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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 16th August 1871.

No. 186. Read the following letter from the Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vythery, 18th July 1871, No. 371 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward an estimate for repairing the Post Office at Manantoddy, countersigned by the Postmaster-General; the accompanying correspondence will show the urgent need there is for the repair, but I have no funds at my disposal for the purpose.

2. I take the opportunity of mentioning that, owing to the bad description of clay obtainable and the want of sufficiently skilled workmen, I find it scarcely possible to manufacture tiles of a quality to stand the Wynaad monsoon; there is one universal and always recurring complaint every year of leakage, and I would strongly recommend that some more dependable kind of roofing should be adopted, such as corrugated iron, which, with a sheeting of plank beneath, can be put on so as to avoid the inconvenience of heat in any case, a very slight covering of grass over the iron keeps a building perfectly cool. In the present instance to substitute corrugated iron for the tiles would increase the estimate by Rupees 736, but it would then be a complete job.

3. The accompanying sketch shows a mode of putting on a corrugated iron roof so simple and efficacious that I think it cannot be too widely known; it obviates all necessity for piercing the iron with holes for either screws, rivets, or nails; and in the event of repair being required to a building, the roof can be removed without the slightest injury, and put on again with great rapidity.

No. 187. ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1871, No. 2,106.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 9.

THE Government sanction the execution of the proposed improvements to the Post Office at Manantoddy, at an estimated outlay of Rupees 1,086, which includes the cost of providing a corrugated iron roofing. The amount is allotted from the balance of the Reserve under Civil Buildings in the Imperial Budget.

(True Extract)

Captain, R.E.,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Postmaster-General.

Fxd. E. C. Shunker.

No 42.

Par Cahiral Division
Inspecting Post Masters Office
Camp Parthur 3rd April 1871.

To
The Special Executive Engineer
Wynaad

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a letter from the Deputy Post Master, Manantoddy, bringing to notice the urgent necessity which appears to exist for effecting certain repairs, white-washing &c. to the Post Office building at that station, and to solicit the favor of your kindly adopting such measures as in your opinion may be necessary in the case.

I would also take this opportunity to point out that the building occupied as a Post Office and Deputy Postmaster's quarters at Vythery, is in urgent need of repair and whitewashing and would be glad if any thing could possibly be done to place it in a comfortable condition before the Monsoon sets in.

I have &c.
(signed) M. Kinsley
Inspecting Post Master
Cahiral Division

No 97. Manantoddy Post Office
29th March 1871.

To
The Inspecting Post Master
Sth or Calicut Division

Sir,

I beg to acquaint you that some repairs to the roof of the Post Office building here are essentially needed to be made through the Department. I'll before approaching anion soon, do I find that some of the rafters have been gone rotten by working of white-ants from and inside the walls and wall-plates and the rafters have been moved out from their holds from the wall-plates, consequently the roof of the Office room is in a precarious state, and I fear it will not stand bearing for present wet season unless the renewal of timber is made in time.

Also the floor of the Office room and Verandah require plastering a few panes of glasses to the window shutters replaced and building needed the white-washed.

Last white-washing and repairs to the Building were in June 1869.

No 11. Manantoddy 19th May 1871.

To
Major R. B. Kennedy
Special Executive Engineer.
Wynaad

Sir,

In forwarding the accompanying Estimate for repairing the Post Office at Manantoddy, I have the honor to report that the building is in a dangerous condition owing to the white ants having obtained access to the roof, and by destroying the wall plates and the feet of several of the rafters have caused a subsidence of a portion of the roof and a slight outward thrust of the walls. The Estimate provides for replacing the decayed wall plates and rafters and re-setting them in brick in chunam also for 2 Buttresses to strengthen the wall that has been thrust out of the perpendicular. As the season is too advanced to permit of the work being done during the monsoon. I have also provided for a temporary support to the roof.

The enclosures received with

your Memo: No 16 dated 10th Ultimo
are herewith returned as requested.

