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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th July 1864.*

No. 515. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department:—

Requesting that orders may be issued for commencing the }
building of the Stamp Office in the Commissariat Timber } (Here enter 23rd July 1864, No. 849.)
Yard, near Abercrombie's Battery, Presidency District.

No. 516. ORDER THEREON, 28th July 1864, No. 2,166.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, who will be requested to issue instructions for the construction of the building referred to in paragraph 4, being vigorously proceeded with.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
23rd July 1864.*

No. 150. Read the following letter from the Committee for inquiring and reporting on the sites for the new proposed Post and Stamp Offices; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras,—July 1864.

As directed in the Government Order, No. 684, dated 16th June 1864, we inspected the following sites which are available for Post and Stamp Offices:—

- 1st.—The Commissariat Timber yard, near Abercrombie's Battery.
- 2nd.—The Commissariat Granary, North Beach.
- 3rd.—A piece of land near to Parry and Co.'s Office, now occupied by the Barrack Master's water-carts, North Beach.
- 4th.—Also a small piece of ground called Bankshall Godowns, occupied by the Commissariat Coopers at the extremity of the North Beach behind Clive's Battery.

2. Of these sites Nos. 1 and 2, the Timber yard and Granary, are by far the most suitable.

They have a good frontage, are sufficiently spacious and are very conveniently situated.

3. We therefore recommend that they be selected as the sites for the future Stamp and Post Offices.

4. The Timber yard is about two hundred yards nearer to the Pier than the Granary, and if both the new buildings could be at once commenced, and if both sites were immediately available, we would recommend that the Timber yard be assigned to the Post Office, and the Granary to the Stamp Office.

5. The case, however, we believe stands thus: The plans and estimates for the Stamp Office have been sanctioned and funds provided; a new Office which will ensure the safety of a large stock of stamps is urgently required, and the Timber yard can at once be handed over.

The plans and estimates for the Post Office are not ready, funds are not available, and it may take some considerable time to clear the Granary from the Commissariat Stores.

6. It will, under these circumstances, be more convenient to select the Timber yard for the Stamp Office, and to assign the Granary to the Post Office.

7. The Granary is at present occupied by the Commissariat Beer and Porter casks, Salt provisions, Copper pots, and other miscellaneous stores, and for these it will be necessary to provide stowage.

8. Should the Government determine to discontinue the use of the Grand Jail as a place of confinement for criminal prisoners, the portion of the Jail thus occupied might be used as a Commissariat Store.

Such an arrangement would not interfere with the safety or comfort of the part of the Grand Jail used as a Debtor's prison, and the necessary alterations would not cost more than about 14,000 Rupees.

9. Should the Grand Jail not be considered suitable for Commissariat Godowns it may be possible to transfer the stores now in the Granary to the Bankshall sheds behind Clive's Battery, and to make some other provision for the Coopers' workshop which is now at the Bankshall.

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10. Whatever temporary inconvenience may be felt in removing the Commissariat stores, it is very desirable to secure two such excellent sites as the Timber yard and Granary for the Post and Stamp Offices.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS.

(") J. TEMPLE, Lieut.-Colonel.

(") H. W. WOOD, Captain, R. E.

No. 151. ORDER THEREON, 23rd July 1864, No. 849.

In the foregoing letter the Committee appointed to inquire and report what sites are available on the North Beach for Post and Stamp Offices state that of the four localities inspected by them the two marginally described are the most suitable, and, for the reasons given in paragraphs 5 and 6, they recommend that No. 1 should be assigned to the Stamp Office, and No. 2 to the Post Office.

1. Commissariat Timber yard, near Abercrombie's Battery.
2. The Commissariat's Granary, North Beach.

2. The Governor in Council concurs in this recommendation. On the one hand the construction of a Stamp Office is a pressing necessity—the plans are ready and funds available. On the other no such immediate urgency exists, plans and estimates have yet to be prepared, and funds to be provided. The two sites in themselves stand very much on a par; but while the Timber yard is immediately available the Granary could not be given up until accommodation is found elsewhere for the Commissariat Stores.

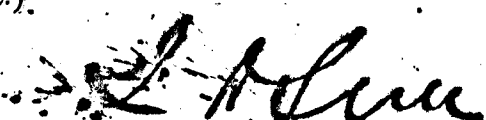
3. As to other considerations the Granary is not much further from the Pier than the Timber yard, and the extra distance to be traversed by the carts carrying the Mail-boxes is not worth thinking of. This site is, moreover, nearer to the Fort and most of the public offices, as well as close to the Bank.

4. Orders will issue in the Public Works Department for commencing the building of the Stamp Office in the Timber yard without delay.

5. The Postmaster General will be informed that the Granary site will be assigned for the contemplated Post Office when it can be given up by the Commissariat Department.

6. Paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Committee's letter will be referred for consideration in the Military Department.

(True Extract.)



Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.

„ Public Works do. ✓

„ Military do.

„ Postmaster General.

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Orders may be signed for
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the land is located and the
reasons for the construction of the
building referred to in your last
negotiating proceeds with.

To the Hon. Secy of the Treasury
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