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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Public Works* DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
24th April 1868.*

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Read the following papers :—

No. 467. From the Postmaster General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 10th December 1867, No. 3,356.

1. The Director General of the Post Office in India has desired me to bring the following circumstances, connected with the building of the Chicacole Post Office, to the notice of Government.

2. When I was at Chicacole in 1863, I selected, in consultation with the principal Civil authority there, a site for a Post Office which it was proposed to build. The site thus selected has been since described by the Executive Engineer as "a most excellent one," and by the Assistant Collector as "the best possible."

3. When, however, the work was ordered to be executed, this site was, without any communication with me, abandoned; and the subordinate officer of the Public Works Department, charged with the work, built it in what the present Range Officer in a letter now before me describes as a "mud-hole."

4. The consequence of this has been that the foundations have failed, and the building is already in such a ruinous condition that the Range Officer thinks that it would be a waste of money to attempt to repair it; and I have been obliged to remove the Post Office to a rented building.

5. Under these circumstances, I request that the Range Officer may be directed to take charge of the building; and that the Postal Department may be relieved from all further responsibility regarding it.

6. The station of Chicacole having declined considerably in importance, I think it probable that a rented building will be found to answer the purpose of a Post Office permanently. But I shall be able to decide this question when I visit the place, which I hope to do in February next.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division for early and full report, with reference to the Orders noted below :—

No. 2,275, 12th August 1863.

,, 3,440, 24th November 1863.

,, 1,305, 13th May 1865.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

12th December 1867.

*Secretary to Government.*

No. 468. From the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Dowlaishweram, 23rd March 1868, No. 289.

\* No. 3,356, dated 10th December 1867.

1. Referring to your endorsement, dated 12th December last, on a letter\* from the Postmaster General of Madras on the subject of the Post Office at Chicacole, I have the honor to report that the building in question was sanctioned in G. O. No. 3,440, of 24th November 1863, and completed on the 21st March 1864,

under the supervision of Sub-Engineer See G. O. No. 3,515, of 12th December 1864. Irving and Overseer Brien: both of them are not now in the Department, as the former has been pensioned, and the latter remanded to his corps for "drunkenness."

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2. It appears that the site selected by the Postmaster General was altered by Sub-Engineer Irving at the request of the Principal Assistant Collector of Ganjam, but without authority from the Superintending Engineer.

3. The site on which the building now stands was apparently a pit dug for earth for bricks, and the foundations of the building have therefore failed. This circumstance was already reported to Government in my letter No. 1,917, of 24th April 1865, embodied in G. O. No. 1,305, of 13th May 1865, in which a sum of Rupees 115 was sanctioned for building buttresses to support walls.

4. The present Range Officer reports that it would be a waste of money to repair the building, and recommends that it be pulled down and re-built on another site but I am not prepared to adopt his recommendation without further information.

No. 469.

ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1868, No. 1,266.

**CIVIL WORKS, No. 58.**

1. In the first of the letters above recorded, the Postmaster General brings to notice the ruinous condition of the

Post Office at Chicacole in the Ganjam District.

2. An estimate for this building amounting to Rupees 1,655 was sanctioned in the Order of the 12th August 1863, No. 2,275, and a site for it was duly selected by the Postmaster General in personal communication with the local Civil authorities.

3. It appears, however, that when the building was ordered to be constructed, the Range Officer (Lieutenant Irving) altered the site at the request of the Principal Assistant Collector, but without a reference to the Postmaster General, or the sanction of the Superintending Engineer.

4. Captain Ryves states that the ground on which the building stands was originally a pit dug for earth for the manufacture of bricks, and the Government have little doubt that the adoption of that site has resulted in the failure of the foundations, and the consequent ruin of the building.

5. The circumstances attending the execution of this work are most discreditable to the Range Officer, as well as to the Overseer\* who was placed in immediate executive charge, but as the former has been transferred to the Pension Establishment, and the latter remanded to his corps, the Government deem it unnecessary to pursue the matter further.

6. The Superintending Engineer will instruct the present Range Officer to take charge of the building, and he will report in due course how it may be best disposed of.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.  
" Postmaster General.  
" Revenue Department.  
" Public Works Department.  
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,

MADRAS, 10<sup>th</sup> December 1867.

From

Lt. Col. H. C. Pears,  
Postmaster General, Madras.

