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Form our ard letter
See for submission
to the Managing
Committee J. J.

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Copies

To,

The President,

Karachi Municipality.

Dated Karachi the 16th March 1886.

Sir,

On behalf of the Residents who live near the line of Railway, I have the honor to address the Municipality to solicit their good offices in endeavouring to obtain a reduction in the present nuisance of the almost perpetual whistling and screeching of engines which has been very much worse since the transfer of the Railway to the new management.

The necessity for most of the whistling is undoubtedly due to the fact that level road crossings exist, and I would therefore earnestly urge on the Municipality that the time has come for their insisting on having over head crossings at Freer Street and Clifton crossing arranged for, and beg that they will also, in the interests of the Residents, submit to the Railway authorities a strong protest against the continuance of this unnecessary continuous whistling and screaming.

I have the honor to be
(Signed) B. T. Frick.

No. 1292 of 1886

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Karachi 8th April 1886.

To,

J. H. B. Erskine Esquire, M. S.

Commissioner in Sind.

Karachi.

Sir,

Complaints having been addressed to the Managing Committee of the Karachi Municipality regarding the great annoyance caused to the public by the Level crossings over the North-Western Railway, especially those at Cantonment Station and Blyton Road, it has been decided that the matter be referred to you with a request on the part of the Managing Committee that you will kindly take what steps you may deem necessary in the interests of the Public.

2. I feel it is quite unnecessary for me to do more than merely allude to the subject it being one so well known to you. I would however venture to remark that it appears to me that the time has now come when the shunting of Engines and Wagons across a large public level crossing as is now carried on at the Cantonment Station should cease and some other plan be adopted whereby the public convenience

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convenience will be more considered. At this station
also all trains overlap the crossing and the road is
practically closed to the public so long as a train
is at the platform.

3. At the Clifton crossing which is closed
by a pair of automatic iron gates there is not so
much inconvenience felt as there is no shunting done
at this point, but in addition to the ordinary delay
for trains coming and going there is ^{the} serious
danger of a carriage being caught by the iron gate
as it closes across the road, and of its being held
there till the arrival of the train and a smash
and probable loss of life take place.

I have &c
(Signed) J. Grant, President,
Karachi Municipality.

No. 1321 of 1886.

10th April 1886.

Memo:

Copy forwarded to Colonel R. J.
Crawford, Collector of Karachi, with the compli-
ments of the undersigned.

(Signed) J. Strachan, M.A.C.E.
Engineer and Secretary,
Karachi Municipality.

No. 1305 of 1886

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Municipal Engr & Secy's Office

Karachi 9th April 1886.

To,

B. J. Finch Esquire,

Municipal Commissioner

Karachi.

Sir,

I have the honor to subjoin -
copy of a Resolution passed by the Managing
Committee of the Karachi Municipality, at
their meeting held on the 26th March 1886, with
reference to your letter dated 16th March 1886, on
behalf of the residents near the line of Railway,
drawing attention to the whistling nuisance, and
suggesting that Government be moved to provide
over-bridges at the Camp Crossings.

Resolution :- The Commissioner in Hind
may be addressed on the subject of
over-bridges at the Camp Railway
Crossings.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. Strachan, M.D.C.

Engineer and Secretary
Karachi Municipality.

No.

No 534 of 1886.

General Department.

From,

The Commissioner in Sindh.

To,

The President,

Karachi Municipality.

Commissioner's office,

Karachi, 27th April 1886.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1292 dated 9th Instant, informing me that the Managing Committee of the Karachi Municipality have received — complaints regarding the great annoyance caused to the public by the two level crossings over the North-Western Railway, one on the Clifton Road and the other on the road near the Cantonment Station — and asking me to take steps to remedy the evil complained of.

2. I find that in the year 1858 when the construction of the Railway was about to be taken in hand a good deal of correspondence passed on the subject of the most convenient kind of crossing

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at the points you refer to - ie - "over bridge" versus -
"level crossing" and that finally the latter was de-
cided on as more likely to give satisfaction to the public.

3. So far as the Clifton road crossing is
concerned this decision at all, I think, holds good, for the
existing level crossing seems to me far more con-
venient than an over-bridge in such a situation
with steep gradients would be. With regard to the other
crossing the case is different as owing to the length of
time the gates are kept closed, traffic is stopped -
entirely for lengthened periods. If then the incon-
venience occasioned is so great as to justify the
erection of an overbridge this should in my
opinion be represented not by the Managing
Committee but by the Members at a General
Meeting and any resolution passed by that body
on the subject should I think be supported by a
report of a Committee appointed specially
under clause (10) Section 24 of the Bombay
District Municipal Act Amendment Act
1884 to report on the subject setting forth the
inconvenience complained of and stating the
remedies proposed.

4. With such information before me I
should be in a position to communicate with the
Manager

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Manager of the line - which at present I hardly
am.

I have &c.
(Signed) J. N. B. Erskine
Commissioner in Sind.

Karachi Municipality

Extract from the minutes of Proceedings of the meeting
of the Managing Committee of the Karachi Muni-
cipality, held on the 8th May 1886.

Subject. No 352. Read letter No 534 dated
24th April 1886, from the Commissioner in Sind
regarding the two level crossings over the North
Western Railway, one on the Clifton Road -
and the other on the road near the Canton-
ment Station.

Resolution : The correspondence should
now be submitted to a General Meeting,
with an expression of the views of the
Managing Committee, that both level
crossings are inconvenient to the public
and should be done away with.

True Extract.
(Signed) J. Strachan M. D. C.
Engineer and Secretary
Karachi Municipality.

No 2251 of 1886.

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Municipal Engr and Secy office

Karachi 16th June 1886.

From,

J. Grant Esquire,

President of the Karachi Municipality.

To,

H. N. B. Erskine Esquire, C.S.

Commissioner in Sindh.

Karachi.

Sir,

Referring to your letter No 534 dated 24th April 1886, on the subject of the Level crossings of the railway at the Cantonment Station and the Clifton Road, I have the honor to inform you, that this matter has again received the careful attention of the Managing Committee of the Municipality who passed thereon the following Resolution at their meeting held on the 8th May 1886.

Resolution :- The correspondence should now be submitted to a General meeting with an expression of the views of the Managing Committee that both level crossings are inconvenient to the public and should be done away with.

21. This resolution was submitted to the ⁵⁻¹ Meeting of this Corporation held on the 8th May, when the following resolution was carried unanimously.

"The Corporation endorse the Managing Committee's opinion as to the desirability of removing the level crossings at the Clifton Road and Cantonment Station."

