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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1699 Press Mis.

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No. 54. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 30th September 1874, No. 3860 :—

With reference to G.O., No. 192, dated 25th August 1874, and to your memorandum, No. 711, dated 15th September 1874, I have the honor to submit for sanction a plan, estimate, and specification report, amounting to Rupees 8,100, for constructing a stationery room in the compound of the Stamp Office, Madras.

Enclosures three.
One plan.
One estimate (abstract).
One specification report.

2. The plan and estimate have been prepared in communication with the Acting Superintendent of Stamps and the Hon'ble V. Ramiengar, and approved of by both the officers.

3. The estimate provides for everything necessary. The rates are reasonable and sufficient, and no supplementary works will be hereafter required.

4. Funds may be granted from any source at the disposal of Government for the execution of the work.

Transferred to the Financial Department, with reference to paragraph 3 of G.O. in that Department, No. 1381, dated 19th August 1874. Funds are not available for the work in the Public Works Department.

2. It is remarked that the work appears to be an entirely new one and not one of conversion merely.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1874, No. 1699.

The Governor in Council sanctions the plan and estimate, the latter amounting to Rupees 8,100, and directs that the erection of the room be proceeded with, pending a specific allotment for the purpose.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with three enclosures, returned.
„ Accountant-General.
„ Superintendent of Stamps.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Govt. of [1874] Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, &c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 7th.

Recd.

G.O., 7th October 1874, No. 1699.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 54-55.

Stamp Office.—The plan and estimate, amounting to Rupees 8,100, for constructing a stationery room in the compound of the Stamp Office, sanctioned, and the erection of the room directed to be proceeded with, pending a specific allotment for the purpose.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 19th August 1874.

No. 104. Read the following letter from R. H. HOLLINGBERY, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 24th July 1874, No. 4480 :—

Expenditure. Administration.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 784, dated 6th May 1874, stating that the Commissary of Ordnance is unable to superintend the Stationery Depôt, and recommending the appointment of a separate Superintendent of Stationery at Madras on a staff salary of Rupees 300 a month besides his military pay as a field officer on duty.

2. The aggregate monthly charge for such an appointment would be Rupees 1,059-3-0 if the officer be a Major, or Rupees 1,332-4-0 if a Lieutenant-Colonel. Adding to this the salary of Rupees 1,000 a month drawn by the Superintendent of Stamps, the total charge would be Rupees 2,059 to Rupees 2,332 monthly for two supervising officers for the issue of stamps and stationery in the Madras Presidency, against Rupees 1,500 a month for one officer for the far larger issues in the Bengal Presidency. And even if the tehvildar or store-keeper of stamps in Calcutta on Rupees 700 be counted, the aggregate cost in Calcutta is only Rupees 2,200 for several fold more work than in the Madras Presidency.

3. The issues of stationery in 1871-72 amounted to only Rupees 3,24,663, and the annual average expenditure since 1868-69 has been only Rupees 2,71,000. Taking the issues at Rupees 2,80,000 or Rupees 2,90,000 a year, the work seems to be far too little to provide full employment for an officer throughout the year.

4. Even in Calcutta, with issues amounting to two and a half times the value of the gross expenditure in the Madras Presidency, the duties of the Stationery Office are not sufficient employment for an Officer. The Superintendent of Stationery has other more responsible duties as Superintendent of Stamps, and for the conjoint duties receives a monthly salary of Rupees 1,500. In Bombay likewise the superintendence of stationery is a mere adjunct to other substantive duties of the Superintendent.

5. If a like economical arrangement be not practicable in Madras, still, one analogous to the arrangements for supplying stationery to the several Provinces which form the Bengal Presidency would seem feasible.

6. The public offices under the Governments and Administrations of Bengal, North-Western Provinces, Punjab, Oudh, and British Burmah, and part of the Central Provinces, are supplied with stationery from one office in Calcutta without causing any friction between the local Governments to whom those offices are subordinate and the Bengal Government to which the Stationery Office in Calcutta is subordinate. Similarly, the Madras Presidency could be supplied from the Stationery Office at Bombay with entire avoidance of the proposed extra expense, and with some saving in office establishment, and in freight from England, which, it is believed, is less to Bombay than to Madras.

7. If necessary, the districts on the east coast between Orissa and Madras could be supplied from Calcutta.

8. Any check over the supplies to the offices of the Madras Presidency, which it is desirable that the local Government, the Board of Revenue, or other controlling local authority should maintain, could be provided by requiring the sanction of such authority for the annual indents on the Stationery Office, Bombay; the sanction being accorded on a consolidated indent for the several offices of one Department through a procedure analagous to that sketched for the provinces of the Bengal Presidency in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which was forwarded with letter No. 2746, dated 30th April 1874.

