M.R.O. 1—77,006—8-6-37.

(1) Number of pages _____

(2) Date of repair _____

(3) Initials of the Referencer _____

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 8 Press
~~Mis.~~
K-20
Dated 3 — 1 — 1867

Not to be folded or roughly handled

53

Read the following papers :—

No. 16. From the Deputy Director General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint george, Public Works Department, dated Calcutta, 6th October 1866, No. 3,471 :—

1. I have the honor to request you will do me the favor of soliciting His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras to sanction the sum of Rupees (12,000) twelve thousand being included in the Public Works Department Budget Estimate of the Madras Presidency for the year 1867-68, for the purchase or construction of houses at Mercara and Mangalore for the accommodation of the Telegraph Offices at those places.

2. The Mercara Office is the largest in the Division, being of three Instruments with a large establishment of Signallers. Mercara is also the head quarters of the Superintendent of the Malabar Division of this department. The Office is at present located in a very small building, quite inadequate for the purpose, which does not provide accommodation for one-half the Signallers, the Superintendent's Office, the Line Officer when on Inspection duty, or a room for the Signallers to take their meals in. The building is taken at a monthly rent of Rupees 40, is generally in rickety condition, and is the only one available. The few rooms there are in it are small and dark. It is possible that a large building, which is reported as being suitable for the Office, can be obtained by purchase for Rupees 6,500. The building referred to was originally a Mission house, and is now occupied as a Cutcherry; the refusal of it at the above price being held by Government. The Postmaster General, Madras, has, I am informed, proposed the purchase of it for the joint accommodation of the Postal and Telegraph Departments, but the Superintendent of Telegraphs doubts its being large enough for both, and in the absence of any plan or detail as to its dimension, I am not in a position to offer an opinion on this point. The sum of Rupees 6,500, proposed to be included in the Public Works Budget Estimate, would be available for either the purchase of the building, or the erection of a new one.

3. The Telegraph Office at Mangalore is at present located in a very small building over some shops in a Native Bazaar, (a situation for a Telegraph Office most objectionable for many reasons,) the rooms are only seven feet high, and are reported to be so small as to be but little better than closets, these are the Telegraph Master's quarters, they cannot be called accommodation; and the Signallers have to live outside. The situation is reported as being very noisy and also unhealthy, being in close proximity to a dirty tank.

4. As no suitable building is available, it will be advisable to build a house for the Office, for which a sum of Rupees 5,500 is considered necessary.

Referred to the Public Department.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
25th October 1866.

Memorandum from the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Public Department, to the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division, dated Fort Saint George, 1st November 1866, No. 346.

With reference to the accompanying letter from the Deputy Director General of Telegraphs in India, the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Public, &c., Departments, is directed to enquire what has hitherto been the course pursued for providing funds for the erection or purchase of buildings for the Telegraph Department in this Presidency.

No. 17. From the Superintendent Government Telegraphs, Madras Division, to the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Cuddalore, 5th November 1866, No. 1,504.

1. With reference to the enquiry made in your Memorandum No. 346, of the 1st current, I have the honor to inform you in reply, that up to date of recent instructions from the Compiler of Telegraph Accounts, conveyed in his Circular No. 20 of 1866, on the subject, application for grant of funds used to be made through the Director General of Telegraphs in India in cases of purchase, or a sum estimated for, when repairs were requisite, these being duly provided for in annual Estimates and Budgets.

2. The offices mentioned in Major Murray's letter, No. 3,471 of the 6th ultimo, received with yours under notice, are, I beg to say, within the limits of the Malabar Coast Division, under Mr. Superintendent Thompson, who should be addressed, in event of his having offered any opinion on the subject based on local knowledge, or made any proposition likely to be worthy of consideration in the disposal of this matter.

3. Major Murray's letter is herewith returned as requested.

Referred to the Superintendent of Government Telegraphs, Malabar Coast Division.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
8th November 1866.

