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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th July 1867.

No. 120. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Passing orders on letter from the Collector of North Arcot regarding the nuisances complained of at Arconum Railway Station. } (Here enter 2nd July 1867, No. 1,956.)

No. 121. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1867, No. 1,513.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,956.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 34. Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chittoor, 15th June 1867, No. 41:—

1. I have the honour, with reference to paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, dated 14th ultimo, No. 1,460, to submit, for the information of Government, copies of the correspondence* that has passed between my Acting Head Assistant and myself on the subject of Dr. vanSomeren's remarks regarding the filthy state of the Arconum Station premises. Government will observe from this correspondence that the nuisances complained of are absolutely confined to the Railway enclosures. I have never visited Arconum without expostulating against the filthy and unsightly appearance of the enclosure north of the platform through which lies the approach to the new pettah to which it presents a striking contrast.

* To Acting Head Assistant Collector, dated 18th May 1867, No. 367.
From do., 10th June 1867, No. 208.

2. I am quite ready to be judged by the results already affected in the improvement and gradual extension of the new pettah, but feel that so long as the Railway enclosure is suffered to remain in its present state, these efforts cannot be appreciated by travellers who form their opinion merely from what is visible within from the platform.

3. In the observations which Mr. Wilkinson makes in paragraph 7 of his letter I most heartily concur, and in a letter to the address of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, I have made a most energetic protest against the transfer proposed by Dr. vanSomeren.

4. Speaking out of a long acquaintance with the place, and a knowledge of the feeling both European and Native, I have no hesitation in saying that such a transfer would be distasteful to all, and would seriously affect the usefulness of the proposed Chuttrum.

From the Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Head Assistant Collector of North Arcot, dated Palmanair, 18th May 1867, No. 367.

1. In forwarding the accompanying spare copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 1,460, dated 14th instant, Public Works Department, I have the honour to ask your attention to that passage of paragraph 2 of Dr. vanSomeren's letter therein embodied, where it is said that the refuse and garbage of the Arconum Station are thrown into a channel which forms one of the water-sheds of a large tank to the east. If this be the case, the Police cannot be doing their duty, as the new pettah has been declared a town within the meaning of the Police Act.

2. The enclosure to which the Consulting Physician alludes further on in the same paragraph is probably the spot recently appropriated as a bandy-stand, with well and tope attached to it.

3. I have made a strong protest against the proposition to erect the new Chuttrum at this place. The arrangement does not appear to me to commend itself on any single consideration, and any change from the site now set apart on the north side of the platform for the Choultry would be as distasteful to the native traveller as it would be to those who have already settled, and may hereafter locate on the south side of the Railway enclosures. I conclude that the prickly-pear clumps, alluded to in the concluding part of paragraph 2, are within the Railway enclosure, as also the tank (query, old ballast pits, for I know of no other than the village tank) recommended to be filled up.

4. If my surmise be correct, the Railway authorities are responsible for taking order within their premises both as respects these nuisances and the filthy huts at the further extremity. If I am writing under any misapprehension of facts, I beg you will correct me.

om the Acting Head Assistant Collector of North Arcot, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated Ranipett, 10th June 1867, No. 208.

1. In reply to your letter, No. 357, dated 18th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you at on Saturday last, when at Arconum, I inspected the nuisance, &c., complained of by Dr. nSomeren.

2. Just outside the hedge which separates the line of rails from the Railway compound, at distance of twenty yards from a goods shed and ten yards from the public road, I found a mass offal and decaying matter including a dead dog. This was all heaped up in a channel which pplies a tank to the east where people are in the habit of washing cloths, &c.

3. The prickly-pear in the compound has been allowed to grow both in height and breadth, d affords a convenient shelter for the disposal of rubbish which the Railway officials are too reless to carry to a greater distance.

4. At the end of the compound near the pettah, an increasing number of poor native huts mposed of palmyra leaves have been allowed to accumulate, and butchers expose rank flesh for le on the side of the road. I think it is rather anomalous that while outside the Railway remises no one is allowed to erect a building, unless it is tiled and kept in good repair, these ovels should be permitted within that enclosure.

5. The only place to which the Consulting Physician can, in my opinion, refer when he speaks f a tank to be filled up are some hollows near the lines from which during the construction ballast as obtained. The use to which these hollows are put I have spoken of in paragraph 2.

6. It thus appears that the Railway Company are responsible for the whole of the nuisances t Arconum.

7. If the Chuttrum were to be built on the south side of the Railway premises as recommended y Dr. vanSomeren, it would seldom if ever be used. Those who did use it would have to cross the line of rails and to pass through the Railway compound before reaching the bazaar near to which it must be situated. It would also be at a distance from the Police Station, and in an inconvenient place for a beat Constable to visit, and I was assured by the natives that it would be contrary to their wishes and interests if it were built on the south, instead of the north side.

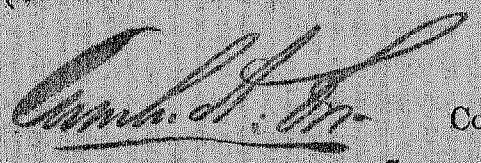
No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1867, No. 1,956.

RAILWAY, No. 2.

1. Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to G. O. of the 14th May 1867, No. 1,460.

2. It appears from these papers that the nuisances at the Arconum Railway Station, brought to notice by the Consulting Physician of the Madras Railway Company in his letter of the 5th April 1867, No. 47, are confined to the Railway enclosure. Colonel Anderson will draw the attention of the Railway authorities to the matter, and will urge upon them the necessity of adopting early remedial measures.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Collector of North Arcot.

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Proceedings on the
Sp. Pr. Bill for ——

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Letter from the Collr of
N. Arcot regarding the
misdeeds Complained of
against Mr Cremen Railway Staff

No 720-121

Mr. 1513.

Cremen & Co Bridges.

8th July/67

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