3. With reference to the inconveniences complained of they have been already referred to in my letter to you of the 8th April No. 1292, and I need not recapitulate them here. The remedies proposed by the Municipality take the shape of over Bridges, but if the Railway authorities have any other more efficient, and economic proposal to make the Municipality will be glad to consider it.

4. I trust you will see your way to give the Resolution of the Municipality your valuable assistance and Support.

I have &c.
(Signed) J. Grant, President, of the
Karachi Municipality.

No. 2360 of 1886.
Municipal Engineer's office
Karachi, 22nd June 1886.

Memo



Memo:-

Copy forwarded to Colonel R. I. Crawford, Collector of Karachi, for information with the Compliments of the undersigned.

(Sd) J. Strachan M.B.E.
Engineer and Secretary
Karachi Municipality.

From.

The Manager North Western Railway
To. The Commissioner, in Sued,
Karachi.

No 1446. m. Lahore 3rd July 1886
Despatched on 6-7-86,

Sir,

In reply to your letter no 865 of 22nd ultimo, I have the honor to remark that there would be no objection on the part of this Railway to the Municipality of Karachi constructing overbridges at either of the Level crossings referred to.

21. I am however strongly of opinion that a level crossing at some distance from a station is a less source of inconvenience to the public, as a whole, than an overbridge; for, the one affects only the few who may happen

happen to be stopped by the gates being closed, while the other is a nuisance to all using the road.

31. I agree with you in thinking that the level crossing at the Cantt Station is a source of inconvenience to the public, but I think that a diversion of the road farther down towards the City Station, say at about 100 yards from its present site, would be more convenient to the public than an overbridge.

I have &c.

(Sd). L. Conway Gordon.
Manager

Enclosures
— nil —

No 1094 of 1886.

General Department

Commissioner's office.

Karachi 31st July 1886.

True copy forwarded to the President, Karachi Municipality for information with reference to his letter No G. 1292 of 9th April 1886.

21. It is for the Municipality to consider whether the proposal made in para 3 of Major Conway Gordon's letter to divert the present road

road to the Cantonment Station crossing further west would have the effect of obviating the inconvenience complained of at that crossing - The Commissioner is not at all in favor of bridging the line at the Clifton crossing.

By order,
Hof. S. W. Edgerly.
Acting Asst. Commissioner
in Sind

No. 3613. of 1886.
2nd September 1886.

Memo:

Copies forwarded to the Collector of Karachi as requested in his memo no 3249 dated 31st August 1886.

(Sd). J. Strachan M.D. & C.,
Engineer and Secretary
Karachi Municipality.

No. 3482 of 1886.
24th August 1886.

To,

H. A. B. Erskine Esquire C.S.
Commissioner in Sind.

Sd.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that the letter No. 1476 M, dated 3rd ultimo, from the Managers North Western Railway, received under your endorsement No. 1094 dated 31st idem, was placed before the Managing Committee of the Karachi Municipality at their meeting held on the 9th of August 1886, when the following Resolution was passed.

Resolution:- "The Committee request to observe
" that while admitting the inconvenience
" (which is palpable to all) caused to the public
" by the level crossings referred to in the cor-
" respondence, the Manager of the North Western
" Railway does not state what steps on —
" behalf of his railway he is prepared to recom-
" mend to remedy this public nuisance. The
" Managing Committee trust the Commis-
" sioned will lend the weight of his influence
" on the side of the public in this matter"

2. With reference to the above, I may further add, that the Municipality has already shown a disposition to meet the Railway on fair and — reasonable terms, and it is hoped that the Railway will on their part take a reasonable view of this question. It devolves on the Railway to relieve the

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the public from the inconveniences referred to, and I trust early steps will be taken to show the public - that the Railway authority are not unmindful of their interests.

I have &c.
(Signed). J. Grant, President,
Karachi Municipality.

No. 3504 of 1886

25th August 1886

Memo:-

Copy forwarded to Colonel R. I.
Crawford, Collector of Karachi for information.

/S/ J. Strachan, M.I.C.E.,
Engineer and Secretary,
Karachi Municipality.

No. 1246, of 1886.

General Department.

From,

H. N. B. Eroline, Esquire, C.S.
Commissioner in Sind.

To,

J. Grant Esquire
President, Karachi Municipality
Commissioners -

Commissioner's Office.

Karachi, 31st August 1886.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 3482 dt. 24th August 1886, informing me of the views of the Municipality on the subject of the level crossings on the Clifton road and near the Cantonment Station.

2. From the Resolution of the Municipality it would appear that that body expected that the Manager of the North Western Railway would erect over bridges - but they have not explained the grounds on which they consider that this should be done by the Railway Officers - It will be observed that the Manager does not object to the Municipality erecting over bridges, though himself unwilling to recommend such a step - He proposes as a preferable course that the Municipality should divert the road which now crosses close to the Cantonment Station as by moving it further west, the crossing will not be blocked while trains are standing at the Platform, indeed will be comparatively rarely impossible except for a few moments while trains are passing - It appears to me that a level crossing at

at each crossing is less objectionable than an overbridge
for the reasons given by Major Conway Gordon
and the traffic is not so constant as to make
them a source of danger. I cannot then see
on what grounds the Railway Department can
be called on to carry out works they do not ap-
prove of and the necessity of which is certain-
ly open to argument - I request then you will
more fully explain the views of the municipality
and also on what grounds they think that the
Railway Department of Government should
incur a large charge for the works in question.

I have &c

(Signed) J. N. B. Erskine,
Commissioner in Sindh.

No. 3249. of 1886.

General Department.

Collector's Office.

Karachi 31st August 1886.

Memo:-

Referring to the copy of the President
Karachi Municipality's letter No. 3482 dated
24th instant, received under the Secretary's
endorsement

endorsement no 358th dated 25th idem, on the
Subject of the Railway level crossings, the Collector of
Karachi has the honor to request that he may kindly
be furnished with a copy of the manager North
Western Railway's letter no 147/b.m. dated 3rd ultimo,
therein alluded to.

(Signed) R. J. Crawford. Lt. Col.
Collector of Karachi.

"True Copies"

 ~~W. H. C.~~ M. I. B. C.,
Engineer and Secretary,
Karachi Municipality.

No 1305 of 1886

Municipal Engineer & Secy's office
Karachi 7 April 1886.

To

G. J. I. Esquire
Municipal Commissioner
Karachi

Sir,

I have the honor to
Subjoin copy of a Resolution passed
by the Managing Committee of the
Karachi Municipality at their meeting
held on the 26th March 1886, with
reference to your letter dated 16th
March 1886, on behalf of the residents
near the line of Railway, drawing
attention to the whistling nuisance,
and suggesting that Government
be moved to provide over-bridges
at the Camp Crossings.