No. 18. From the Officiating Superintendent Telegraphs, Malabar Coast Division, to the Under Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Coompta, 21st November 1866, No. 11A.

1. I have the honor to return the enclosed correspondence, with a request that it may be re-submitted with a copy of your Memorandum, No. 346 of 1st instant, to the address of Mr. Blissett, as it does not appear from the correspondence now returned, for what purpose it has been forwarded to me, or what information is required. I may mention, however, that Major Murray's letter is based on one from me to the address of the Director General, requesting that the sum mentioned by him might be provided in the Budget for the coming year for the purposes indicated. I may also mention that the purchase of the house at Mercara, referred to in Major Murray's letter, has been already sanctioned by the Director General, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Coorg, but that the purchase money cannot be paid till next year, as no provision has been made for the purpose in the current year's Budget.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd January 1867.

No. 19. From the Officiating Superintendent Government Telegraphs, Malabar Coast Division, to the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Camp, Vingorla, 7th December 1866, No. 46 A.

1. With reference to your Docket without number, dated 29th ultimo, re-transmitting with reference to my No. 11 A. of 21st idem, certain correspondence relating to the provision in the Madras Public Works Budget for the coming year of a sum of Rupees 12,000, for the erection or purchase of buildings at Mercara and Mangalore, for the purposes of Telegraph Offices at those stations, I have the honor to inform you that I am not aware what has hitherto been the course pursued for providing funds for the erection or purchase of buildings for the Telegraph Department in the Madras Presidency. Mr. Blissett, Superintendent of the Madras Division, (a position he has filled almost from the infancy of the department,) would be the most likely person to be able to afford information on this point. As regards the rules *now* in force on the subject, I append for your information copy of a Circular lately issued by the Head of this Department, which, when no longer required, it is requested may be returned.

2. The necessity for the immediate purchase of the building at Mercara to prevent its being sold to private parties, having occurred suddenly, there was no time to apply for funds precisely as detailed in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Director General's Circular, herewith enclosed. The Superintendent of Coorg, Captain Cole, informed me in October last, with reference to previous correspondence on the subject, that the building, if not purchased *at once* for this department would be sold by auction, when it would probably fetch not less than Rupees 10,000. Government, however, had the refusal of it for Rupees 6,500 ; on this I telegraphed to the Director General of Telegraphs, Colonel Glover, who obtained the sanction of the Government of India to the purchase of the building provided that step was recommended by the Superintendent of Coorg. Captain Cole authorized me to say that he recommended the purchase of the building, and the bargain was accordingly concluded through him, on the understanding that the purchase money should be paid early in next official year, and that, in the meantime, rent should be paid to meet the interest on a loan. Captain Cole informs me that the building will be made over to this department on the 1st of January next.

3. The building has been examined and reported on by the Executive Engineer in Coorg, who estimates its original cost at Rupees 15,000, and its present value at Rupees 10,000, but states that to build a similar house *now* "would probably cost twice as much."

4. From a letter I have just received from the Superintendent of Coorg, (copy of which is annexed,) it would appear as if the building were already in some way, not clearly explained by Captain Cole, "a Government building." It has hitherto been used as a Cutcherry.

5. The enclosures to your Docket are herewith returned.

From the Superintendent of Coorg, to the Officiating Superintendent of Telegraphs, Malabar Division, dated Coorg, 26th November 1866, No. 1,286.

1. In reply to your No. 8 A of 17th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the building in question was to be made over to the Committee of the Central School to be sold, and the proceeds

devoted to the erection of the new building, unless the Government paid the value of it in lieu. Under these circumstances, I will hand over the building to your Department on payment of the value, and no Deed of Conveyance will be requisite, as it now remains a Government building.

2. It is the strongest building in Mercara, and was valued by the Executive Engineer roughly at Rupees 10,000.

3. It will be ready for occupation by the 1st January 1867, and the rent will be fixed hereafter.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. E. THOMPSON,
Offg. Supt. Malabar Coast Division.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNTS CIRCULAR No. 20 of 1866.

