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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th June 1865.*

No. 156. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public
Department:—

Observing that the preparation of the
plan and estimate for the new Post
Office at Madras should be entrusted
to Mr. Chisholm. } (Here enter 29th May 1865, No. 570.)

No. 157. ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1865, No. 1,547.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 31.

Communicated to the Superintending
Engineer, 4th Division.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

29th May 1865.

No. 130. Read the following letter from Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department; dated Madras, 19th April 1865, No. 6543.

As directed in Proceedings of Government, No. 656, dated 9th March 1865, I have been in communication with the Postmaster General, on the subject of a new Post office, and I have received from

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1 Memorandum.
2 Plans,

him the enclosed Memorandum and rough plan of the extent and proposed general distribution of the accommodation, which he requires to be provided.

2. Before, however, proceeding with the plan and estimate which I have been requested to prepare, I would observe that, in the case of a building of so important a character, and intended to occupy such a prominent site, it seems very desirable that the very best design procurable should be obtained, and I venture to suggest that designs be publicly advertised for, as in the case of the New University and Senate House; a premium of say 1000 Rupees being offered for the best, and 600 for the second best.

3. If Government are pleased to authorize this arrangement, I would manage all details in my office.

4. The idea of combining a Telegraph office with the New Post office has, I presume, been given up, as the former is not mentioned in the G. O. under notice.

Memorandum of particulars of the accommodation required to be provided in the proposed building for the General Post Office at Madras.

The Post Office should occupy the ground floor.

2. The Postmaster's residence and Postmaster General's office should occupy the first floor.

3. The Post office should have a frontage of at least 200 feet.

4. As regards the Post Office it is very desirable, in view to the maintenance of supervision and check, that as many of the Departments as it may be found practicable should be thrown into one room, so that their operations may be brought under one uninterrupted view. For the same reason, the floor of the Postmaster's office room must be elevated 2 or 3 feet. In pursuance of this, the building should consist of a large centre hall, railed off for carrying on the work of the (1) Inland Delivery, (2) Inland Despatch, (3) Steam and Ship, and (4) Banghy Departments, flanked on either side by range of 3 rooms for the use of other Departments, Postmaster, Records, Stores, &c., with spacious back and front verandahs.

5. To the back of the building must be a large open court yard, and the out-houses including godowns for 12 Mail carts, &c., and stabling for 24 horses, should be constructed on the opposite end.

6. The rough ground Plan No. I, which accompanies this, is intended to shew the disposition and dimensions of the rooms, &c., as above.

7. The front verandah is intended for the accommodation of the public, and while it should be designed to afford every convenience for paying money, receiving stamps, letters, &c., there should be no doors, if possible, leading from it to the interior, which would encourage entry thereto. The Window Cells should be about 4 feet from the floor, and have a wooden ledge for the convenience of the public as above.

8. The Postmaster's residence must be on the north end of the first floor, and should contain suitable accommodation for him and his family, according as it is usual to allow to an Officer in receipt of a salary of Rupees 700 per month.

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9. The Postmaster General's Office should occupy the south end of the first floor, and contain one Room for the office, one for the Postmaster General, one for the Head Assistant, one for Records, and one for Stores, much as possible as per rough sketch No. II.

Referred to the Public Department, with reference to the orders in that Department, No. 232, dated 2nd March 1865.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
22nd April 1865.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1865, No. 570.

The Governor in Council thinks it advisable that the preparation of a plan and estimate for the Post Office should be entrusted to Mr. Chisholm, who is to be employed in building the University Senate House and Presidency College.

(True Extract).

C. A. Orr
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department (with three Plans).
,, Postmaster General.

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the Superintending Engineer
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To the Superintending Engineer

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With an order.

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