To

Colonel C. A. Orr

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

The Director General of the Post Office in India has desired me to bring the following circumstances, connected with the building of the Chicacole Post Office to the notice of Government

2- When I was at Chicacole in 1863, I selected, in consultation with the principal Civil authority here, a site for a Post Office which it was proposed to build. The site thus selected has been since described by the Executive Engineer as "a most excellent one" and by the Assistant Collector as "the best possible."

3. When however the work was ordered to be executed, this site was, without any communication with me, abandoned; and

*Recomm. by Range Officer  
is to be referred to the  
Superintending Engineer  
18-12-67*

*Copy of order to  
be sent to the  
Superintending Engineer  
3rd January 1868*

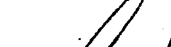
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6 The station of Chicago  
having declined considerably in im-  
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answer the purpose of a Post Office

  
 Postmaster General

- 1 - Commenced from Col. Pease describing selected site -
- 2 - Date when work was commenced ?
- 3 - " " " " " " completed ?
- 4 - Range officer in charge.
- 5 { Any authority given him to change  
the site ?

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Letter.

+ No 335 started  
10<sup>th</sup> December  
1867.

Referring to your endorsement dated 12<sup>th</sup> December last, on a letter from the Post-Master General of Madras on the subject of the Post Office at Chicacole, I have the honor to report that the Building in question was sanctioned in G.O. No. 3440 of 24<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1863, and completed on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1864, under the supervision of Sub Engineer Irving and Overseer Brien; both of them are not now in the Department, as the former has been pensioned and the latter remanded to his Corps for "Drunkenness".

See G. O. p. 356  
of 12<sup>th</sup> Decr/64.

2. It appears that the site selected by the Post Master General was altered by Sub Engineer Irving at the request of the Principal Asst. Collector of Conjam - but without authority from the Superintending Engineer.

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From

The Postmaster General,

**Madras.**

To

**The Chief Secretary to Government,**

Department,

Fort Saint George,

Ex. 124b. 24m July 1868

No. 3330

*L. J. M. L.*

**Dated**

**Accepted**

**Answered**

Dr. King to the

notice of Government certain  
circumstances in connection  
with the advancement of the  
building conducted by Govt.  
on 17th Dec 1871 & discussed  
for the 1st time & discussed

John D.

2. 10724/100. 1868. Q. 1. 1572.

Robert T.

*John*

12<sup>th</sup> Decr 1879 - Dec 28 1879

3. The site on which the Building now stands was apparently a pit dug for earth for bricks and the foundations of the Building have therefore failed. This circumstance was already reported to Government in my letter No 1917 of 24<sup>th</sup> April 1865 embodied in G.O. No 1305 of 13<sup>th</sup> May 1865 in which a sum of Rs 115 was sanctioned for building buttresses to support walls.

4. The present Range Officer reports that it would be a waste of money to repair the Building and recommends that it be pulled down & rebuilt on another site. but I am not prepared to adopt his recommendation without further information.

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V.R. Captn R.E.  
Superintending Engineer P.W.

1<sup>st</sup> 11 1868 Sept  
 Pro of Govt. April  
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 From

The Sup<sup>r</sup> General's  
 paper

To The Secy<sup>r</sup> of the Government  
 dated 28 March/68  
 despatch 28  
 No 30

No 289 Encl<sup>os</sup>  
 Reports upon the Post  
 office at Chicaole and  
 furnishes full information  
 regarding it -

N<sup>o</sup> 1266-24 April/68

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C. J. 1<sup>st</sup> April 1868 C-15

1266 Public Works Department  
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# PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 24 April/68

Read the following

From The Postmaster General } M. E. No 3356 dated 10<sup>th</sup> Decr/1867/1  
 Madras }  
 From The Sup<sup>r</sup> Engineer 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> (Here enter No. 289 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1868/

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for the manufacture  
of bricks, and the

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Govt. have little doubt  
that the adoption of that  
site has resulted in the  
failure of the foundations,  
and the consequent ruin  
of the building.

The circumstances  
attending the execution of  
this work are most dis-  
creditable to the Range  
Officer, as well as to the  
Quartermaster who was placed  
in immediate execution  
charge, but as the former  
has been transferred to  
the Pension Establish-  
ment, and the latter re-  
assigned to his Corps,  
the Govt. deem it un-  
necessary to pursue the  
matter further.

The Superintd. will  
instruct the present Range  
Officer

Sergeant Brer.



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Pro: of the Madras Gov<sup>t</sup>

Of 24<sup>th</sup> April 1868

Passing orders on papers  
relative to the ruinous condition  
of the Post Office at Chicacole  
in the Guntur District.

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