Construction and repair of buildings, and relation of Telegraph Department to Public Works Department.

The Director General having observed that the manner in which construction or repair of buildings should be applied for when required, and the relations between the Public Works and Telegraph Departments are not fully understood by Telegraph Officers, desires that the following instructions, which are based on orders of the Government of India, be strictly attended to in future.

2. As a general rule, any duly authorized shelter for establishments, whether bungalows of a temporary character or huts, and any buildings, permanent or temporary, of which the estimated cost is under Rupees 1,000 each, may be provided for in the Telegraph Budget and constructed by Telegraph Officers without the intervention of the Public Works Department; but additions, alterations, or any repairs not petty, to completed buildings under charge of the Public Works Department (see paragraph 1, Section III., Chapter X., of Public Works Code, copy attached), will not come under this class of works, but be executed by the Public Works Department. *Petty* repairs, even to buildings under Public Works charge, and *all* repairs to buildings of which charge has not been made over to the Public Works Department, will be provided for in the Telegraph Budget and executed by Telegraph Officers. Construction or purchase of buildings costing more than Rupees 1,000 each will be charges of the Public Works Department and be provided for in its Budget.

3. In respect of works to be executed by the Public Works Department, the proper course is for the Superintendent to obtain from the Executive Engineer a plan and estimate of the work required, and to submit them to the Director General, by whom such estimates can be sanctioned if their amount does not exceed Rs. 2,000 each. If the amount exceeds Rs. 2,000, the Director General can convey a departmental approval to the plan and estimate. The estimates so sanctioned or approved will then be submitted by the Director General to the local Government for inclusion in the Public Works Budget.

4. But as the local Public Works Budget comes under preparation in August or September, it is obvious that any applications for Telegraph buildings should reach the Director General's Office so early as to admit of their being fully considered by the Director General, and then despatched by him in such time as to reach the local Government before its annual Public Works Budget is closed. And it is also obvious that applications for buildings must, to have any reasonable chance of being complied with, be made only once a year, in time for the annual Budget. The Director General therefore desires that, on or about the 1st June in each year, application be made to the respective Executive Engineers for plans and estimates for any new buildings required to be constructed by the Public Works Department, for this Department, and that, on or before 1st August, all such plans and estimates, with a list of the works proposed, be sent to the Director General, to enable him to arrange for the works being executed. Extensive additions and alterations to buildings which have been made over to the Public Works Department should be applied for in the same manner and at the same time as new buildings.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 3rd January 1867.

5. As regards new buildings, Superintendents must be careful to discriminate as to the class of Offices for which buildings may unobjectionably be applied for. Speaking generally, it may be said that those Offices the local receipts of which are not large enough to place their permanency beyond question, as well as those established primarily for departmental purposes, should be located in hired houses if obtainable. Wherever, also, hired houses suited to the wants of the Department can be obtained at a reasonable rent, it would be unadvisable to erect buildings for the present at least.

6. The Superintendent will also be careful in respect of the construction of permanent buildings likely to cost more than Rupees 1,000 each, to keep his applications within moderate limits, it being obviously inexpedient to attempt to obtain more work from the Public Works Department than can conveniently be done with reference to the large and urgent calls in other quarters on the resources of that Department. To guard against this, the Director General desires that Superintendents will obtain his approval to the necessity of each work before applying for plan and estimate. The applications for such preliminary approval must be made in time to admit of replies reaching the Superintendent before 1st June of each year.

7. When a Telegraph building is required to be erected in any locality, by the Public Works Department, a site belonging to Government should always, if possible, be selected. If no such site is available, steps should be taken by the Superintendent, in communication with the local authorities, for selecting a suitable site elsewhere, which can be taken up by the Public Works Department under the provisions of Act VI of 1857, compensation being awarded thereunder to the proprietor of the land.

