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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd September 1875.*

No. 38. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 24th August 1875, No. 469:—

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, 20th August 1875, No. 870.

In continuation of my letter of the 28th of May last, No. 567, I have the honor to send you herewith, for submission to Government, a copy of the 15th paragraph of the Secretary's letter, No. 555, dated the 16th of July 1875, in which it is stated that the Directors entirely concur in the views expressed by their Chief Engineer in his letter of the 26th of May last, No. 371, with regard to the inspection of tanks by the Engineers of the Railway Company.

2. I trust that upon reconsideration of the subject the Honorable the Governor in Council will perceive that the proposal contained in Government Order, No. 1,047, of the 15th of April last, would, if carried out, have the effect of throwing upon the Railway Company the responsibility which in justice belongs to the owners of tanks.

3. The Chief Engineer will continue to bring to notice any defects in tanks which come to his knowledge, as threatening danger to the railway; but I beg that you will point out to the Government how impossible it is that the Railway Engineers can have any cognizance of the state of tanks at all remote from the line, although the insecure state of these is the source of as much danger to the railway works as of tanks close to the line.

4. In accordance with the instructions of the Directors, I am not able to furnish you with the list called for in your letter of the 30th of April last, No. 483, nor to depute an officer to examine the calingulah of the tank at $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, South-west Line, in accordance with the request contained in your letter, No. 573, of the 20th of May last.

Extract from a letter from the Secretary, Madras Railway Company, No. 555, dated London the 16th July 1875.

PARAGRAPH 15.—The Directors have carefully considered the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 1,047, of the 15th April 1875, forwarded with your No. 1,157, with reference to the suggestion in paragraph 13 of 545, as to the desirability of some information being communicated to the owners of tanks as to the precautions necessary in all cases; and I am to state, with respect to the opinion expressed by His Excellency the Governor in Council, that the wishes of the Directors may reasonably be complied with in every case which their Engineers may point out as requiring special attention; that the Board entirely concur in the views expressed by the Chief Engineer in his letter of the 26th May last, as they considered it undesirable that any of their officers should express their approval of the soundness of structure, or efficiency of the arrangements of any of the tanks. At the same time they are of opinion that in any cases in which it may come to the knowledge of the Chief Engineer that defects exist which threaten danger to the Company's works, there would be no objection to his making the same known to the proper authority, as has been his practice hitherto, without in any degree committing the Company as to the method or completeness of the means used to remedy the evil.

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SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government, with reference to their Proceedings, under date the 15th April and 16th June 1875, Nos. 1,047 and 1,696.

2. The tank alluded to in paragraph 4 of Mr. Elwin's letter is situated on the Bangalore Branch, within the Kangoondy Zemindary. During 1874 its condition was brought to notice by the Railway Officers with a request that a calingulah might be built. Through the influence of the Collector of North Arcot this has now been done; and Mr. Whiteside wrote in May to ask that the Railway Engineer of the Division might be deputed to ascertain whether the work had been properly executed, and to suggest any further improvement that might be necessary for the safety of the tank. It will be seen that Mr. Elwin is of opinion that his Directors' instructions prevent this from being done.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways

No. 39.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1875, No. 2,505.

RAILWAY, No. 7-A.

ORDERED to be recorded.

2. In all cases in which defects are reported by Railway Engineers in connection with private tanks, the Government Officers concerned will proceed in the manner laid down in paragraph 2 of G. O., No. 1,047, dated 15th April 1875.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Cuddapah.

"	"	Bellary.
"	"	Presidency.
"	"	Chingleput.
"	"	North Arcot.
"	"	South Arcot.
"	"	Salem.
"	"	Bangalore.
"	"	Tanjore.
"	"	Trichinopoly.
"	"	Coimbatore.
"	"	Malabar.
"	"	Madura.
"	"	Tinnevely.
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"	"	Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
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To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

CUDDAPAH,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September 2nd.

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G. O., 2nd September 1875, No. 2,505.

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Inspection of Tanks affecting Railway Lines
by Engineers of the Railway Company.—
Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer
submitting correspondence containing the
views entertained by the Board of Direc-
tors, Madras Railway, with regard to the
—, recorded with remarks. N^o 1952.

Comm^d to the
Board of Revenue

22 Sept/75.

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