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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th June 1865.*

No. 110. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Department:—

Requesting the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to furnish certain information regarding M. LeFaucheur's house and compound at Cocanada. (Here enter 9th June 1865, No. 625.)

No. 111. ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1865, No. 1,672.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 68.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, with a request that he will submit the report required in paragraph 4, with as little delay as practicable.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

For S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department.

21st June 1865.

No. 42. Read the following letter from Captain J. G. RYVES, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, Madras, dated Waltair, 5th May 1865, No. 32.

May 1865, No. 32.
On the 20th May 1861, Government sanctioned* the construction of a Post Office for Cocanada at a cost of Rupees

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best available, except that it necessitated an additional three feet of basement, for which a revised estimate was submitted and Government sanction obtained.

2. On examining the excavation for the foundations in February, Mr. Sago found that it was unfit to build on, there being "nothing but slush" for at least five feet below it; that officer accordingly submitted a supplemental estimate for the measures which he proposed for securing the foundations, namely, digging out the bad stuff, filling in with sand and a bed of concrete over the whole.

3. I thereupon directed him to stop work on the original estimate and prepare a plan and estimate of his own for the whole building, and before submitting it to re-consider the question of site in communication with the Collector.

4. The result is, that it is proposed (with reference to G. O. No. 3009, under date 19th October 1861) that the Post Office should be located in part of the house now the property of M. LeFaucheur, the remainder being devoted to the use of the Telegraph Department.

5. M. McFaulstich demands Rupees 16,000 for the house and the compound in which it stands, the Executive Engineer estimates the value of the house and out-houses at (two-thirds the estimated cost of building a new one similar to it) Rupees 6115, and of the portion of the compound which can be offered for sale at Rupees 12,726 (\$184 square yards, at Rupees 1½ per square yard).

6. Rupees 1½ per square yard is readily paid for eligibly situated building ground in Cocanada, and there is no doubt that M. LeFaucheur's property is eligibly situated, and the vicinity of the Post Office and Telegraph Office will not in any way tend to *lower* its value. I will, therefore, assume that, if Government buys the property, Rupees 12,726 will be recovered by sale of land, so that if Government pay the price asked by M. LeFaucheur, the Post Office and Telegraph Offices will be well housed in the best possible situation for Rupees 3274\$+about Rupees 500 for a few simple alterations

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Officers will be well housed in the best possible situation for troops, and
 Rupees 500 for a few simple alterations
 which will be probably required to adapt
 the building to the use of the above two
 departments. I suppose too that the site on which it was originally intended to
 build the Post Office, may be sold for something; but on the other hand, the amount
 spent on the excavation of foundations, and the loss on sale of materials collected,
 would have to be added to the above and would make up the cost of the Cocanada

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Post and Telegraph Offices to nearly 4000 Rupees, whereas the Post Office alone could not be built on the site alluded to in the 2nd paragraph *supra* for less than 2500 Rupees.

7. To carry out Sir Charles Trevelyan's plan of a raised Broadway along the river side, it will be necessary either to pay M. LeFaucheur heavy compensation for encroachment on, and injury to, his property, or to buy it outright.

8. I therefore recommend Government to purchase the property at the price named by its owner, (unless the Collector can obtain it for a smaller sum,) and to use it for the service of the Postal and Telegraph Departments.

9. A survey plan of the house and compound showing the portion of the latter which may be sold, with the Executive Engineer's valuation estimate of the buildings, accompany this report; the accommodation afforded is as follows:—"The small mud bungalow would do for the Postmaster's residence; the four rooms in the main building next to it, would answer for the Post Office; the two large central rooms for the Telegraph Office; the remaining three rooms for Assistants and Signaller's residence, leaving the upstairs rooms for use by the Inspecting Postmaster or Superintendent of Electric Telegraph.

10. With this report, I submit a letter* to the address of the Executive Engineer (forwarded with his report, dated 1st instant) from M. LeFaucheur, stating the price for which he will sell the property in question; it will be observed that M. LeFaucheur makes it a condition that the purchase should be effected within two months; and further requires four months' grace from date of sale before leaving the house.

* Dated 8th June 1865.

† From 8th April.

Referred to the Public Department, for consideration.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
15th May 1865.

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

No. 50.

ORDER THIRTEEN, 9th June 1865, No. 625.

In May 1861, Government sanctioned the construction of a Post Office at Cocanada, at a cost of Rupees 1860: the ground selected for the building was, however, found to be unfit for laying the foundation, owing to the slushy nature of the soil, and pending the carrying out of the revised estimate sanctioned for Rupees 2,400, the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division suggests the purchase of the house and compound of M. LeFaucheur, which is offered for Rupees 10,000, with a view of locating the Post Office in part of the house, the rest being devoted to the Telegraph Department.

2. The Superintending Engineer, assuming that the compound attached to this house-ground is eligible in every way for building purposes, and that the fact of the Post and Telegraph Offices being located there will not diminish its value, thinks that Government may, without difficulty, sell a portion of the ground at the rate of Rupees 1½ per square yard, which is readily paid for this purpose in Coca-

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nada, and that, as by so doing, Government would recover Rupees 12,726, and the two offices might be housed for Rupees 3274, it will be to the interest of Government to purchase the premises.

3. The Government have recently, in the Revenue Department, declined to purchase the house for the purpose of carrying out Sir C. Trevelyan's plan, but this is an entirely separate project, and the Government are disposed to consider it favorably.

4. The Superintending Engineer will, therefore, be requested to report whether, looking to the nature of the ground, there is no doubt as to its eligibility for building purposes, and whether he has ascertained, with certainty, that the land will sell at the price estimated by him.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.

Ed. J. Wright.

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