8. Works or repairs which, under the rules in paragraph 2 of this Circular, may be executed by Telegraph Officers, should be provided for in the Departmental Divisional Budgets, each new work, alteration, or addition being entered as an item under "Construction" in the schedule of construction works, (See Accounts Circular No. 17 of 1866.) The petty repairs to all buildings, and all repairs to buildings not in Public Works charge (which repairs must be as inexpensive as possible), will be included in the Sub-divisional Estimates for Ordinary Repairs, and a separate estimate must be sent up, with or before the Budget, for each new building, or old building to be added to or altered, that is provided for in the Budget.

9. It may sometimes be desirable to obtain assistance from the Public Works Department in the construction of Telegraph works, not buildings, which require professional supervision. In such cases the Executive Engineer should be applied to for the necessary assistance, but *all* payments should be made by the Telegraph Officer (either to a contractor, or dealers, or laborers, as the case may be), and *none* by the Public Works Officer. This course may also be adopted, when necessary, in the case of buildings for which the Telegraph Department has to pay. The practice of supplying funds of this Department to Public Works Officers is prohibited in both Departments.

10. Section III, Chapter X, of the Public Works Code (copy attached) must be exactly conformed to, with exception that the powers therein given to the abolished grade of Directors are now vested in Superintendents of Divisions. All the principal buildings not yet under Public Works charge should be placed under it as soon as possible.

11. Although the proceding instructions are issued too late to be complied with, as regards time, in the current year, the Director General desires that Superintendents will still act on them

as soon as possible after receipt of this Circular, and provide at once for such works or repairs as are considered necessary for the official year 1867-68.

(Signed) T. G. GLOVER, Lieut.-Colonel,
Officiating Director General.

EXTRACT FROM PUBLIC WORKS CODE.

Chapter X.—Civil Buildings.

Section III.—Telegraph Department.

Certain buildings to be under charge of Executive Engineers.

1. The Telegraph Department shall make over charge formally to the Public Works Department of all those buildings or works which for any reason it may be thought desirable by the Director General or Directors of Divisions that the Public Works Officers should maintain; such buildings shall then be repaired, as a matter of course, by the Public Works Officers exactly like any other Government buildings.

Requisitions for repairs.

2. The Director General, Directors of Divisions, and Superintendents have authority to call upon the Public Works Department at any time for the execution of necessary repairs, &c. Such calls shall be at once acted upon by the Executive Engineer if he concurs in their propriety, otherwise the matter shall be referred by the Executive Engineer to the Superintending Engineer for further orders; ordinarily, however, such requisitions should be complied with at once.

Buildings not under charge of Executive Engineers.

3. As a general rule, only the principal buildings will thus be placed in charge of the Public Works Department. All other Telegraph buildings and works will remain in charge of the Telegraph Officers, who will themselves execute all repairs of this class of works, as well as the mere casual petty repairs of those buildings which are in charge of the Public Works Department, as ordered for all Civil Departments in Section I, paragraph 5.

Expenditure for petty repairs.

4. The expenditure on petty repairs, &c., executed by the Officers of the Telegraph Department, will be checked and finally passed by Director General of Telegraphs.

Assistance to be rendered by Public Works Officers.

5. Public Works Officers will nevertheless use a proper discretion in assisting the Telegraph Officers in every way when it is necessary to guard the interests of the Government.

Expenditure by Public Works Officers.

6. Expenditure by Public Works Officers on Telegraph works will be dealt with solely by the Department of Public Works, unless an excess above the sanctioned estimate arises, which is beyond the powers of the Controller to pass, in which case the opinion of the Director General will be taken as to the necessity for the overcharge, in addition to the opinion of the superior Public Works Officers. If, on any emergency, Telegraph work is done by the Public Works Officers without estimate, the final bill will also be submitted for the approval of the Director General of Telegraph, unless falling within the power of sanction of the Controllers.

Public Works Budget.

7. The Telegraph repairs executed by Public Works Officers shall be entered by the Chief Engineer in the Budget estimate of the Public Works Department in the same manner as repairs of other Civil Departments.

