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No. 166A. Read the following letter from A. McCALLUM WEBSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 28th February 1874 :—

IN the laying out the line for the Carnatic Railway and the site for the Goods' Station it was found necessary to close the Male Orphan Asylum Road, and an alternative road was proposed (No. 6 on Plan). The Railway Company were to construct the road, the Government giving the land.

2. I had lately to inspect one of the houses proposed to be demolished for this new road, and it appears to me doubtful whether the road itself is really necessary. If Government will refer to the Plan, they will see that access to the Male Orphan Asylum buildings can easily be obtained, from that part of the town lying near the South-Western Railway Station, by the Poonamallee Road and the Commissioner's Office Road; while from St. Andrew's Bridge the Pantheon Road and the Police Commissioner's Office Road appear to afford sufficient facility of access. The distance from St. Andrew's Bridge to the Asylum will be slightly increased, but I do not think this is of much importance.

3. Access to the bungalows and buildings situated between the paddy fields and Whannel's Road can be obtained from Whannel's, the Pantheon, or Kennett's Roads. The only building, access to which would appear from the plan to be blocked, I have marked in the plan by a blue cross, but probably the part of the Male Orphan Asylum Road outside this boundary of the Goods' Station site would afford the access required. Any building this building is not affected by the proposed new road.

4. I calculate that the net cost to Government of the lands taken up for the new road (No. 6) and for the paddy-fields (marked 8) will be about Rupees 55,000, as shown below. Some of the lands have already been purchased at a cost of Rupees 16,632.

	RS.
For road diversion	36,632
For Land No. 8	25,000
	61,632
Amount which will probably be realized by sale of materials	6,250
	Net cost... 55,382

5. Land No. 7 must be taken up for the play-ground for the boys in the Asylum, but the necessity of taking up No. 8 is not so apparent. Moreover, I have been directed to take it up under class D. Lands of that class are defined to be "lands required in consequence of the works of a Railway and (which) do not come into the occupation of the Railway Company, and (which) will be (used) exclusively for roads either new roads leading to Railway Stations or diversions or changes of old roads made necessary to the Railway works." This land No. 8 is certainly not required for Railway purposes, or for the diversion of the road,

and is entered in the Schedule as required for Government purposes. Its acquisition will cost nearly Rupees 25,000. On this point, however, I will address the Consulting Engineer for Railways. I only mention it now to show what will be the total cost of the lands south of the Male Orphan Asylum Road which have been directed to take up.

6. I have brought this matter to the notice of the President of the Municipality, and have pointed out to him that unless the new road is really required its construction will entail an annual useless charge on the Municipality for its maintenance. On receipt of his reply I will address Government again, but as there is some land still to be taken up, and the official year is drawing to a close, it is, I think, best not to wait for Mr. Loch's opinion, but to at once refer the matter for the order of Government as to whether the acquisition of any further land should be stopped until the matter receives further consideration. If Government decide to defer the acquisition of the land, a portion of the allotment for the purchase of Railway lands will be set free. Pending receipt of orders I have directed my Deputy to take no further steps in the acquisition of the lands.

7. I should be obliged by the return of the accompanying Plan as it is the only one I have in the Office.

No. 166B.

ORDER THEREON

15th April 1874, No. 984A.

RAILWAY, No. 25.

the land to be taken up and the divisions of existing roads which will be necessitated by bringing the line of the Carnatic Railway through the portion of the town lying between the Male Asylum premises and the site of the Passenger Station near the Penitentiary.

2. The probable amount of compensation payable by Government with the cost of the Passenger Station is estimated as follows:—

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1. Friend-in-Need Society	21,254 paid.
2. Passenger Station site	20,000
3. Do. building	2,20,000
4. Diversion of Sydenham and Lang's Garden Roads	2,000
5. Frontage Poonamallce road	70,000
6. New Road to Male Asylum	20,000
7. Enlargement of Asylum play-ground	16,632
8. Reclamation land north of the Police Commissioner's Office	25,000
Total...	3,94,886
Deduct recoveries {	6,250
	6,800
	2,800
	15,850
Net...	3,79,036

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that it will be unnecessary to supply the place of the present Asylum Road by the new one

marked in the Survey, or to take up the land between it and the Police Commissioner's compound. The saving on these two items will amount to Rupees 45,000. His Excellency the Governor in Council is also not prepared to lay out a sum of Rupees 70,000 in widening the Poonamallce Road at the place numbered 5 in the Plan, when sufficient space may be obtained with little or no cost by a slight diversion of the line of Railway to the opposite side, which would involve the surrender of only a small portion of the Penitentiary enclosure. The proposed tramway from the Salt Cotours to the Carnatic Goods' Station should not come in at this spot, but may be more conveniently taken through Vepery and turned in a southerly direction along the new road running past the Doveton College compound and the Church Mission premises, or by Rundall's Road.

A slight modification of the line of Railway near the Goods' Shed also appears necessary. In the Survey the line is shown as being carried along the centre of Jordan's Road and continued up to the Male Asylum Road, which is for the most part included within the station boundary. The inconvenience of closing up this road may be obviated by taking up the portion of land at the south-west corner of St. Andrew's church compound on which an out-house in now standing, and diverting the line of Railway in this direction, at the same time curtailing the station boundaries to such an extent as will leave the Male Asylum Road untouched. The inclusion of this road, while adding to the area of the station site, would depreciate the value of house property in the vicinity, and might give rise to claims to compensation which would probably settle.

A sum of Rupees 20,000 is set down as the value of the site of the Passenger Station. This land belongs to the Penitentiary and is Provincial property. Provincial Funds should accordingly be created with the value of the ground if surrendered to the Railway Company; but no action should be taken in the matter till the details called for in paragraph 3 of G. O., No. 2,518, dated 25th October 1872, in regard to the Passenger Station Plans have been laid before Government and their orders passed thereon. The widening of the Hospital Bridge is held in abeyance pending a decision as to the elevation of the station building, and no further time should accordingly be lost in supplying the required information.

(True Extract.)

Chandler Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Madras.
" Revenue Department.
" District Engineer, Presidency.
" Financial Department.
" Judicial
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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THE COLLECTOR OF MADRAS.

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APRIL

No. 168A-168B

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By Mr.

Carnatic Railway.—Passing orders on a letter from the Collector of Madras on the subject of the land to be taken up for the Carnatic Railway and the diversions of existing roads which will be necessitated by bringing the line through the portion of the town lying between the Male Asylum premises and the site on the Passenger Station.

Comd. to the Board of Revenue
20 April 74

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