I have &c
Signed R. Harker
Sub Engineer in charge
of North Wynaad Ranges.

No 255 Luchadie 22nd May 1871.

To,
The Inspecting Post Master
Calicut Division

Sir

Reference letter No 42 dated
3rd April 1871.

On company with the Range Officer I examined the Post Office at Illanantoddy and found that the report of the Deputy Post Master was substantially correct; but at the same time that the requisite repairs are too extensive to permit of their being completed before the monsoon, even if a grant should be given; in order to save the building I have given authority to the Range Officer to secure it temporarily in the best way he can,

2. I enclose copies of a letter and Estimate by the Range Officer for the required repairs in order that you may through the Post Master General submit it to Government for provision of funds. I regret that I have no funds at present at my disposal to allot for the purpose. I take the opportunity of mentioning at the same time that the Deputy Post Master at Vythery complains of the insecurity of the Office there against robbery, and also that sundry panes of glass are wanting to the windows. I think wooden shutters are decidedly necessary, as well as the present glass sashes for this also I have without funds.

I have &c
Signed R. B. Kennedy Major
Spl. Dy. Engineer Wynaad

(True Copies)

R. B. Kennedy Major
Spl. Dy. Engineer Wynaad.

† No 11 dated 19th May 1871 R
* Rs 350—

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Special Executive Engineer
Office, Wynaad, Vythery &c.
No 374 dated 18th July 1874

From

The Special Executive Engineer
Wynaad

To

The Secretary to Government
Department Public Works
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an estimate for repairing the Post Office at Manantoddy countersigned by the Post Master General. The accompanying correspondence will show the urgent need there is for the repair, but I have no funds at my disposal for the purpose.

2. I take the opportunity of mentioning that owing to the bad description of clay attainable, and the want of sufficiently skilled workmen, I find it scarcely possible to manufacture Tiles of a quality to stand the Wynaad Monsoon; there is one universal and always recurring complaint every year of leakage, and I would strongly recommend that some more dependable kind of roofing should be adopted, such as Corrugated iron, which, with a sheathing of plank beneath, can be put on so as to avoid the inconvenience of heat; in any case, a very slight covering of grass over the iron keeps a building perfectly cool. In the present instance to substitute Corrugated Iron for the Tiles would increase the estimate by Rupees 736 but it would then be

be a complete job.

3. The accompanying Sketch shows a mode of putting on a Corrugated Iron Roof so simple and efficacious, that I think it cannot be too widely known; it obviates all necessity for piercing the iron with holes for the either screws, rivets, or nails; and in the event of repairs being required to a building, the roof can be removed without the slightest injury, and put on again with great rapidity.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

W. B. Wellesley Major

Special Executive Engineer

Ipswich

Public Works Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

No. 2166

Under date the 4th August 1871

Read the following

From The Special Ex. Engr.
Wynaad No. 371 of 18th July 1871

The Government sanction the execution of the proposed improvements to the Post Office at Manantoddy, at an estimated outlay of Rs. 1086 which includes the cost of providing a corrugated iron roofing - The amount is allotted from

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No. 1871 Dept
from Sp. Ex. Engr. Wynaad
To The Secy. to Govt.
P.W.D. Madras
Dated 18th July 1871
Rec'd 22nd July 1871
Ex. 3.— 1-E-P.S.
No 371.

Submits an Estimate amounting to Rs 1086 for repairing the Post Office at Manantoddy.—

No. 2106 - 16 Aug 6/71

C/R/186

from the balance

of the Reserve under

Civil Buildings

in the Imperial

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To Major Kennedy
Chief Architect
5 Controllers
3 Post Masters General

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To Major R. B. Kennedy

Dated

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Nos. 186 & 187

Post Office at Manamadry.

Re execution of ~~the~~ certain improvements to the Post Office at Manamadry at an estimated outlay of Rs 108, sanctioned.