Resolution - The Commissioners
in Aid may be addressed on
the subject of over-bridges at
the Camp Railway Crossings

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I have the
pleasure

M. J. C. E.

Engineer and Secretary
Karachi Municipality

P⁹ 1292 Of 1886.

1. A. N. B. Oskhine
The Commissioner in Sind
Sir Karachi

Complaints having been addressed to the Managing Committee of the Karachi Municipality regarding the great annoyance ~~and~~ caused to the public by the Level Crossing over the N. W. Ry., especially those at Cantonment and Station and Clifton Road, it has been decided that the matter be referred to you with a request on the part of the Man. Com. that you will kindly take what steps you may deem necessary in the interests of the Public.

2. I feel it is quite unnecessary for me to do more than merely allude to the subject it being one so well known to you. I would however venture to remark that ~~present~~ that it appears to me that

the time has now come when the
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the public convenience will
be more considered. At this

~~3. As your shaft~~

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road is practically closed to the
public so long as a train is
at the platform. —

3 ~~as to~~ the Clifton crossing
which is ~~not~~ closed by a pair
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is not so much inconvenience
felt as there is no shunting
done at this point, but in
addition to the ordinary delay

for trains coming and going
there is the ~~most~~ serious danger
of a carriage being caught
by the iron gate ^{and} closing
across the road, ~~and being~~
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smash and probable loss of
life take place.

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Karachi Municipality

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Memo

10th April 1886.

Copy forwarded to Colonel
A. J. Crawford, Collector of
Karachi, with the compliments
of the undersigned.

W. H. B. S.
Engineer Secy
R. M. D.



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No. 534 of 1886.

General DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE COMMISSIONER IN SIND.

To

*The President,
Karachi Municipality*

Commissioner's Office,

Karachi, 27th April 1886.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1292 dated 9th instant informing me that the Managing Committee of the Municipality have received Complaints regarding the great annoyance caused to the public by the two level North. Western Railway, one on the Clifton Road and the other on the Crossings over the road near the Cantonment Station. and asking me to take steps to remedy the evil complained of.

2. I find that in the year 1858 when

when the construction of the
Railway was about to be taken
in hand a good deal of Correspondence
passed on the subject of the
~~most~~ convenient kind of crossing
at the points you refer to. i.e.
"over bridge" versus "level crossing"
and that finally the latter was
decided on as more likely to give
satisfaction to the public.

3. So far as the Clifton road
crossing is concerned this decision
still, I think, holds good, for the
existing level crossing seems to
me far more convenient than
an over bridge in such a situation
with steep gradients would be.

With regard to the other crossing
the case is different as owing to
the length of time the gates are
kept closed, traffic is stopped
entirely for lengthened periods. If
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then the inconvenience occasioned is so great as to justify the erection of an overbridge this should in my opinion be represented not by the Managing Committee but by the members at a General meeting and any resolution passed by that body on the subject should I think be supported by a report of a Committee appointed specially under clause (10) section 27 of the Bombay District Municipal Act Amendment Act 1884 to report on the subject setting forth the inconvenience complained of & stating the remedies proposed.

4 With such information before me I should be in a position to communicate with the

the Manager of the line. which
at present I hardly am.

I have the honor to be
sir.

Your Most Obedt. Servant.

Wm. Inland
Commissioner in Ind.

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I referred to Mr. Strachan
for compliance. A fresh
representation should be
drafted and submitted
and submitted to the Sub
Committee for approval &
report and the papers
should then be laid before
a general meeting for
confirmation.

W. Inland suggested
The Great West Street
& Mr. Inland W.

Wm. Inland
28/4/86

Karachi Municipality

Extract from the Minutes of
Proceedings of the Meeting of the Man-
aging Committee of the Karachi Muni-
cipality, held on the 8th May 1886.

Subject no. 352. Read letter no. 534
dated 27th April 1886, from the Commis-
sioner in Sind regarding the two level
Crossings over the North Western Railway
one on the Clifton Road and the other
on the road near the Cantonment Station

Resolution The Correspondence
should now be submitted to a General
Meeting, with an expression of the views
of the Managing Committee, that both
level Crossings are inconvenient to the
public and should be done away with.

True Extract

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Engineer and Secretary
Karachi Municipality

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N^o 2157 Of 1886.

Municipal Eng^r & Secretary's Office

Karachi 16 June 1886.

From, J. Grant Esquire
President of the

Karachi Municipality

To, H. A. B. Erskine, Esquire C. S.
Commissioner in Sind
Karachi

Sir,

Referring to your letter N^o 534 dated
27th April 1886, on the subject of the
Level crossings of the railway at the
Cantonment Station and the Clifton
Road, I have the honor to inform you
that this matter has again received
the careful attention of the Managing
Committee of the Municipality who
passed thereon the following Reso-
lution at their meeting held on
the 8th May 1886 -

Resolution - "The correspondence should
now be submitted to a general
meeting with an expression of
the views of the Managing Com-
mittee that both level crossings
are inconvenient to the public -
and

and should be done away with -

2. This resolution was submitted to the meeting of this corporation held on the 8th May, when the following resolution was carried unanimously -

"The corporation endorse the Managig Committee's opinion ~~that~~ as to the desirability of removing the level crossings at the Clifton Road and Lantoument station."

3. With reference to the inconveniences complained of ~~they~~ have been already referred to in my letter to you of the 8th April. N^o 1292, and I need not recapitulate them here. The remedies proposed by the Municipality ^{take} the shape of our Bridges, but if the Railway ^{authorities} ~~company~~ have any other more efficient, and economic proposal to make the Municipality will be glad to consider it.

4. I trust you will see your way to give the Resolution of the Municipality your valuable assistance

assistance and support in this matter.

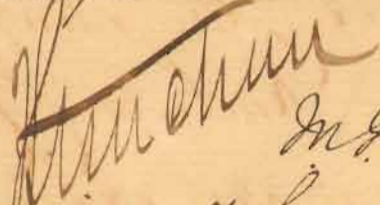
Have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

P. J. J. J.
President of the
Karachi Municipality

No. 2360 of 1886.
Municipal Engineer & Secretary
Karachi 22nd June 1886

Memo:-

Copy forwarded to Colonel
R. D. Crawford, Collector of Karachi
for information, with the compliments
of the undersigned.


In Obed.
Engineer & Secretary
Karachi Municipality

Copy

From

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The manager North Western
Railway

To,

The Commissioner in Sind
Karachi,No 1476 m. Lahore 3rd July 1886.

Despatched on 6-7-86,

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In reply to your letter
no 865 of 22nd ultimo, I have
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If I am however strongly
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I have &c

Sd/- L. Conway Gordon
Manager

Enclosures
— nil —

No 1097 of 1886.

