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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th June 1868.

No. 59. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Communicating to Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, regarding revision of the plan of Choultry proposed for each of the stations on the North-West Line of Railway. } (Here enter 28th May 1868, No. 1,692.)

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1868, No. 1,538.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,602.

Ext. S. T. Augustin.

Read the following letters :—

No. 692. From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 12th May 1868, No. 446.

No. 691 of 13th March 1865.
,, 1,291 of 12th May ,,

1 Plan.
1 Letter, with enclosure, from the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

1. With reference to the Orders as per margin, I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and orders of Government, the accompanying plan of Choultry which I propose for each of the stations on the North-West Line of Railway, where it is considered that choultries are necessary.

* To be returned.

2. I also submit an original* letter, with enclosure, from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, in which you will observe, in paragraph 1 of the Agent's letter, it is stated that the accommodation proposed is sufficient; whereas, in paragraph 2, it is deemed advisable to recommend that more space should be allotted to "caste men." In June last I forwarded another design, which was not approved, and Colonel Anderson, who was then Consulting Engineer for Railways, drew my attention to the plan laid down on page 76 of the Circular Orders of the Board of Revenue, on which I have designed this plan.

3. If considered advisable, the side allotted for other castes might be divided

No. 693. From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 19th May 1868, No. 173.

1. In returning the papers which accompanied your endorsement of the 18th instant, I have the honor to state, with reference to the apparent discrepancy noticed by Major Moberly in the second paragraph of his letter, that the accommodation afforded in his proposed Choultry was deemed by the Railway officers to be sufficient, but that, as the returns of the existing traffic showed that "caste men" formed a large proportion of the third class passengers, it was suggested that a larger portion of the building should be allotted to them. A slight alteration in the arrangements of the choultry was also suggested, by which "non-caste men" should be placed at one end of the building. These two alterations I have shown by red dotted lines in Major Moberly's rough plan : I quite concur with the Railway authorities as to the expediency of carrying them out.

2. The addition of a verandah, as suggested in the third paragraph of the Superintending Engineer's letter, will, I think, add greatly to the comfort of travellers.

3. I agree with Major Moberly as to there being no necessity for more than one well in each choultry. It might be placed at the point where the cross walls meet, and if thought desirable might be placed under charge of a Brahmin.

4. I do not think that there will be any difficulty in procuring at Tadpatry sufficient water for the choultry. The quantity required will of course be very small as compared with what is necessary for the station, but I have no doubt that, if difficulty is experienced, the Railway Company will arrange to supply the choultry from their pipes.

2. I had an opportunity yesterday of discussing the subject with the Railway officials, and I beg to express my concurrence in the remarks contained in Mr. Elwin's letter.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 6th May 1868, No. 170.

1. Adverting to your letter of the 23rd of March, No. 80, (which I regret has remained so long unanswered), and to the discussion which took place at the Stores' Committee this morning, I have the honor to return plans and sections of choultries proposed to be constructed at Cuddapah, Yerragoontla, Tadpatry, Goondacul, and Adoni, and to state that, in the opinion of my brother officers, the accommodation proposed to be given to travellers by Major Moberly is sufficient.

2. The Committee, however, were of opinion that the accommodation for East Indians, Mahomedans, and the lower orders of the community, had better be at one end of the building, and that inasmuch as some statistics, which the Traffic Manager had had prepared, showed that seventy-five per cent. of the third class traffic from Madras consisted of "caste" men, it is deemed advisable to recommend that rather more space be allotted to the Brahmins, Soodras, and Chetties, than is contemplated in the plan.

3. The Committee also suggest the propriety of providing a well for each caste.

Forwarded (in original) to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, for any observations that he may have to offer on the several points referred to by the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division.

FORT ST. GEORGE, (Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
18th May 1868. *Secretary to Government P. W. D.*

to two portions, as on the caste side, and more accommodation be provided by adding verandahs on either side, as shown in pencil, it being the habit of Natives sleeping in the open.

4. I now come to the question of wells, of which the Railway Committee suggest one for each caste. I cannot think there is any necessity to incur so great an expense, as at almost all choultries that I have seen in this Division there is only one well. At all the stations named, except Tadpatry, the Railway authorities will have a well, and, I think, arrangements might be made for travellers to take water from the Railway well. At Tadpatry I am at a loss to know what to recommend, as you may observe in clause 2, paragraph 9 of the Consulting Engineer's report, communicated with G. O., No. 1,139, of 16th ultimo, that, in consequence of the difficulty of procuring water at the station, it is proposed to bring it in iron pipes from the Pennair river. I can only suggest a similar step, or else an arrangement with the Railway Company to supply the required quantity of water.

5. I am not aware what are the water arrangements proposed at Adoni, but beg to state that I do not know of any well of good water at Adoni itself, those in the neighbourhood being brackish, and the people having to go about three-quarters of a mile for their drinking water to a well at which all castes draw.

From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated Madras, 7th May 1868, No. 141.

1. Referring to your docket No. 3,389, dated 16th March last, I have the honor to forward, for your information, copy of letter No. 170, dated 5th instant, from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, regarding the plan* of choultry proposed for construction at several stations on the North-West Line.

* Herewith returned.

5. At Adoni, I believe, the station will be supplied by a well in the enclosure, but if the water proves to be not good enough for drinking purposes, recourse must be had to the nearest good well.

No. 694. ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1868, No. 1,692.

RAILWAY, No. 58.

The letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways above recorded will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division, who will revise the plan of Choultry proposed for each of the stations on the North-West Line of Railway with reference to Major Shaw Stewart's remarks, and re-submit it, together with the requisite estimates and specifications, for the consideration of Government.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, with Plan and original letter.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Revenue Department.

Fwd. S. T. Augustin.

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