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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th March 1870.*

No. 493. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 25th February 1870, No. 80:—

I HAVE the honour to request that you will be so good as to lay before the Government for instructions the enclosed correspondence* which has passed between the Postmaster-General and myself on the subject of providing a Post Office and a Deputy Postmaster's

residence in connection with the Railway station at Raichore.

2. In my letter of this date, No. 79, I have explained the circumstances under which it has now been proposed to build the station at Raichore by the agency of the Madras Railway Company, and within the limits of their line, *i. e.*, to the south of the point of junction with the Great Indian Peninsula Railway.

3. It will be seen that the Postmaster-General wishes a room, measuring twenty feet by thirty feet, to be provided within the station-house for the use of his department as a Post Office, and that a small building should be constructed outside the limits of the station enclosure to serve as a residence for the Deputy Postmaster.

4. I have had an opportunity of discussing this matter with the Railway authorities, and no objection was raised to Colonel Pears' proposal. In anticipation of the approval of Government I have requested the Agent of the Madras Railway Company to have the necessary provision made in the drawings of the station, which I have asked him to prepare as soon as possible. I have also asked him to state whether, in his opinion, it is preferable that the Postal Department should bear their share of the cost by payment of a lump sum or by an annual rent charge.

From Colonel A. C. PEARS, Postmaster-General, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 28th January 1870, No. 6,747-337.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that, on receipt of your docket of the 18th October last, I forwarded to the Director-General of the Post Office in India a copy of Colonel Trever's docket of the 13th of that month to your address, in which he gives his opinion that no other accommodation will be required for the Post Office at Raichore than at any other intermediate station, and I asked whether the Director-General was still of opinion that the Post Office at Raichore should be connected by a siding with the main line of railway.

2. I subjoin a copy of the Director-General's answer, No. 3,977, dated 10th January 1870. The Director-General is still of opinion that the Post Office should open on to the platform.

3. From the inquiries I made during a recent visit to Raichore I am satisfied that it would be impossible to construct a Post Office in the situation which the Director-General thinks it ought to occupy through any other agency than that of the Railway contractors. In such a situation it must obviously form a part of the general design, and could not be built by any other means; besides which it is to be remembered that the Department Public Works are unable to undertake the work, and that the contractors of the two Railways have command of, and have employment for, all the labour and material to be procured in the neighbourhood.

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4. I request, therefore, that you will be good enough to bring the subject before the Government of Madras, in order that such steps may be taken as they may think proper for the provision of a Post Office building opening on to the platform at the Railway station at Raichore, and the great inconvenience which the Director-General says has resulted elsewhere from the want of such accommodation may be avoided.

5. The Consulting Engineer to the Bombay Government strongly advises that the contractor for the Great Indian Peninsula Railway (Mr. Bray) should not be employed. But I understand that a part of the ground will be set apart for the Madras Railway for the erection of their sheds and offices, and I should think there could be no difficulty in having the Post Office constructed through their agency if not exactly in the position indicated by the Director-General, yet near enough to the line to answer all purposes.

6. The accommodation required would be an office-room of 600 square feet in extent and a residence suitable for a Deputy Postmaster drawing 40 rupees a month.

Copy of a letter from the Director-General of the Post Office of India, to the Postmaster-General, Madras, dated Calcutta, 10th January 1870, No. 3,977.

In reply to your letter, No. 4, dated the 27th November, I beg to state that at a junction station like Raichore there may be sorting work to be performed, and, even if the mails be sorted in transit, there will probably be a change of mail carriages.

2. On the whole, however, I think that it may be sufficient to obtain for the Post Office a room on the station building, opening on to the platform and conveniently situated.

3. Great inconvenience has resulted at other junction stations owing to the absence of any such accommodation, and in most cases the Railway authorities have stated their inability to spare any accommodation of the kind, their stations having been laid out and built with sole reference to their own requirements. If, however, the Post Office requirements be included in the original plan of the Raichore Railway Station, this difficulty cannot arise.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. C. PEARS, Colonel,
Postmaster-General.

From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Postmaster-General, dated Madras, 15th February 1870, No. 108.

Your letter, dated the 28th ultimo, No. 6,747-387, arrived during my absence from Madras, and since my return I have had an opportunity of discussing with the Madras Railway authorities your proposal that a Post Office should be constructed at Raichore, adjoining the Railway station and opening on to the platform, by the agency of the Railway contractors.

2. I do not anticipate that any difficulty will be raised on the part of the Railway authorities; but, before submitting the proposal to Government, I have the honour to request that you will favour me with definite information on the following points:—

(1.) It is clear that a Post Office in the position described by the Director-General must of necessity form part of the station buildings, and it is right that this department should have some assurance that the Postal Department will bear their proportion of the cost, by payment either of a lump sum or of an annual rent charge, as may be most expedient.

(2.) As to the necessity for providing so large a space as 600 square feet for the Post Office, I may observe that this is equivalent to the provision of a room measuring 30 x 20 feet or 40 x 15 feet.

(3.) The extent of accommodation required for the Deputy Postmaster should be stated, and the number of rooms, their dimensions, etc. The accommodation required for this purpose cannot, of course, be provided within the station-house, and it seems to me to be desirable on all grounds that the Deputy Postmaster's residence should be erected outside the boundaries of the Railway enclosure on land specially applied for by you for the purpose.

3. I request the favour of a reply to this at your earliest convenience.

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From Colonel A. C. PEARS, Postmaster-General, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd February 1870, No. 7,358-387.

In reply to your letter, No. 108, of the 15th instant, I have the honour to state—

1st.—That I quite agree with you in thinking that the proposed room at the Raichore Station must form part of the station buildings, and, upon hearing from you the amount which the Railway Company propose to charge as a lump-sum payment or as rent respectively, I will recommend to the Director-General the acceptance of one or other arrangement as may appear desirable.

2nd.—I do not think that a room 20 x 30 feet will be larger than will be requisite; the residence for the Deputy Postmaster may be outside the station limits. It should be on a scale suitable for a native drawing about Rupees 40 per month, and should comprise two rooms, each about 14 feet square, a narrow verandah supported on wooden posts in front and rear, a small private compound enclosed by a wall and containing a cook-room and privy.

2. I shall be obliged by your informing me whether you can obtain the ground required for this building, or whether it is necessary that I should apply for it.

ORDER THEREON, 30th March 1870, No. 891.

No. 494.

RAILWAY, No. 54.

THE proceedings of the Consulting Engineer for Railways as reported in this letter are approved.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

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To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR
RAILWAYS.

Dated March, 30th.

Recd.

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G. O., 30th March 1870, No. 891.

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Railway Station at Raichore.—The proceedings of the Consulting Engineer granting authority for provision being made for a Post Office and a Deputy Postmaster's residence in connection with the Railway Station at Raichore, approved.

Railway Department. Consulting Engineer's Office.

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Madras,
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(Signed) J. H. M. Shaw Stewart,
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Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(True copy)

Wentworth Major, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Railway Department Consulting Engineer's Office
 No 80. 13

From, Major A. H. M. Lt. Col. R. E.

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From, Major J. H. M. Shaw, Stewart R.E.
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From P.M.G. No 6742/387
 28 Jan'y/70
 To. O.N. 108
 15 Feb'y/70
 From O.N. 7353/387

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Your most obedient servant,
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