General Department
Commissioner's office

Karachi 31st July 1886,

True copy forwarded to the
President Karachi municipality
for information with reference
to his letter no 4/1292 of 9th April
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2/- It is for the municipality to consider whether the proposal made in para 3 of Major Conway Gordon's letter to divert the present road to the Cantonment Station crossing further west would have the effect of obviating the inconvenience complained of at that crossing - The Commissioner is not at all in favour of bridging the line at the Clifton crossing -

By order,

J M Edgerley

As: Assistant Commissioner
in Sind

J M

Submitted to the
Man: Cons: for
consideration

M. H. C. M.

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No 9
3613 of 1886.

2nd September 1886.

Memo

Copy forwarded
to the Collector of Karachi
as requested in his Memo
No 3249 dated 31st August
1886.

~~M. H. C. M.~~
M. H. C.
Engineer & Co
R. M.

Office copy

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No. G. 3482 of 1886.

24th August 1886.

To,

H. M. B. Erskine Esquire C.S.
Commissioner in Sind

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that the letter No. 1476 M. dated 3rd ultimo, from the Manager North Western Railway, received under your endorsement No. 1094 dated 3rd ult, was placed before the Managing Committee of the Karachi Municipality at their meeting held on the 9th of August 1886, when the following Resolution was passed.

Resolution. "The Committee regret
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2. With reference to the above, I may further add, that the Municipality has already shown a disposition to meet the Railway on fair and reasonable terms, and it is hoped that the Railway will on their part take a reasonable view of this question. It devolves on the Railway to relieve the public from the inconveniences referred to, and I trust early steps will be taken to show the public that the Railway authorities are not unmindful of their interests.

I have &c

[Signature] President
Karachi Municipality

No 3587 of 1886.

25th August 1886.

Memo

Copy forwarded to Colonel R. S. Crawford, Collector of Karachi for information -

[Signature]
M. S. B.
Engineer Secretary
R. M.

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N^o 1246 of 1886

General Department
From

H. R. B. Erskine Esquire C.S.
Commissioner in Hind
to

J. Grant Esquire
President Karachi Municipality
Commissioner's Office
Karachi, 31st August 86

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N^o 3482 of 24th August 1886 informing me of the views of the Municipality on the subject of the level crossing on the Clifton road and near the Cantonment Station.

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would appear that that body expected that the Manager of the North Western Railway would erect over bridges. But they have not explained the grounds on which they consider that this should be done by the Railway Officers. It will be observed that the Manager does not object to the Municipality erecting over bridges, though himself unwilling to recommend such a step. He proposes as a preferable course that the Municipality should divert the road which now crosses close to the Cantonment station as by moving it further west, the crossing will not be

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most Obedt. Servant

Wm. J. L. L.

Commissioner in Sind

R.

No: 3249 of 1886.

General Department
Collector's office

Karachi 31st August 1886.

Memo:

Referring to the Copy of the President's
Karachi Municipality's letter No: 3482
dated 24th instant, received under the
Secretary's Endorsement No 3587 dated 25th
idem, on the subject of the Railway level
crossings, the Collector of Karachi has
the honour to request that he may
kindly be furnished with a copy of
the Manager North Western Railway's letter
No: 1476 in dated 3rd ultimo therein
alluded to.

Deputy Secy. H. Coll.
Collector of Karachi

Supd. copy

The letter is here
attached

No 5
3603 of 1886.

To The Legal adviser
Kunze Messrs
Karachi
Sir I have the honor to
enclose copies of correspondence
passed between the Messrs
the Commr in Genl & the Rly
Authorities regarding the
inconvenience to the
public caused by the level
crossings at the Canton-
ment Station and at the
Clifton Road - From this
correspondence it will be
seen that though the Railway
authorities are quite aware
of the inconvenience caused
to the public by their action in
shutting up these crossings
in emergency periods of time
while trains are standing at

the station they are not-
inclined to ~~do~~ take
any steps to ~~re~~ obviate the
same. —

I would therefore feel much
obliged if you ~~could~~ would
inform whether the public
have any right of appeal
in this matter and how
their rights if they have
any should be set up.

I am

Yr M. B. C.
Engineer & Co
K. M.

Kanchar

P. S. St

The situation has not yet

improved, it is still

very much the same

as before.

I would like to see

the situation of your

business.

I am very much

interested in the

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Kurrackee 17th Sept^r 1886

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J. Strachan Esq^r
Municipal Engineer & Secretary
Karachi

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 93603 of 1886 dated 2nd Instant enclosing copies of correspondence anent the inconvenience to the public caused by the Level Crossings at the Cantonment Station and at the Clifton Road and asking my opinion as to whether the public have any right of appeal and how their rights, if they have any, should be set up.

From a perusal of the correspondence & resolutions submitted to me. I am at a loss to understand on what grounds the Municipality bases the action it has taken in this matter. With the exception of a complaint preferred in a letter from Mr. Finch stating that the almost perpetual whistling and screeching of the engines is a nuisance there is nothing to show beyond certain admissions by Major Bonway Gordon that the public are in any way inconvenienced by the Level Crossings at the Cantonment Station and Clifton Crossing. These facts are of importance in dealing with the present question, as it appears to me the real position of the parties

parties together with their several rights & liabilities have been entirely overlooked throughout the correspondence which has taken place and the matter has been treated as if it involved a simple infringement of some Municipal right whereas the question really involves the Statutory rights of the North Western Railway as well as the powers of the Kurrachee Municipal Corporation to interfere with such rights. It is not simply a question as to whether one or more individuals consider "the whistling and screeching of engines" a nuisance (subsequently enlarged in the correspondence to the annoyance occasioned to the public by the gates being closed to allow trains to pass over) but whether the Railway has infringed any of its Statutory powers and whether any action can be taken against it for such infringement and if so by whom.

The Kurrachee Municipality was first constituted in 1852 under Act XXVI of 1850 for making improvements in Towns and Act VI of 1873 vested in the Municipality as Trustees certain lands roads streets &c. including the two roads across which the railway was then running and which it is now desired to over-bridge, and the powers conferred therein have been subsequently enlarged by later Acts but always kept within the limits of duties strictly belonging to Municipal powers and its right of action in
regards

regard to any alleged nuisances is defined by various sections and rules. On the other hand the position of the Railway must be considered.

The Scinde Railway Company was originally incorporated by an Act of Parliament in the 18th Victoria 1855 for the purpose of making and constructing Railways &c as might be agreed upon by the said Railway Company and the East India Company.

