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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 14th November 1871.

No. 257. Read the following Endorsement of the Revenue Department, dated 27th October 1871:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th October 1871, No. 4,410.

From the Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Rajahmundry, 30th September 1871, No. 333.

I BEG to refer you to the Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, dated 21st ultimo, No. 2,147, communicated with the Board's Miscellaneous No. 2,967, dated 24th idem, having reference to the site of the new Telegraph Office at Cocanada, the construction of which, at a cost of Rupees 17,000, was sanctioned in Government Order, Public Works Department, No. 288, of the 31st January 1871.

2. Adverting to the first-mentioned Government Order above referred to, I have the honour to state that the estimate does not provide for the purchase of a site for the new building.

3. I have been in consultation with the Superintending Engineer and the Chamber of Commerce at Cocanada on the subject, and I have personally inspected the several sites proposed. The result is that we are all thoroughly agreed that the most suitable position is the piece of land, referred to in paragraph 4 of Mr. Fraser's letter, embodied in the Proceedings of Government, dated 21st ultimo.

4. This site is valued at Rupees 3,100, the amount paid for it by its present owner Mr. Pernon. Taking into consideration its extent* and the value of land in the commercial quarter of Cocanada, I am of opinion that the price asked is very moderate. The only question for consideration is the provision of funds.

* 3,000 Square yards, with a frontage of 41 yards.

5. This may be arranged as follows:—

	Rs.
(1). Value of a site for the Postmaster's house to be built on the same ground, *vide* paragraph 1 of Mr. Fraser's letter, dated 29th June, No. 221 ...	500
(2). Amount allotted by the Director-General of Telegraphs for purchase of site, *vide* Superintendent's letter, dated 23rd instant, No. 1,349...	1,000
(3). Estimated value of Government land marked AA on the plan, inconvenient as to position and cramped in space	1,000
Total...	2,500

6. The first item would be provided for in the estimate for the Postmaster's quarters, so that a balance of only Rupees 600 has to be supplied, and this trifling amount I do not think the Government will object to contribute from the Imperial Funds at their disposal, when the importance of this office, ranking as it does in point of revenue fifth amongst all the Telegraph Offices in India, is represented to them. Or—and this would appear to be the proper course—the Director-General of Telegraphs might be applied to, under the circumstances of the case,

to make a further allotment of Rupees 600. Early orders are solicited, as the Engineers are anxious to commence work as soon as the weather will admit.

7. The Board will observe from the enclosed copy of a letter from the Chairman that the Cocanada Chamber of Commerce hold a very strong opinion on the subject, and as the mercantile community are the principal contributors to the Telegraph revenues at the station in question, I think that their wishes should receive every consideration.

From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Collector of the Godavery District, dated Dowlaishweram, 5th September 1871, No. 1,803.

ADVERTING to Government Order of the 21st August 1871, No. 2,147, I have the honour to request you will be good enough to inform me if any and what arrangements can be made for acquiring the land for the Telegraph Office at Cocanada therein referred to.

2. I enclose the sketch map prepared by Mr. Fraser, and I beg to state the site near the bridge is objectionable for many reasons, but principally that a public thoroughfare marked (×) must be left through the compound of the office, and the site itself for the proposed buildings is very cramped.

3. An offer has been made to me to sell to Government the house at present occupied by Captain Dennison, together with all the land belonging to it, for Rupees 12,000. I believe the building is a very substantial one for an office, and has good godowns attached to it, and I would strongly recommend the offer being closed with at once, as the extent of land of itself will be a great advantage in such a locality; as its sale hereafter, as the town extends, will, in all probability, cover a good deal of the proposed outlay.

From the Superintendent of the Ganjam Division, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, Dowlaishweram, dated Vizagapatam, 23rd September 1871, No 1,349.

I HAVE been advised by the Director-General of Telegraphs to inform you that a special grant of Rupees 1,000 has been obtained out of this year's Budget for the purchase of the site on which it is proposed to build the Telegraph Office at Cocanada.

