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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 3rd October 1871.

No. 18. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Telegraph), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 18th September 1871, No. 97 A—T :—

In continuation of Public Works Department letter No. 76A—T., dated 7th August 1871, I am directed to state, that of the probable unexpended balance of Rupees 50,000 for the Telegraph Office at Madras, the Governor-General in Council has been pleased to transfer Rupees 27,000 for expenditure on telegraph works in Bombay, and to appropriate the balance, Rupees 23,000, to the following purposes :—

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II. Do. Bellary	11,000
III. Supplementary grant for purchase of land for Telegraph Office at Cocanada	1,000
Total...	23,000

Extract paragraphs I. to III. of a letter from the Director-General of Telegraphs, explanatory of the necessity for these works, is herewith forwarded for information; the necessary orders should be issued by the Government of Madras for the construction of these works on properly approved plans and estimates during the current official year.

2. By the reduction of Rupees 27,000 herein made in the Madras grant for Public Works for 1871-72, that grant will now stand as follows :—

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The amount originally estimated was Rupees 15,170, but I consider this excessive; and while of opinion that Rupees 7,500, the amount entered in the schedule, is too low, I think that for Rupees 11,000, the amount now asked for, a serviceable and suitable building may be built. I may mention that I endeavoured without effect to obtain accommodation on the railway premises.

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It appears from the local officer's report that other accommodation is not to be had ; and the landlord demands either a lease for five years, or an increase of rent from Rupees 50 to 70 if required to repair the house thoroughly ; under the circumstances I think it preferable to build, and believe that for the amount now asked for a sufficiently commodious house can be provided.

(III.) When the schedule of works was submitted it was not known that a portion of the site required for Cocanada Telegraph Office was private property, and had to be purchased. It is proposed now to provide for this.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 3rd October 1871, No. 2,505.

TELEGRAPH, No. 1.

COMMUNICATED to the undermentioned Officers in continuation of G. O., No. 2,194, dated 28th August 1871 :—

Superintending Engineers of the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 6th Divisions.

Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

2. The Superintendent of Telegraphs will be requested to report what extent of accommodation will require to be provided for the proposed Telegraph Offices at Negapatam and Bellary, the number of rooms and the size of each. On receipt of this information, which will be communicated in due course, the Superintending Engineers will lose no time in preparing the necessary plans and estimates, being guided also by the amounts allotted for each office. The submission of the plans and estimates should be expedited with a view to the grants made by the Government of India being fully utilized.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. F. OAKES, Captain, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

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with copy of G. O., No. 2,194, dated 28th August 1871.
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ACCOUNT.

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Letter from the Superintendent of

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Dated 18th
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Yours most obed. Servt

J. H. Dickens Col R.A.
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Letter from the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division, dated 7th July 71. No. 693.

For orders as to where the Telegraph office is to be built.

I beg to inform the Government that the sum offered by the Madras Bank for a site on the beach namely 25,000 Rs proves altogether insufficient to buy up the other premises that the Commissary General is willing to accept in exchange for Her Majesty's Granary on the beach. The premises which Col. Iniller would like to obtain possession of are

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Buildings -	23,824-7-1
Ground -	28,125-0-0
Total -	51,949-7-1

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A portion the owner is unwilling to part with,

Buildings -	11,339-1-3
Land -	9,187-8-0
	20,527-5-0
Value of remainder	31,422-2-1

Colonel Miller has not yet said if the reduced extent of building would answer his purpose but he has told me that there would be a good deal to be done to the buildings to adapt them for his purpose, and this would certainly raise the cost to

40,000 Rs

January as would be [illegible] Bank. It would 40,000 Rs at any rate.

I understand from Colonel Miller that he thinks the building & ground which he owns & the premises adjoining his Office is nothing & will suffice for the Commissariat.

Both of the ground and the Commissariat Office is worth Rs 28125 the January site must be worth more than Rs 25000.

20th July 71

I think the Integrity Fire should build in connection with the new Post Office near the new Railway Station. This would give us a good piece of ground to sell near the site to be disposed of to the Bank -

and the aggregate amount thereof for the remedy for the consolidation of the Commissariat Establishments.

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No. 2505 15

Under date the 3rd Oct. 71.

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Pass to Supt. T. D. at once.

30 th Sept.

M.S. despd to the Supts of Telegraphs 3/10/71.
P.C. — to all others 7/10/71.
To Supg. Engrs 1st & 3d Divs with
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Supg Engrs - 4th & 6th Divs -
Supt of Telegraphs, Madras Dn
Contr Genl; Mr. Accts -
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No 219 dated 1st Aug/71 & Octy 1st Aug/71

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To The Supdg Engr 1st D. 3rd D. with Copy of
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To
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1st & 3rd Circles

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Telegraph Offices - Communicating to the Officers concerned the orders of Govt. of India regarding the utilization of the unexpended balance of £50,000 as for the Telegraph Office at Madras & calling upon the Superintendent Telegraphs to report what extent of accommodation will be required for

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