9. The supply of stationery is quite distinct from the administrative control of indents. The former can be regulated from outside a Presidency as exemplified in Bengal and Bombay, though the latter be local.

10. Local purchases of country articles of stationery would, of course, not be arranged from Bombay. The Collector of Madras could arrange for such purchases, the Government first transferring, perhaps, to mofussil officers the duty of buying certain specified articles of country stationery for themselves within money limits based on a fair average of the expenditure of the last three years, as has been arranged throughout the Bengal Presidency.

11. I am to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will be good enough to favor the Government of India with an expression of the local Government's opinion on this subject.

No. 105. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1874, No. 1381.

Adverting to the remarks contained in the foregoing letter from the Government of India, and on further consideration, the Governor in Council is of opinion that the most economical and suitable arrangement is to transfer the Stationery Depôt from the Fort to the Office of the Superintendent of Stamps.

2. The difficulty of providing accommodation may, His Excellency in Council learns, be overcome by converting several godowns in the compound of the Stamp Office into store rooms at a small cost.

3. The District Engineer will be instructed, therefore, in the Public Works Department, to commence at once the preparation of the materials required for the purpose, and to submit, with as little delay as practicable, in communication with the Acting Superintendent of Stamps and the Honorable V. Ramiengar, an estimate of the probable cost for sanction.

4. As soon as the rooms are ready for occupation, the Stationery Department will be removed from the Fort to the Stamp Office, and placed under the charge and supervision of the Superintendent of Stamps, who will receive, for the extra duty imposed on him, the allowance of Rupees 100 per mensem now drawn by the Commissary of Ordnance.

5. Pending the transfer authorized, the existing arrangements will be continued.

6. Copy of these Proceedings will be transmitted to the Government of India for information.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines.
" Superintendent of Stamps.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. W. H. French.

Financial Department. 7

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Govt of India, Finl Deptt, dy 24th July 1874, No 4480.

Order thereon dy Ootacd 19 Augt 1874 No 1381.

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
&c., &c., &c.
Dated August, 1874.
Read.
G. O., 19th August 1874, No. 1381.
AUGUST.
Nos. 104-105.
Stationery Depôt.—Orders passed for the transfer of the Stationery Depôt from the Fort to the Office of the Superintendent of Stamps to be placed under the charge and supervision of that officer.

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To
The P. W. Dept. - Order dated 20/8/74.
" Revenue Department
" Inspr. Genl of Ordnance & Magazines
" Supdt of Stamps.
" Accts General.
Letter to Government of India
dated 20/8/74
Mr. A. 18/8/74

Court of {1874 / 1875} Madras.

To

The Public Works Secretary

Dated 19th August 1874, No. 1381.
Read.

Nos. 104-105-

Stationery Office-Estimate, Plan and Specification for the construction of the Stationery Room in the Stamp Office-Transmitted to the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government for sanction and the necessary Order passed thereon.

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Stationery Dept

Plan returned
in Cover

4 Specifications
for Rs 8,100

No. 3860.

From,

The District Engineer
Presidency.

To,

The Chief Engineer, and
Secretary to Government
Dpt.

Sir,

Encls: 3.
1. Plan.
1. Estimate/Statement
1. Specfn. report.

With reference to G.O. No. 192 Dt. 25 Augt. 1874, and to your Memorandum No. 711 Dt. 15th September 1874, I have the honor to submit for sanction a plan, estimate, and specification report amounting to Rs 8,100- for constructing a Stationery-room in the compound of the Stamps Office, Madras.

2.——The Plan and Estimate have been prepared in communication with the Asst. Supdt of Stamps and the Honble V. Ramiengar, and approved of by both the officers.

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every thing necessary. The rates are reasonable and sufficient, and no supplementary works will be hereafter required.

4.——Funds may be granted from any source at the disposal of Government for the execution of the work.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

H. Godwin
Lt. Col. R.E.
District Engineer
Presidency.

Fort St George.
30th Septbr. 1874.

F.O.G.

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Secretary to Govt.

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The Supdt. Engineer
Financial Presidency.

To The Chief Engineer
P.W.

No. 2079

Dated 30th Septr. 1874
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Read 5. Octr.
No. 3860.
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Retd. 7 Oct 1874 to 1699

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To The Public Works Department with 3 enclosures returned
- - - Accountant General -
- 4 - Superintendent of Stamps.

5/10/74.

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The Public Works Dept.

G. O. Oct. 7 , 1874, No. 1099.

Nos. 54. 55.

Stamp Office. The plan & estimate for Rs. 8100 for constructing a Stationery room in the Compound of the Stamp Office Sanct. & the erection of the room directed to be proceeded with pending a Specific allotment for the purpose.