized for the purpose, and a modification of the existing standard plan of Chuttrums (Board's Standing Order No 105) is suggested. The letters above recorded are the reports of Collectors of Railway Districts on the subject

2 *Bellary*—The provision of Chuttrums for the accommodation of travellers is a function of the Local Fund Boards. The Gooty Local Fund Board, through whose Cuele the Railway in the Bellary District for the most part runs, have already built a Chuttrum at Mangabudra, and are about to build one at Gooty. They will consider the erection of Chuttrums at other stations as funds become available. They think that plantations should be formed within the Railway premises rather than outside, and they are prepared to undertake the work if allowed. A Chuttrum is to be built at Bellary near the station by private subscription as a memorial of the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to India.

3. *Cuddapah*.—In Cuddapah the Local Funds are too straitened to admit of the erection of Railway Chuttrums being undertaken. Some Chuttrums are being built elsewhere, but the works cannot now be stopped. The Collector says that there are no

endowments for Chuttrums in the district The Board observe, however, that such can be obtained, under the rules, for Local Fund Chuttrums if these are built The Collector states that Local Funds cannot undertake the planting of trees near the stations He understands that the Government of India intend this to be done by the Railway authorities

4 *Chingleput*—The Collector of Chingleput reports that Local Funds are insufficient, but he hopes ere long to have topes at all stations provided from Jungle Conservancy Funds

5 *North Arcot*—In this district there are private Chuttrums at Ranigunta (Tripatty), Tritani, Arcotum, Arcot, and Vellore, but the last-mentioned is barely sufficient At Gudhattum and Amboor accommodation is entirely wanting The Local Funds are at present so crippled that no proposals for new Chuttrums can be taken up

6 *Salem*—In Salem new Chuttrums surrounded by extensive topes have been built at Jollarpett and Sooramangalam, and the Collector reports that nothing further is required in the district

7 *Coimbatore*—The Collector of Coimbatore does not give the number of Railway Stations at which Chuttrums have been provided, but states that they exist in many cases, and that the Local Fund Board are fully alive to the necessity of providing them, and completed one last year at Avenashy road station

8 *Malabar*—The Collector of Malabar reports that there are Chuttrums at Beypore, Pattambi, Tannoor, and Kanjcode, that Chuttrums are wanted at Shoranore and Thur, but that the Local Board have no funds available He does not think that Chuttrums are required elsewhere, but says that 3rd-class waiting-rooms are much wanted at Palghat (where however one was about to be supplied) and at all other minor stations except Pailey and Walhar He thinks that evergreen trees should be planted by the Company in the station enclosures, outside which, however, there is everywhere ample shade in the Malabar District

9 *Trichinopoly*—There are Chuttrums at four out of the seven stations on the Erode and Madura lines, the Local Board are building a Chuttrum at Kolattur, there is a Chuttrum and several topes within two miles of Kulitalai, and the other station, Vayampatti, is unimportant, but the erection of a Chuttrum at the Kulitalai station will be suggested to the Local Fund Board The stations within the district on the line towards Tanjore are unimportant They are not noticed by the Collector

10 *Tanjore*—In Tanjore, four out of the eleven stations have Chuttrums, four are too little frequented to make Chuttrums necessary, and at the remaining stations accommodation can be obtained in the vicinity at small cost. The Collector states that it is reported that no Chuttrums will be necessary on the line under construction via Combaconum and Mayavaram, but that the development of the traffic must be awaited Mr Thomas demurs to Local Funds being saddled with the building of Railway Chuttrums

11 *Madura*.—In the Madura Circle, the stations of Madura, Sholavandam, and Tirupparangundram are sufficiently provided, and the Local Board do not think any Chuttrums are wanted elsewhere

There are five stations in the Dindigul Circle At Tirumangalam and Dindigul there are already Chuttrums, at Ayyalur and Vadamadura the Local Board propose to

plant topes and build Chuttrums when funds are available, and then also intend to erect tiled sheds for travellers at Tirumangalum and Ammanayakanur

12 *Tinnevely*—In Tinnevely, the Local Board find that accommodation is ample in existing Chuttrums everywhere except at Maniache and Kadambur, and estimates have apparently been called for for Chuttrums at these places, and also for one at Tinnevely The Railway authorities have undertaken to plant the station compounds

13 *South Arcot*—The Collector of South Arcot reports that at all proposed stations except Harigoshti and Olakur ample Choultry accommodation already exists; and that the erection of Choultrys at the two places just mentioned would be proposed to the Local Fund Board

From these reports the Government will see that in some districts a very fair amount of accommodation has already been provided for Railway travellers, though in some a good deal still remains to do The Local Boards are generally disposed to do all that the state of their funds permits towards the erection of Chuttrums at Railway stations, and the matter must, the Board think, be left in their hands, and to private benevolence. As regards the diversion of endowments of existing Chuttrums, those of the Collectors

* Chingleput, North Arcot, and Tanjore who have noticed the point* report that no Chuttrums have been rendered useless by the Railways, and that no diversion is possible The Collector of Malabar suggests that a Chuttrum for which endowment is proposed, might be moved to Perpengady. The remaining districts are chiefly those well supplied with Chuttrums The Board are decidedly of opinion that the cases in which diversion of endowment would be possible and legitimate must be extremely few, for, as remarked by the Collector of Chingleput, the Chuttrums on old lines of road continue to be used by local travellers, and as long as they are so the endowments ought not to be diverted

The existing standard plan of Chuttrum is universally condemned, as expensive and unsuitable. In this condemnation the Board agree, and think that a new standard plan for a building of the kind suggested by Government should be prepared.

(A true Extract)

(Signed)

H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department in which the want of third-class waiting rooms at the Malabar stations will be considered.

2 The Government do not share Mr. Thomas's objection as to the propriety of providing Chuttrums near Railway stations for Native travellers from Local Funds. They consider on the contrary that there can be no more legitimate object for applying these funds than for the convenience of the classes who provide them, and trust that the object will be kept steadily in view in Tanjore, as well as elsewhere, when funds are available. There is no prospect of Provincial Funds being available for the purpose.

3 The Revenue Board will be requested to take steps for obtaining standard plans, approximating to the native pattern of Chuttrum. There is no reason why

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the old expensive plan should continue to be insisted on in order to qualify for an endowment, but the construction must be substantial and accommodation must be provided for all classes

4. The Government had no intention or desire to withdraw endowments from existing Chattrums which continue to be of use to travellers.

(True Extract)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary

No 541 ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1876, No 3,206.

RAILWAY, No 64-A

ORDERED to be communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to paragraph 1, report on which

should be submitted after consulting the Railway Authorities The subject of planting trees within station enclosures should be kept in view, and this means of protection afforded wherever needed, and where there may be sufficient space for planting without the view of the men employed on the trains or in the station yard being impeded thereby The papers will also be furnished to the Government of India in continuation of letter No 2,202, dated 21st August 1876

(Here enter No 3,207, dated 28th November 1876)

(True Extract)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways

Exd S T Austin

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No. 3,207

FROM

MAJOR-GENERAL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
*Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,*

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department

RAILWAY, No 64-B

SIR,—In continuation of my letter No 2,202, dated 21st August 1876, I am directed to forward herewith correspondence

on the subject of the provision of chattrums and the planting of trees at Railway Stations, from which will be seen what has been already done in this direction by the local authorities of the Madras Presidency These important matters will, I am to say, be kept in view.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd S T Austin

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Provision of Chattram

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