Budget of the Director General of Telegraphs.

8. All works, whether new or repairs, carried out by the Director General of Telegraphs under his own Officers, will be dealt with exclusively in the Telegraph Department, and the needful funds will be provided in the Telegraph Budget.

Extract para. 5, *Section I, Chap. X, referred to in para.* 3 *of the preceding,—also para.* 6.

Fixtures.

5. Every new building constructed by the Executive Engineer will be provided with fixtures, including, when necessary, record-racks, shelves, punkahs, &c. But the repair of these fixtures, and all petty repairs of doors and windows, including the re-placement of broken glass, will be provided for by the Officers occupying the buildings, except when required as part of a general repair.

Glass.

6. The Civil Officer in charge of each building should make some person of his establishment answerable for the glass in each room, who should pay for any panes that may be broken, unless he inform his superior at the time, and either prove the fracture to have been unavoidable, or produce the person by whose fault it was occasioned.

Transferred, with the previous correspondence, to the Public Works Department.

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

Fort Saint George,
17*th December* 1866.

No. 20. Order thereon, 3rd January 1867, No. 8.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 8.

Recorded, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 3,967, dated 17th December 1866.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 1286

From

The Superintendent
of Coorg

To

The Offg. Superintendent
of Telegraphs
Malabar Division

Sir,

Coompta

In reply to your No. 8 a of 17th instant I have the honor to inform you that the building in question was to be made over to the Committee of the Central school to be sold and the proceeds devoted to the erection of the new Building unless the Govt. paid the value of it in lieu. Under these circumstances I will hand over the Building to your Department on payment of the value, and no Deed of Conveyance will be requisite, as it now remains a Government building.

2 It is the strongest building in Merkara and was valued by the Executive Engineer roughly at Rs. 10,000.

3 It will be ready for occupation by the 1st January 1867, and the

rent

ent will be fixed hereafter -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt. Servant
(Sigd.) Cole
Superintendent

Superintendents Office
— Coorg —
26th November 1860

"True Copy"
W.E. Thompson
Offg. Superintendent
Malabar Coast Division

Govt. Tele: Departt.
Malabar Coast Division

No. 46. A. 11

From
The Offg. Superintendent
Govt. Telegraphs
Malabar Coast Division

To
J. Brandt Esquire
Actg. under Secy to Govt.
Fort St. George

Sir

With reference to your Docket without Nr. dated 29th Ultimo re-transmitting with reference to my Nr. 11. a of 25th Idem, certain correspondence relating to the provision in the Madras Public Works Budget for the coming year of a sum of Rupees 12,000 for the erection or purchase of buildings at Mercara and Mangalore for the purposes of Telegraph Offices at those Stations, I have the honor to inform you that I am not aware what has hitherto been the course pursued for providing funds for the erection or purchase of buildings for the Telegraph Departt. in the Madras Presidency. Mr. Blessett Superintendent of the Madras Division (a position he has.

Mr. Actg. Secy. to Govt. Fort St. George
Govt. Tele: Office
Malabar Coast Division
No. 46. A.
Dated 26th Nov. 1860

Rec'd 3 Dec. 1860
No. 5746 &c.

Head Quarters
No. 5798 &c.

Communication
Superintendent Telegraphs
with reference to
Mr. Blessett's proposal
for the purchase
of buildings for
Telegraph Offices for Mr.
Docket. -

has filled almost from the infancy of the Departt.) would be the most likely person to be able to afford information on this point. As regards the Rules now in force on the subject I append for your information copy of a Circular lately issued by the Head of this Department, which when no longer required it is requested may be returned.