By an indenture dated 26th Decr 1855 the East India Company agreed to ~~cooperate~~ with the Scinde Railway Company in the construction of a line of railway from the port of Hurrahee to a point at or near Hyderabad. The starting point and the section of the line were left to the East India Company who undertook to provide the land which should be required for the said Railway &c

In 1857 by 20 & 21 Victoria an act was passed authorising the Sind Railway Company to extend their operation when the former act was repealed and the indenture annulled. After incorporating "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act" (8 Vict. C. 16) it vested in the said company all lands, conveniences &c acquired under the previous act and shortly after the passing of this act I believe the rails were laid and the two level crossings at the Condonment Station & Clifton Crossing were made and in accordance with s. 47 of the
Railway

Railway Clauses Consolidation Act the Company erected gates across such roads and employed persons to open and shut such gates - the same in accordance with the words of the section being "constantly kept closed across such roads on both sides of the railway except during the time when horses cattle carts or carriages have to cross" the railway.

It is unnecessary to follow the subsequent amalgamations of the Railway Companies down to the present time as the later indentures of contracts and Statutes do not affect or interfere with the legality of the gates having been erected at the two level crossings.

Now the level crossings having been legally made is there anything in the Statutes or contracts which authorises any individual or corporation taking action for their removal and for the erection of over-bridges. I am not aware of any such right being conferred upon the public and though I have consulted all the leading Railway cases I find nothing to warrant such an assumption and it would be extraordinary indeed if we could find any such proposition for every individual who objected to the screeching and whistling of an engine over a crossing might ask a corporation to have an over-bridge erected. But I don't think any one perusing the conditions of the Statute -
regarding

regarding the height gradients and conditions under which an over-bridge is required to be erected would ask for it except in the most extreme cases

8 Vict. ch. 20 was repealed in 1863 by Vics 26 & 27 ch 92 and as section 5 of this Act appears to be directly in point I give the section at length.

5- "When the company is authorised by the special act to carry the Railway across a turnpike road or public carriage road on a level, it shall not be lawful for the company in shunting trains to pass any train over the level crossing or at any time to allow any train, engine, carriage or truck to stand across the same."

And by section 6 any infringement of the above makes the company liable to the penalty of £20. I would suggest that the North Western Railway should be called upon to comply with this section. There may be some difficulty out here ⁱⁿ enforcing the penalties but I am clearly of opinion that any one or more of the public might institute a civil suit in the District Court and restrain the Railway from using the line otherwise than in accordance with the Act. The Municipal Corporation could not take such proceedings it is a matter for parties aggrieved to take in hand. Mr Finch one of the sufferers could file a suit and I think there

could

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could be no doubt that the Court would grant
an injunction

To be laid before
the managing
committee

yours truly



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KARACHI MUNICIPALITY.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Managing Committee of the
Karachi Municipality, held on the 4th of October 1886.

SUBJECT—

1019. Submitted opinion dated the 17th
September 1886, from the Municipal Legal
Adviser on the question of Railway level cross-
ings.

RESOLUTION.—The Municipal Legal Advi-
ser to be requested to give the North-Western
Railway Authorities notice regarding the
obstruction at the Cantonment station.

No. 4330 OF 188

MUNICIPAL ENGINEER AND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Karachi, 16th October 1886

MEMO:

True extract ~~forwarded to~~ forwarded to the
Municipal Legal Adviser for
information.

Ed.

Thurston

M.E.C.E.,

Engineer and Secretary,

Karachi Municipality.

Level Crossing

Kurrachee 21st Oct 1886.

To

J. Strachan Esq.
Municipal Engineer & Secretary
Kurrachee.

Dear Sir,

Re Cantonment Crossing

Before drafting a letter to the Manager
North Western Railway in the above matter which
I will submit for your approval I shall feel obliged
by your forwarding me the correspondence which
has already taken place as I wish to see exactly
how far the Railway authorities have admitted
the existence of the inconvenience to the public at
the Cantonment and Clifton level crossings

Yours truly

Chas. J. Strachan

In the future

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J. Lassett Esq

Legal ad. C.K.M.

In compliance with
the request contained in
your letter of the 11th
21st inst I have the
honour to forward you
herewith the correspon-
dence which has been
passed on the subject of
the level crossings within
my limits.

I am
Yours
H.

Harashi
22.10.86

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Kurrachee 1st Novr 1886.

J. Strachan Esq.
Municipal Engineer & Secretary
Kurrachee

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to inform you in reference to the Resolution of the Managing Committee of the 4th October that after a careful consideration of the matter I addressed a letter to Major Gordon respecting the illegality of their shunting over the level crossings at the Cantonment Station copy of which letter I beg to enclose for your information.

I have the honour to be
Sir
your most obedient servant

C. J. J.

Submitted for information
of Man Com

J. Strachan
1-11-86.

Murrachee 27th Oct. 1886

To

Major L. Conway Gordon
Manager
North Western Railway
Lahore

Sir

I have been instructed by the Managing
Committee of the Municipality of Murrachee
to draw your attention to the great annoyance
and inconvenience occasioned to the public
by the fact of the gates at the Cantonment
Station and Clifton Crossings being closed
against the traffic on the said road whilst
the trains are either standing at the Station
directly over the crossing or during the time
that shunting is so frequently being carried on
And to bring to your notice the illegality
of such action on the part of the Railway

It is of course within your knowledge that the original line constructed by the Scinde Railway Company was authorised by an Indenture between the East India Company and the Scinde Railway Company and by Act 18 & 19 Victoria chapter CXV. 1855 and that several amalgamations subsequently took place necessitating the repeal of the prior Statutes and passing of fresh ones the construction of the said lines being based upon the provisions of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 8 Victoria Chapter 20 of 1845

By section 47 of this last Act when the gates at a level crossing are closed against the Railway it is provided that "such gates shall be kept constantly closed across the Railway except when Engines or Carriages passing along the Railway shall have occasion to cross such Road" And by section 19 of the

Act XVIII of 1854 / Indian Railways Act /
the same language is used

By Statute 26 & 27 Victoria Chapter XCII of 1863
section 5 the duties of Railway Companies are
more clearly defined with respect to Level
Crossings the words of this section being as follows
- "Where the Company is authorised by the special
Act to carry the railway across a turnpike
road or public carriage-road on a level it
shall not be lawful for the Company in
shunting trains to pass any train over the level
crossing or at any time to allow any train
engine carriage or truck to stand across
the same "

It may be said that this Statute does not
apply here but whether it does or not it
very clearly indicates that the Legislature
never intended that a Level Crossing should
be blocked either for the purposes of shunting

or for allowing trains to stand on the line
across the roadway

Rule 3 clause (c) Section xv of the General
Rules and Regulations for Railways in India
under Act's xviii of 1854 and xxv of 1871

provides inter alia that "These gates will
be kept closed across the Railway unless
when a train is in sight or heard approaching
or passing; and after the train passes clear
they must be immediately again shut across
the Railway leaving the public road clear."

