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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th July 1865.

No. 384. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Department :—

Requesting the Post Master General to
report whether he disapproves of the
plan of the proposed Post Office at
Manantoddy ; and if any ground has
been selected as a site for a new Post
Office at Vithery, Malabar District. } (Here enter 8th July 1865, No. 726.)

No. 385. ORDER THEREON, 15th July 1865, No. 2,017.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 52.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer
of the 7th Division.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
8th July 1865.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 30. From Lieutenant Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works; dated Coonoor, 19th May 1865, No. 17.

I have the honor to submit the papers called for in paragraph 4 of G. O., No. 1282, of the 11th instant. They have long been in my hands, but were not submitted last year, owing to the im-

possibility of getting the work done, in addition to what was already in hand.

2. And now I understand from the Postmaster General that they will be practically useless, as he proposes to add one or two rooms for the use of the Deputy Postmaster, in addition to the two dog-holes, $8\frac{1}{2}$ feet square, which constitute all the accommodation provided in this the Standard Plan. By enclosing all the courtyard and inner verandah, 2 rooms, $18 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ and 18×12 , respectively, will be obtained, but the net cost of the building will be raised from Rupees 2090 to Rupees 3000.

3. Defective accommodation for the Postmaster being, as I understand, a fault common to all the Standard Plans for Post Offices, I would respectfully request that the Postmaster General be called on to state whether he proposes any modifications in that respect of the Post Offices sanctioned at Vithery, Wellington, Pothanore and Erode. Otherwise, as has happened at Beypore, this Department may be blamed for deficiencies in a Plan which they neither originated nor were asked their opinion of, but were simply requested to carry out. The subject of sites has also to be considered, and care taken that this Department is placed in possession of that selected by the head of the Postal Department. The sites at Wellington and Pothanore are known to us; that at Erode is understood to be in the Railway compound; but so far as I know no ground has been secured at Vithery for this or any other of the Government buildings it is intended to construct there.

4. I conclude these observations by bringing to notice that by Government Order, No. 2690, of 17th September 1863, a payment of Rupees 1500 was made by this Department to the Postal Department

Also No. 2462 of 27th August 1863.

on behalf of the Revenue Department, as refund of the price paid by the former to the latter for the building originally taken up as a Post Office. I do not know whether this transaction should influence the departmental accounts of the current year or not; but I mention it, as I cannot suppose it right that two payments for a Post Office at Erode should be debited against Public Works.

Referred to the Public Department, for consideration.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
23rd May 1865.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.

Referred to the Postmaster General.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
30th May 1865.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
8th July 1865.*

No. 31. From Lieutenant Colonel A. C. PEARS, Postmaster General, Madras, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 4th July 1865, No. 1789.

I have the honor to acknowledge endorsement, dated 30th May last, and in returning it and the papers which accompanied it, to state that the plan for the Manantoddy Post Office was drawn up by the Engineers' Department from a rough sketch or design formerly in use. In drawing up the plan, it was open to that Department to point out defects in the design, but this was not done. Even now, the only fault pointed out is the small size of the rooms, but this is explained by the circumstance that they were considered sufficient with reference to the position of the station three years ago. Since then, the Post Office having risen to greater importance, I took occasion, on hearing that the building had broken down, to request the Superintending Engineer to arrange for enlarging the rooms, &c.

2. Neither were the other Post Offices named by Colonel Walker estimated for from the standard plans. The plan for that at Beypore was prepared by the Railway Department, and those for Vithery, Erode, Wellington, and Pothanore, by the Engineers' Department from the old designs before mentioned.

3. The standard plans prepared in this office were brought into use only from November 1863; and in forwarding them to the Engineers, when necessary, precaution is now always taken to request that they would suggest any modification which they may consider necessary in them owing to climate or other local circumstance.

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1865, No. 726.

The Governor in Council is unable to gather positively from the letter of the Postmaster General whether he disapproves of the plan, referred to him, of the proposed Post Office at Manantoddy, and whether any ground has been selected as a site for a new Post Office at Vithery. Lieutenant Colonel Pears will now report on these points, for the information of the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

(True Extract).


Chief Secretary.

To the Postmaster General.
,, Department of Public Works.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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Requesting the
Post. Gen. to report
whether he disapproves
of the plan of the proposed
Post office at Manawatu,
and if any ground has
been selected as a site
for a new Post office
at Witherby, Manawatu,
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