From A. T. SIMPSON, Esq., Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, to the Acting Collector of the Godavery District, dated Cocanada, 26th September 1871.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 19th instant, containing copy of your letter of the same date, to the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

2. In reply to the former I beg to state that the site adjoining the Custom-house appears to the Members of this Chamber to be open to the same objections that apply to the site on the Cutcherry road now occupied by Captain Dennison. The strong opinion of the Chamber is that the new Telegraph Office should be erected on land contiguous to the Commercial Road, and that nothing short of the impossibility of obtaining a suitable plot of land there at anything like a reasonable cost would justify a decision in favour of any other locality. It is now an established fact that the large majority of mercantile offices are on the Commercial Road, or as near to it as circumstances have permitted; and it is beyond doubt that any further private establishments of the kind will be placed as closely to it as possible. On the other hand there has never been the slightest indication of an extension of the town towards the neighbourhood of the Custom-house, and the placing of so important an establishment as the Telegraph Office on that, or any other similarly distant, spot, with the view of saving the expenditure of a comparatively insignificant sum would be, in the opinion of the Chamber, most unwise. I take leave to point out that the receipts of this Telegraph Office (which are sufficiently large to place it fifth in rank of the offices

in all India) are derived mainly from commercial messages, and I need, therefore, hardly claim for the commercial community full consideration of their views on this matter.

3. I shall feel greatly obliged if you will favour me with some particulars of the estimates prepared for the proposed building, and of the sum that would remain available for the purchase of a site. I would also suggest if the land adjoining the bridge has been finally rejected that it be sold and the proceeds employed towards the purchase of a more suitable plot.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Plan.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government, with reference to their order quoted by the Collector. In the meantime the Collector should proceed to sell the land marked AA as already directed by Government, and take steps to acquire the site selected.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Govt. R.D.

No. 258. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1871, No. 2,882.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 14.

THE Government have already in G. O., No. 2,147, dated 21st August 1871, approved of the proposed alteration in the site of the Telegraph Office to be built at Cocanada. The cost of the new site is stated to be Rupees 3,100, which should be added to the amount of the revised estimate returned to the Superintending Engineer for further information in G. O., No. 1,765, dated 3rd July 1871. The sum of Rupees 3,100 can at once be made available for the purchase of the ground from the grant of Rupees 18,000, from which the Superintending Engineer has in his letter of the 7th October 1871 surrendered Rupees 4,000, which he does not expect to be able to utilize this year. The sum of Rupees 18,000 includes the grant of Rupees 1,000 sanctioned by the Government of India, *vide* G. O., No. 2,505, dated 3rd October 1871.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Superintendent of Telegraphs, Ganjam Division.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No 278 Memorandum.

The undersigned requests that the 1st Assistant and Registrar, Public Works department, Government office, will be good enough to return the Plan which formed an enclosure to Board's Proceedings dated 14th October 1871 No 4410, as the same has now been applied for by the Collector of the Godavery District.

Hamilton
Registrar.

Vide 3166 & 2951 of 1872

Inr Board office
Cheparuk
April 1872

To The 1st Assistant & Registrar.
Government Office
Public Works department.

Public Works Department

No. 2882

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue through the Revenue Department } No. 1444 dated 17 October 1871

The Government have already in G.O. No. 2147 dated 21st August 1871 approved of the proposed alteration in the site of the Telegraph Office to be built at Karaikal. The cost of the new site is stated to be Rs. 3100, which should be added to the amount of the revised estimate returned to the Supt. Engr. for further information

in C.O. No. 1765 dated
3rd July 1871 - the expenditure
of Rs. 3100 can be
met by the available
for the purchase of the
ground from the grant
of Rs. 18,000, from which
the Sup Engr has in
his letter of the 7th
October 1871 surrendered
Rs. 4000 which he
does not expect to be
able to utilize this year.
The sum of Rs 18,000
includes the grant of Rs.
1000 sanctioned by the
Govt of India - Vide G. O.
No 2505 dtd 3rd Oct/71.

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S. Engr 1st Class
Controller
Dept of Telegraphs
Guyana Dn
Rev Dept
Dtd 15/11/71.

* Includes grant of Rs. 1000 sanctioned by Govt of India. Vide G.O. No 2505 dt 3rd Oct/71.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engineer
Vizagapatam Division

Dated

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Nos. 257 & 258

Telegraph Office at Masulipatam.

Papers orders on Proc. of the Govt. of Revenue relative to the New Telegraph Office at Masulipatam.