Rule 326 Section xii of the General Rules
and Regulations for all Railways in India
made in conformity with section 9 of "The
Indian Railway Act 1879" also limits the
power of the Railway to keep the gates at
the Level Crossings closed against the road
to the time necessary for the train or engine
to pass the crossing

It will be clear from the above that the present action of the Railway in keeping the gates closed for considerable periods to permit of shunting going on and of the train standing over the Crossing at the Station thereby precluding the public from using the road is not only unjustifiable but is directly opposed to the Statutes and Rules under which the Railway works the illegality being more patent from the circumstance that there is not a single word in any of the said Statute or Rules under which it can be said that the Railway is warranted in thus causing a serious public nuisance.

As the matter is one of very great importance to the public of Kurrachee the Managing Committee trust that you will recognize the same and cause such measures to be adapted as will prevent a continuance of such nuisance and obstruction

Yours truly



M. O. B. No. 41 B.

From

The Manager, North Western Railway,

To

The Legal Adviserto the Karachi Municipality

No 2449 m.

Lahore, ^{Karachi} 6th December 1886.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 29th October, on the subject of the alleged inconvenience to the Public by the frequent closure of the gates at the Railway Crossings at the Karachi Cantonments and Clifton Road, and in reply to say that the matter has been referred to the Government Advocate for disposal.

I have &c.

S. H. H. H.

Placed to Mr. Manager

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Forwarded in original to J. Buchanan Esq for information

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V.C.

8/12/86.

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Memo

As it has been suggested that an over line bridge would be an improvement ~~at~~ instead of the present level crossing on the Clifton Road, the Engineer and secretary beg to submit a tracing with estimate of the alteration proposed.

The amount of the estimate is Rs 36,000. The Bridge costing Rs 12,000 while the approaches will cost Rs 24,000.

If this plan were approved of by the Municipality there is every chance that the Railway authorities would

be willing to defray the cost
of the Bridge if the municipality
consented to construct the approaches
4. —

2. The Engineer and Secretary
begs also to submit a tracing
of a proposed new road from
Elphinstone Street across
the railway to the West
of Devon Villa, joining
the roads proposed to the
land out to the West of
the race course. When
this road constructed, it
would be possible to
do away with the level
crossing at Free Street.
This would be a great con-
venience to the Railway.

Departments, who would
in all probability contribute
a sum of Rs 6000 towards
the construction of the
Bridge over the nullah
besides paying the cost of
shifting the level crossing

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3. This latter road with
bridge will cost say Rs 10,000
and the Engineer who
would be to recommend

the construction ^{and embankment of the} in preference
to the over line Bridge at
the existing crossing which
would be an unsightly
erection with little or nothing
to recommend ^{them} to the ~~the~~
of the Municipality

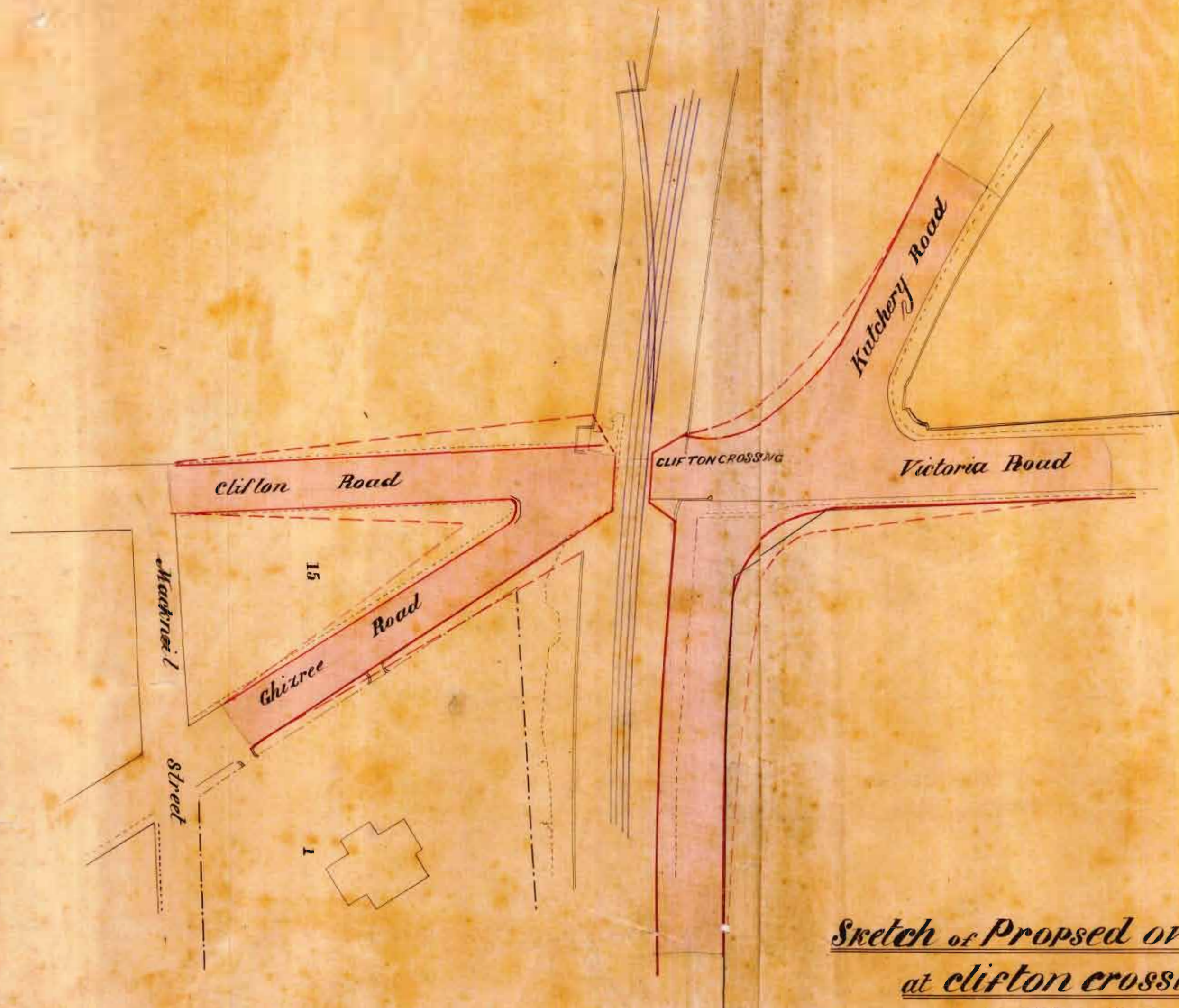
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Sketch of Proposed over Bridge
at clifton crossing

Scale 80 Feet to one Inch

W. H. Hinchman

M. I. C. E.

Municipal Engineer and Secretary



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Karachi Municipality
Proposed new Road and Level crossing in Civil
line and Frere Town Quarter.