2. The necessity for the immediate purchase of the building at Mercara to prevent its being sold to private parties, having occurred suddenly, there was no time to apply for funds precisely as detailed in Paras 3 & 4 of the Director General's Circular, herewith enclosed. The Superintendent of Coorg, Captain Cole, informed me in October last with reference to previous correspondence on the subject that the building, if not purchased <u>at once</u> for this Departt would be sold by Auction, when it would probably fetch not less than Rupees 10,000. Govt however, had the refusal of it for Rupees 6,500, on this I telegraphed to the Director General of Telegraphs Colonel Glover, who obtained the sanction of the Govt of India to the purchase of the building provided that steps was recommended by the Superintendent of Coorg Captain Cole authorized me to say that he recommended the purchase of the building, and the bargain was accordingly concluded through him on the understanding that the purchase money should be paid early in next official year and that in the mean time rent should be paid to meet the interest on a loan. Captain Cole informs me that the building will be made over to this Departt on the 1st of January next.

3. The building has been examined and reported on by the Executive Engineer in Coorg, who estimates its original cost at Rupees 15,000, and its present value at Rupees 10,000, but states that to build a similar house <u>now</u> "would probably cost twice as much".

4. From a letter I have just received from the Superintendent of Coorg (copy of which is annexed) it would appear as if the building were already in some way, not clearly explained by Captain Cole, "a Govt building".

It

It has hitherto been used as a Cacherri.

5 The enclosures to your Docket are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt. Servant

H. C. Stevenson
Offg. Superintendent
Malabar Coast Division

Camp Vingorla
7th December 1866

No. 13

Transmitted with
Surveys enclosure
to the Chief Secy to Govt
Fort St George
Madras

H. C. Stevenson
Offg. Superintendent
Malabar Coast Division

Political Department
Public Letter from Govt
Dated 21st Dec 1866
No. 5146

Chief Engineer
Fort St George
Madras

Sir
Captain Dickinson
Engineer
No 1578

Superintendent of the
Quarter Master General's
Department Fort St George
Madras

Sir
I am directed by the
Commander in Chief to
transmit for the information
of the Chief Engineer
Fort St George
a Survey
of the Cacherri
at Vingorla
Sketched by
Captain Dickinson
Engineer
No 1578

I am Sir
Your most obedient
Servant
H. Conway Dalyell
Lieut. Colonel
Dy. A. G. of Army

Fort St George
8th January 1867

No 11a

From

A. E. Thompson Esquire
Offg Superintendent
Pilots Malabar Coast Division
Coompta

To

The Under Secretary to
Government Fort
St George
Madras

Coompta 21st November 1866

Sir

I have the honor to return the enclosed correspondence with a request that it may be re-submitted with a copy of your Memo: No 346 of 1st Instant to the address of Mr Blunt as it does not appear from the correspondence now returned, for what purpose it has been forwarded to me or what information is required. I may mention, however, that Major Murray's letter is based on one from me to the address of the Director General, requesting that the sum

mentioned by him might be provided in the Budget for the Coming year for the purposes indicated, I may also mention that the purchase of the House at Mercara referred to in Major Murrays letter has been already sanctioned by the Director General on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Coorg, but that the purchase money cannot be paid till next year as no provision has been made for the purpose in the current years Budget—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most obt Servant

H. C. Throckmorton

Offg Supt. Tel.

Malabar & Canara Division

A.D

Rec'd 8-Jan'y 1867.

No. 1504

From

Public Department

No. 346

Memorandum

With reference to the accompanying letter from the Dy Director Genl of Telegraphs in India, the Ag. Under Secretary to Govt in Public Wks Dept. is directed to enquire what has hitherto been the course pursued for providing funds for the erection or purchase of buildings for the Telegraph Department in this Presidency—

Fort St George
1st November 1866

(Signed) F. Bramley
Ag Under Secy

To

The Superintendent of Telegraphs
Madras Division

P. to 1866 Oct. Archives
Public Dept
No. 346 of 1st Nov.
Supt of Telegraphs
Malabar Coast
No 1504

Genl Letter
Dated 27th Novr 1866
No. 1237 Recd 8th Jany 1867
Referred

No 1529

Requests that William Carey Esq. may be allowed from 26th Sept. to 4th Oct. the usual Fee for Furnishing an Estimate for Furniture &c. for Commandant's Quarters at Cannanore

Ans. 8-Jan'y 1867.

