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14th December 1876. No. 3,407.*

No. 332. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 8th December 1876, No. 607:—

From W. ELDER, Esq., Acting Consulting Physician, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Royapooram, 18th November 1876, No. 347.

I BEG to report that I inspected Arconum Station yesterday afternoon and found the latrines and compound clean and tidy. A few sporadic cases of cholera have occurred in the adjacent village during the past fortnight, but I was informed that there had been no fresh attacks these past three days. The village is not quite so free from noxious flavour as it might be, and the chuttrum compound was in a most filthy state. Human excreta scattered all over it, quantities of which must have been there for weeks. The latrines do not seem to be patronized at all for they were remarkably clean. I am of opinion that attention should be called to the present insanitary state of the surroundings of the chuttrum as it is in close proximity to the Company's premises.

2. I am glad to be able to report that all the stations are at present free from cholera.

No. 1,177.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways for information. The Agent and Manager requests that the Consulting Engineer for Railways will be so good as to call the special attention of the Collector of North Arcot to the alleged insanitary condition of the chuttrum compound at Arconum.

MADRAS,
18th November 1876.

(Signed) R. B. ELWIN,
Agent and Manager.

From Apothecary J. ELLIS, Madras Railway Company, to W. ELDER, Esq., Consulting Physician, Madras Railway, Royapooram, dated Arconum, 30th November 1876, No. 9.

In continuation of my letter No. 8, and with reference to your telegram of this date, I respectfully beg to report for your information that the four cases of cholera reported by me are three porters and a female, the wife of the pointsman who died on last Sunday night, all these cases have occurred in the parcherry adjoining the bazaars, at the back of the Police station. A porter named Chinnien reported to me on Monday morning that he was suffering from purging and vomiting, and on my visiting him in the evening at the parcherry where he lived, I heard then that there were ten other porters and the pointsman's wife being ill for about forty-eight hours without applying for medical aid, all these cases I immediately took on hand and I am still treating them; I am happy to say that the two porters and the pointsman's wife are progressing favorably and a porter whom I found in a state of collapse is still very low. There has been a fresh case to-day at the parcherry, a village woman being attacked and who is under my treatment. At present there are no provisions made for medical aid for the inhabitants of the bazaars and village. I have heard that there was a Government Dresser here about two weeks ago and who has left since. It is through the great kindness of the Telegraph Engineer, G. K. Winter, Esq., that the Monegar of the village possesses any English drugs for treatment of cases occurring at the bazaars and adjoining village, with directions written in the vernacular for its use. I may here state that I have some difficulty in impressing upon the minds of the relatives and friends of these patients the value of nourishment which is sadly neglected, and am sorry to say that the ten cases I have on hand are being starved not from want of nourishment, but that it is withheld. There has been about ten deaths in this parcherry previous to my attending these four cases, all occurring during the month. In

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conclusion I beg to state that sanitation is sadly neglected here; there has been an attempt made by the Monegar or headman of the village to clear away litter and excreta of all kinds which still remain. Dogs, pigs, and vultures seem to be the scavengers for the Arconum bazaars and village. I wrote to the Tahsildar of the district on the 24th instant, calling his attention to the increased number of seizures from cholera at this parcherry and village, and also asked him to furnish me with a cholera report for the information of the Quartermaster-General and Brigade Major of the division, which is necessary when troops are being sent through, but I am sorry to say I have not received a reply as yet.

To the Agent and Manager for information.

(Signed) WILLIAM ELDER,

Consulting Physician, Madras Railway.

1st December 1876.

No. 1,256.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways for information.

(Signed) R. B. ELWIN,

Agent and Manager.

1st December 1876.

From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Chittoor, 23rd November 1876, No. 39.

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant, No. 1,535, I have the honor to inform you that some days ago I issued orders with regard to the Arconum Chuttrum which will have the effect, I trust, of keeping the premises in a cleaner state for the future.

No. 1,277.

COPY forwarded for the information of the Agent, Madras Railway, with reference to his endorsement, No. 1,177, dated 18th November 1876.

MADRAS,

30th November 1876.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. From other reports received from the Agent it appears that eight cases of cholera occurred on Saturday, the 26th ultimo; that a pointsman died on 30th idem; and that on the 4th instant the Apothecary at Arconum had still some cases on hand.

3. The insanitary condition of the town was brought to the notice of the Collector of the district, and a request made that remedial measures may be adopted.

* No. 39, dated 23rd November 1876. Mr. Whiteside's reply* is enclosed.

4. The recommendation made by the Consulting Physician of the Madras Railway Company that a Government Dresser be stationed at Arconum for the present, has been forwarded for the consideration of the Collector.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lt.-Col., R.E.,

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 333.

ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1876, No. 3,407.

RAILWAY, No. 35.

RECORDED and communicated to the Public Department with a view to such orders being issued as will secure due

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attention being paid to the sanitary condition of environs of the Railway Station at Arconum.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.

„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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N^o 347.

Madras Railway Company
Consulting Physician's Office
Royapuram, 18th November 1876.