Scale 80 Feet to One Inch

sd/ J. Strachan
M.I.C.B.
Municipal Engineer and Secretary.



No 1245 of 1890

Engineer and Secretary's Office
Karachi 21 February 1890.

Memo.

As it has been suggested that an over-line bridge would be an improvement, instead of the present level crossing on the Clifton road, the Engineer and Secretary begs to submit a tracing with estimate of the alteration proposed.

The amount of the latter is Rs. 36,000/- The Bridge costing Rs. 12,000/- while the approaches will cost Rs. 24,000/-

If this plan were approved of by the Municipality there is every chance that the Railway Authorities would be willing to defray the cost of the Bridge if the Municipality consented to construct the approaches.

2. The Engineer and Secretary begs also to submit a tracing of a proposed new road from Elphinstone Street across the Railway to the west of Devon Villa, joining the road proposed to be laid out to the west of the race course. Were this road constructed, it would be possible to do away with the level crossing at Freer Street.

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This would be a great convenience to the Railway department, who would in all probability contribute a sum of Rs. 6,000/- towards the construction of the Bridge over the Nullah, besides paying the cost of shifting the level crossing etc:-

3. This latter road with bridge will cost say Rs. 10,000 and the Engineer and Secretary would beg to recommend its construction in preference to the over line Bridge and embanked approaches at the Clifton crossing, which would be unsightly erections with little or nothing to recommend them to the favor of the Municipality

B/ J. Shachar

M. D. C. B.

Engineer and Secretary,
Karachi Municipality.

E. P.

Nov. 14/17 of 1890.

Eng & Secy's Office.

Now

To The Eng & Secy K.M.
The District Offices
N. W. Railway
Kāiaeli

Kāiaeli, 28th Feb, 1890.

Sir/.

3 March

I have the honor,
by direction of the Managing
Committee of this Municipality
to forward herewith an Extract
from the proceedings of their
meeting held on the 24th Feb
1890, together with a tracing
of a proposed new road from
Elphinstone Street across the
Railway by the West of Devon
Hill, and to request that you
will be good enough to favour
the Municipality, at your very
early convenience, with your
opinion as to the feasibility of
the proposal and whether the contribution
mentioned therein could
be guaranteed

Yours
Sd/

Wm. J. C. E.
Eng Secy K.M.

Karachi Municipality

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Extract from the proceedings of the meeting of the Managing Committee of the Karachi Municipality held on the 24th February 1890

215. Engineer and Secretary's memo No 1245 dated 21st February 1890 submitting a

tracing with estimate of an alteration suggested with respect to an overline bridge

instead of the present level crossing on the Clifton Road. Submitting also a tracing

of a proposed new road from Elphinstone Street across the Railway by the west of

Deoon Villa joining the roads proposed to be laid out to the west of the Race

Course, and stating that it would be possible, if this new road were constructed

to do away with the ^{crossing} leveling at here street. Stating further that the

Railway would probably contribute a sum of Rs. 6000 towards construction

of the Bridge over the Dullah besides paying the cost of shifting the ^{crossing} leveling.

Resolution - "The Managing Committee approve of the second

proposal and request the Engineer and

"and Secretary to communicate with
"the Railway authorities with the view
"of ascertaining whether they are
"prepared to contribute the sum of Rs. 6000/-
"towards the construction of the Bridge
"over the Nullah."

No 1397 of 1890.
Engineer and Secretary's office
Karachi 28 February 1890.

Memo:

True extract forwarded
to the Eng. Secy for disposal

E. J. J. J.

For Engineer and Secretary
Karachi Municipality



NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY.

No. 1594

FROM

THE

Dist Officer

Karachi

To

THE

Engr. & Secretary Municipality

Karachi

Dated 12th March 1890.

Proposed new Road from Elphinstone
Street across the Railway

Sir,

In reply to your No. G/14/17 of 3rd March 1890 forwarding tracing of a proposed new road from Elphinstone Street across the Railway by the west of Devon villa, I have the honor to inform you that I see no objection to the proposal provided the Level Crossing at Freer Street could be done away with.

As however the substitution of one Level Crossing for another will be no benefit to the Railway, I do not anticipate the D.T.R. will be disposed to make any contribution towards the scheme.

Had the Managing Committee accepted the proposal to construct an overbridge instead of a Level Crossing, I should have been prepared to recommend the D.T.R. contributing towards a scheme which though effecting but a small saving to the Railway, would do away with an objectionable Level Crossing.

I have the honor to be
S^{rs}
your most obed^t serv^t.

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Dist. Officer Karachi

No 2174 of 1890

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The District Officer

Karachi

W. W. Railway

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No 1594 of 12th March 1890 in reply to mine No 91417. of 3rd March 1890 on the subject of a proposed new Road and level crossing to the west of Bevan Villa -

2. In your reply above quoted you state that you see no objection to the proposed crossing provided ~~the same crossing~~ ^{the crossing} at Freer Street could be done away with and that the mere substitution of one crossing for another will be no benefit to the Railway you do not anticipate the S. T. R. will sanction any contribution to the scheme.

3. I would here remark that I was

led to believe the Railway authorities
would afford material ~~assistance~~ ^{assistance} to the
scheme otherwise I would not have
presented the proposal before you.

~~As is one in which~~

The ~~scheme~~ ^{scheme} for a new road
in the direction indicated has been
a subject of conversation between
the officers of the Railway and the
Municipality for several years
past and the former have always
~~represented~~ ^{expressed} ~~the opinion~~
been of opinion that it was
~~not proposed as the only satisfactory~~
solution of the question which is
still open between the Railway
and the Municipality respecting
the nuisance annoyance and
inconvenience caused to the
Public by the frequent fouling
of the street crossing
trains standing at the Centurion
station or shunting ~~in that~~ there
4. Since however the N. W. Ry
authorities are not inclined to co.

to operate with the municipality
in the ~~furtherance of what would~~
~~be the public improvement~~
coming out of the proposed
new road the Managing Committee
will be glad to be seen in
reply to their legal advisers
letter dated 27th Oct 1886
to the address of Mayor & Council
London - Lahore - what
steps they Railway manage-
ment propose to take to obviate
the grievance complained of
therein.

C. L.
Strickman

Karnal
28.3.90

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Genl. 99.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY.

No. 2738

FROM

THE

Dist Officer

Karachi

To

THE

Engr: + Secretary

Karachi Municipality

Dated 12 April 1890.