Copy-
Memorandum-
Dated 1st November 1866
No 346-

Rlo 5114/66

No 1504 21

From
J. T. Blessett Esqr
Superintendent Govt Telegraphs
Madras Division

To
J. Brandt Esqr
Ag Under Secy to Government
Fort St George

Dated Cuddalore 5th November 1866.

Sir,

With reference to the enquiry made in your Memorandum No 346 of the 1st current, I have the honor to inform you in reply that up to date of recent instructions from the Comr. of Telegraph Accounts, conveyed in his Circular No 20 of 1866 on the subject, Applications for grant of Lands used to be made through the Director General of Telegraphs in India in the Annual Estimates and in cases of purchase, or at once estimated for, when repairs were requisite, these being duly provided for in Annual Estimates and Budgets.

The Offices mentioned in Major Murray's letter No 3471 of the 6th

6th ultimo, received with yours under notice, are, I beg to say, within the limits of the Malabar Coast Division, under Dy. Superintendent Thompson, who should be addressed, in event of his having offered any opinion on the subject based on local knowledge, or made any proposition likely to be worthy of consideration in the disposal of this matter.

Major Murray's letter is here with returned as requested.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed. Servt
J. Bissett.
Superintendent G. I.
Madras Division

No 3471.

From

Major R. Murray
Deputy Director General of Tels: in India

To

The Secretary to the Government of
Fort St. George
Public Works Department

Dated Calcutta the 6th October 1866

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will do me the favor of soliciting His Excellency the Right Honble the Governor of Madras to sanction the sum of Rupees 12000 twelve thousand being included in the Public Works Department Budget Estimate of the Madras Presidency for the year 1867-68 for the purchase or construction of houses at Mercara and Mangalore for the accommodation of the Telegraph Offices at those places.

2 The Mercara Office is the largest in the Division being of three Instruments with a large Establishment of Signallers Mercara is also the Head Quarters of the Superintendent of the Malabar Division of this Department. The office is at present located in a very small building quite inadequate for

Recd 13th Nov 1866

Public Works Department
Copy forwarded to Govt. of Madras
for information & orders
Calcutta 5th Nov 1866
Major Price
Madras Division

Recd 8th Nov 1866

Fort St. George
8th November 1866

Referred to the
Superintendent of
Telegraphs for
Report & Explanation
of the Items
Colonel
Secretary to Govt

Report from the
Superintendent of
Telegraphs
Malabar Division
Calicut 21/11/66

Copy

Recd 23rd Nov 1866

To C. Brandt Esqre
Offg Under Secy to Govt
Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 1504 dated 8th instant I have the honor to report that the Mercara Office is at present located in a very small building quite inadequate for the purposes of the Office. The Office is in the Fort and the Superintendent has to pay Rupees 15 per mensem for the rent of the building. The Office is of three Instruments with a large Establishment of Signallers. Mercara is also the Head Quarters of the Superintendent of the Malabar Division of this Department. The Office is at present located in a very small building quite inadequate for

I have &c
(Signed) R. Murray
Lt Col & Superintendent
Telegraphs Malabar Division

the purpose which does not provide accommodation for, one half the Signallers, the Superintendent's office, the line officer when on Inspection duty, or a room for the Signallers to take their meals in. The building is taken at a monthly rent of Rupees 40, is generally in rickety condition, and is the only one available. The few rooms these are in it are small and dark. It is possible that a large building which is reported as being suitable for the office can be obtained by purchase for Rupees 6500. The building referred to was originally a Mission house, and is now occupied as a Cutchery, the refusal of it at the above price being held by Government. The Post Master General Madras has I am informed proposed the purchase of it for the joint accommodation of the Postal and Telegraph Departments, but the Superintendent of Telegraphs doubts its being large enough for both, and in the absence of any plan or detail as to its dimension I am not in a position to offer an opinion on this point. The sum of Rupees 6,500 proposed to be included in the Public Works Budget Estimate would be available for, either the purchase of the building, or the erection of a new one.