The Agent and Manager.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that I inspected Arconum Station yesterday afternoon and found the Latrines and Compound clean and tidy. A few sporadic cases of Cholera have occurred in the adjacent Village during the past fortnight but I was informed that there had been no fresh attacks these past three days. The Village is not quite so free from noxious flavour as it might be and the Chuttrum Compound was in a most filthy state. Human excreta scattered all over it, quantities of which must have been there for weeks. The Latrines do not seem to be patronized at all for they were remarkably clean. I am of opinion that attention should be called to the present insanitary state of the surroundings of the Chuttrum as it is in close proximity to the Company's premises.

2. I am glad to be able to report that all the Stations are at present free from Cholera.

I am, &c.
/Sgt/ William Elder
Acting Consulting Physician
/True copy/

W. H. W. W.
Agent and Manager.

No. 1177.

The Consulting Engineer for Railways for information - The Agent and Manager requests that the Consulting Engineer for Railways will be so good as to call the special attention of the Collector of North Street to the alleged insanitary condition of the Chuttrum Compound at Arcorum.

Madras
18th November 1876 }

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated

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Recd.

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Regarding the
sanitary condition
of the Government
Station.

Dated 18th Dec 1876
Recd. 20th Dec 1876
No. 1177

From
MADRAS RAILWAY.
The Agent and Manager.
To
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

No. 39.
North Head of 3
Collection Office
Station 23 Number
1876

From
W. S. Whitende Esq
Collector of North Head
To
Lieutenant Colonel J. S. Mc Shaw Stewart
Consulting Engineer for R. G.
Railways Madras.
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 20 inst.
No. 1535 I have the honor to inform you
that some days ago I signed orders with re-
gard to the Arcanum Station which
will have the effect of keeping
the premises in a cleaner state
for the future.

And to be
Yours most obedient servant.

W. S. Whitende

Collector
No. 1247

Col. Mc Shaw Stewart
with a view to the improvement of the
sanitary condition of the station
and the convenience of the public
and the health of the troops.

W.D.
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Arconum Station
30 November 1876

Nº 9

To

The Consulting Physician
Madras Railway
Royapuram.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter Nº 8, and with reference to your telegram of this date, I respectfully beg to report for your information that the 14 cases of cholera reported by me are 3 Porters and a female the wife of the Pointman who died on last Sunday night, all these cases have occurred in the Parcherry adjoining the Bazaars, at the back of the Police Station. A Porter named Chinnien reported to me on Monday morning that he was suffering from purging and vomiting and on my visiting him in the evening at the Parcherry where he lived, I heard then that there were ten other Porters and the Pointman's wife being ill for about 48 hours without applying for medical aid, all these cases I immediately took on hands and am still treating them. I am happy to say that the two Porters and the Pointman's wife are progressing favourably and a Porter whom I found in a state of Collapse is still very low. There has been a fresh case today at the Parcherry a Village

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The Collector

& Co.

To the Consulting Surgeon
for Railways

Dtd 23-11-76
Weds 29

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Inform that order
has been issued
with regard to Arconum
Station.

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated

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also asked him to furnish me with a Cholera
report for the information of the Quarter Master
General and Brigade Major of the Division,
which is necessary when Troops are being sent
through, but I am sorry to say I have not received
a reply as yet.

I beg to remain Yrs
Wm J. Ellis
Apothecary, M.R.C.

To
The Agent and Manager
for information
Wm William Elder.

1st December 1876.

(True copy)

Wm J. Ellis
Agent and Manager

N^o 1256.

The Consulting Engineers for Railways
for information.

1st December 1876.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated

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No.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

Consulting Engineer's Office,
Madras, 8th December 1876.

No. 607

SUBMITTED *for the information* OF GOVERNMENT.

2. From other reports received from the Agent it appears that eight cases of cholera occurred on Saturday the 26th ultimo; that a printman died on 30th idem; and that on the 4th instant the Apothecary at Arcanum had still some cases on hand.

3. The insanitary condition of the town was brought to the notice of the Collector of the district, and a request made that remedial measures may be adopted. Mr. Whitehead's reply

N^o 39 dated 23rd November 1876 is enclosed.

4. The recommendation made by the Consulting Physician of the Madras Railway Company that a Government dresser be stationed at Arcanum for the present, has been forwarded for the

From

MADRAS RAILWAY.

To

The Agent and Manager.

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated

Recd.

No. 12056

1st Dec 18762nd Dec 1876

*Regarding the prevalence
of cholera at Arcanum
in 1876.*

the consideration of the Collector.

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M. M. M. M.
Lieut. Col. R. D.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort St. George.

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submitting
report upon the
value of the
land

Dated
Received

18th Dec 1876

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The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort St. George.

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

From

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

No 3407

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 14th Dec 76.
Read the following:—

From the Engineer for
Railways— 2 P. H. No 607 of 8 Dec 76.

Recorded and
Communicated to the
Public Department with
a view to such order being
issued as will secure
due attention being paid
to the sanitary condition
of environs of the Rail-
way Station at Arcot.

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Public Dept. ✓
Engng Dept. ✓
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Govt. of 1876 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To *The Public Department*

Dated

Issued

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Encl.

G. O. 17th Dec^r 1876, No. 3407
Nos. 332/3

*Cholera at Arcot
Madras City*

*Report of the prevalence
of — fever and
communicated to the
Public Dept.*

Public Dept.