2 May
w letter 2476Proposed new road on Level
crossing to the west of Devon Villa.

Sir.

In continuation of my No 2476
of 25th Ult. I have the honor to inform
you that the Manager N. W. Railway
Lahore intimates that he is not disposed
to incur any expenditure on the proposed
scheme for changing the site of the Frere
Street Level Crossing.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

your most obedt servt

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Dist Officer Karachi

2476 of 25/4/90

Remo.

Submitted to the
Managing Committee
for further instructions.

W. J. C. E.
Sup. Secy.
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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY.

No. 2208

THE Dist OfficerKarachiTHE Engr's Secretary MunyKarachiDated 14 April 1890.Proposed new road on Level Crossing to
the west of Devon Villa.

Sir,

In reply to your No. 2174 of 2nd Inst. I have the honor to inform you that the Managing Committee's proposal regarding the Arere Street Level Crossing has been forwarded to the Director for orders.

He may approve of the scheme, considering it one of importance and be disposed to afford material assistance. My reply therefore which only anticipated the decision of the Director should not be accepted as a final refusal on the part of the N. W. Railway authorities to co-operate with the Municipality in carrying out the scheme.

I can find no copy on my file of the Legal Adviser's letter referred to in para 4. It would perhaps be as well if you could let me have a copy to send to the Director in order that he may fully understand the circumstances of the case and also the grievances & annoyances complained of in connection with the present crossing.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedt. servt.

H. D. M. S.

for Dist Officer Karachi

Hol ~~26th~~ of 1890.

Eup Seery's Office.

From

The Eup Seery H.M.

To The Distt: Office.

Kaiaichi.

Kaiaichi, 15th April 1890.

Sir/.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No 2208 of the 14th April 90 on the subject of the proposed new road on the Level rising to the west of Devon Hills, and note its contents.

2. As requested in para
of your letter under ref
3. I beg to attach a copy of the Mungl Local adviser's letter of the 27th October 1886 referred to in the concluding portion of my letter No 2174 of the 2nd April 1890 -

I have ka.

W. J. C.
Eup Seery H.M.

Eup

No. 2476 NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY.
SECTION.

Genl. 100.

To

THE *Engineer and Secretary*
Municipality
Korachi

Dated 25 April 1890.

Proposed New road on Level Crossing to the
West of Devon Villa.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N^o 2607 D/17th instant on the above subject.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant
W. D. M.

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for District Officer



KARACHI MUNICIPALITY.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Managing Committee of the
Karachi Municipality, held on the 26-5- 1890

SUBJECT—

682. With reference to Managing Committee's Resolution No. 215, dated 24th February 1890, the Engineer and Secretary submitted for further instructions letter No. 2738 dated 12th April 1890, from the District Officer, North-Western Railway, Karachi, stating that the Manager, North-Western Railway is not disposed to incur any expenditure in connection with the proposed new road from Elphinstone Street, across the Railway by the west of "Devon Villa."

RESOLUTION—Recorded.

RESOLUTION—

No. 4028 of 189 0

MUNICIPAL ENGINEER AND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Karachi, 5 June 189 0

MEMO:

True extract forwarded to—

*the Record Clerk
for information*

M. E. & S.

Engineer and Secretary,

Karachi Municipality.



KARACHI MUNICIPALITY.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Managing Committee of the
Karachi Municipality, held on the *1 May* 189 *3*.

SUBJECT—

597. The Engineer and Secretary submitted letter No. 72-M, dated 17th April 1893, from the Executive Engineer, N.-W. Railway, regarding Level Crossings within Municipal limits, Karachi, stating that as Mr. Portlock's land is not obtainable, perhaps the Municipality could arrange for another piece equally suitable to remove the present Crossing at Cantonment Station.

RESOLUTION.—Referred to Engineer and Secretary for report.

RESOLUTION—

No. *7* OF 189

MUNICIPAL ENGINEER AND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Karachi,

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MEMO

True extract forwarded to

True Extract -

In

Engineer and Secretary
Karachi Municipality

From

Edalgé Dushaw Esq.
Karachi.

To

The Engineer Secretary
Karachi Municipality
Karachi, 25th May 1893.

Sir/

With reference to
Your Demi-Official Enquiry
whether I am agreeable
to part with a portion
of the Compound of Brown
Villa the land being
required for a proposed
road across the Railway,
I have the honor to
inform you in reply
that I am prepared
to place the strip of
ground in question at
the disposal of the
Municipality.

Municipality, leaving
the question of Compensation
to their discretion.

2 I may mention
that the plot on which
Devon Villa stands, is
under the control of
Government, and for which
I pay an annual
rental of Rs 28/11/-
(Twenty eight "only) being
at the rate of about
three quarters of a pie
per square yard.

The plot measures
6889 square yards.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedt servant.

Alfred Mitchell

KARACHI MUNICIPALITY.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Managing Committee of the
Karachi Municipality, held on the 5th June 1893

SUBJECT—

753. With reference to Managing Committee's resolution No. 597, dated the 1st May 1893, the Engineer and Secretary submitted letter dated 25th May 1893, from Mr. Eduljee Dinshaw stating that he is prepared to place at the disposal of the Municipality the strip of land required from the compound of "Devon Villa" for the proposed road across the Railway, leaving the question of compensation to the discretion of the Municipality; Mr. Eduljee further stating that the plot on which "Devon Villa" stands is under the control of Government for which an annual rental of Rs. 28-11-0 is paid and that the plot measures 6,889 square yards.

RESOLUTION.—Mr. Edulji Dinshaw to be thanked for so promptly complying with the wishes of the Municipality in this matter. The Railway authorities have agreed to pay the cost of this road diversion which they propose should be carried out by the Municipality. The Engineer and Secretary is therefore requested to prepare and submit at an early date estimates for the work. The Engineer and Secretary having stated that Rs. 3 per square yard might be given for the land taken up from the compound of "Devon Villa," the Committee agree to this rate.

No. of 189

MUNICIPAL ENGINEER AND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Karachi, 12th June 1893

MEMO:

True extract forwarded to—the Engineer and Secretary in order to have the estimates prepared

Oliver

For

M. I. C. E.,

Engineer and Secretary,
Karachi Municipality.

KARACHI MUNICIPALITY.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Managing Committee of the
Karachi Municipality, held on the 5th June 1893

SUBJECT—

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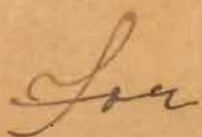
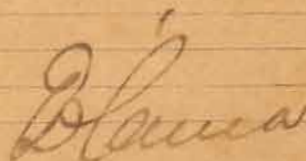
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