3 The Telegraph office at Mangalore is at present located in a very small building over some shops in a Native Bazar (a situation for a Telegraph office most objectionable for many reasons) the rooms are only seven feet high and are reported to be so small as to be but little better than closets, these are the Telegraph Masters Quarters, they can not be called accommodation; and the Signallers have to live outside. The situation is reported as being very noisy and also unhealthy being in close proximity to a dirty tank.

4 As no suitable building is available it will be advisable to build a house for the office for which a sum of Rupees 5,500 is considered necessary.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt
S. Murray Major R.A.
Depty. Dir. Genl. of Tels: in India

P.W.D.

List of Printed Papers

No. 8.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 3rd January 1867.

Read the following -

From the Dr Director General of Telegraphs in India — (R. G. 6th October 1866. No 3

In the Supdt Govt Telegraph Deptt. Madras Dr (R.G. 5th Nov — No 1501,

From the Supdt of Telegraphs Malabar Coast Dr (R. G. 21st — — No 1104

From — do — do. do — (R.G. 7th Dec. No 1598.

Recorded, with reference to the Proceedings of Govt No 3967, dated 17th December 1866.

Dr Dir Genl of Telegraphs in India
No 3 dated 6th October 1866
Received 27th Novr 1866

From
To Lt Colonel R. Strachey R.E.
Secy to Govt of India
Public Works Dept.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to move the Government of India to sanction the construction of a Telegraph line from Madras to Cuddalore, at an estimated cost of Rupees 6,000 as detailed in the accompanying Statement.

2. The line is required for the purposes of the Public Service, and will be constructed by the Department of Telegraphs.

3. The Estimate will be provided for in the Budget for 1867-68.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
R. Strachey
Director General of Telegraphs in India

Fort St George
25th October 1866

No 1501.

From
The Secy to Government
To
The Supdt Govt Telegraph

Sir,

I am directed to forward, for your information, a copy of a letter from the Director General of Telegraphs in India, No 3 dated 6th October 1866, requesting that the Government of India may be moved to sanction the construction of a Telegraph line from Madras to Cuddalore, at an estimated cost of Rupees 6,000.

2. I am to request that you will report whether the line is required for the purposes of the Public Service, and whether the Estimate will be provided for in the Budget for 1867-68.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
C. Lloyd
Secy to Govt

Fort St George
5th November 1866

No 1104.

From
The Supdt Govt Telegraph
To
The Secy to Government

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 1501 dated 5th instant, I have the honor to state that the line from Madras to Cuddalore is required for the purposes of the Public Service, and that the Estimate will be provided for in the Budget for 1867-68.

2. The line will be constructed by the Department of Telegraphs.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
R. Strachey
Supdt

Madras
21st November 1866

No 1598.

From
The Supdt of Telegraphs
Malabar Coast
To
The Secy to Government

Sir,

I am directed to forward, for your information, a copy of a letter from the Director General of Telegraphs in India, No 3 dated 6th October 1866, requesting that the Government of India may be moved to sanction the construction of a Telegraph line from Madras to Cuddalore, at an estimated cost of Rupees 6,000.

2. I am to request that you will report whether the line is required for the purposes of the Public Service, and whether the Estimate will be provided for in the Budget for 1867-68.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
C. Lloyd
Secy to Govt

Fort St George
7th December 1866

No 8. 3 January 1867.

No W 1867 Depts

Pro: of Govt for Jany

No 8

Pro: of the Madras Govt

Dy 30 January 67

Certain Correspondence
relative to the provision in
the Budget of 1866/67 & Funds
for buildings required by the
Telegraph Dept at Mangalore and Mangalore, recorded -

Ap 16 @ 20