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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 28th November 1871.

No. 504. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—General), dated Simla, 28th October 1871, No. 739-A.G. :—

Orders on the Schedule of Public Works required by the Post Office Department during 1872-73.

Read the following papers :—

Letter from the Director-General of Post Offices, No. 2,297, dated 29th August 1871.
Public Works Department endorsement to Financial Department, No. 566-A.G., dated 2nd September 1871.
Financial Department Office Memorandum, No. 3,670, dated 20th September 1871.
Letter from Director-General of Post Offices, ,, 2,736, ,, 23rd ,, ,,
Letter from Secretary to Government, Bombay, ,, 258-A, ,, 23rd ,, ,,
Do. do. Bengal, ,, 5,106, ,, 10th October ,,
Do. do. N.-W. Provinces, No. 3,006, dated 5th October 1871.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council having had under consideration the schedules of Public Works required by the Postal Department during 1872-73, is pleased to pass the following orders thereon :—

	Amount applied for.	Amount granted.
MADRAS.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—*Post Office at Cocanada.*—Amount required Rupees 2,550, passed for Rupees 2,500 ; but it should be seen whether it would not be convenient to provide the needful accommodation in the Telegraph Office building under construction at Cocanada ...	2,550	2,500
II.—*Minor Works.*—Passed in full	10,000	10,000
Total, Madras...	12,550	12,500
BOMBAY.		
III.—*Post Office at Bombay.*		
Amount of sanctioned estimate ... . Rs. 5,59,297		
Computed outlay to end of 1871-72 ... ... ,, 4,84,297		
Required to complete	75,000	.....
Passed in full for expenditure next year	.....	75,000
IV.—*Post Office at Poona.*—The Director-General of Post Offices reported originally that the estimated cost of this work was Rupees 50,000, of which Rupees 25,000 was required for expenditure in 1872-73. The Government of India in the Financial Department remarked that the cost was excessive, representing, on ordinary calculation, a rental of Rupees 500 a month. A subsequent report received from the Director-General shows that the estimated cost of the work has been reduced to Rupees 36,591, but in a schedule received from the Government of Bombay, the probable cost of the work is set down at Rupees 21,130. This amount appears reasonable, and on the understanding that it will not be exceeded without previous reference to the Government of India, a grant of Rupees 20,000 is allowed for the prosecution of the work during 1872-73	25,000	20,000
V.—*Post Office at Mehmodabad* ... ... Rs. 4,217		
VI.—*Post Office at Bardolea* ... ... ,, 2,700		
	.6,917	.....
Passed for on even sum of	.....	7,000

	Amount applied for.	Amount granted.
	RS.	RS.
VII.— *Minor Works in Bombay and Sindh*	15,000	15,000
In addition to the above, the Government of Bombay have applied for funds for the following works: —		
VIII.—*Money Order and Bullock Train Offices at Bombay* ... ... Rs. 86,000		
IX.—*Stables for Post Office, Bombay* ... ... ,, 39,000	1,25,000	.....
These works have not been entered in the schedule submitted by the Director-General of Post Offices. Their necessity has not been explained; and as the grant at the disposal of the Public Works Department will not admit of funds being assigned for the works, there is no alternative but to disallow them from the schedule.		
Total, Bombay...	2,46,917	1,17,000
BENGAL.		
X.—*Post Office at Mymensing*	5,372	.....
The Government of India in the Financial Department considers the cost of this work very high, and have expressed an opinion that no Post Office building in the Mofussil in Bengal should cost more than Rupees 2,500 to Rupees 3,000. The grant for this work for 1872-73 is, therefore, passed for Rupees 3,000 only, and the estimate should be reduced accordingly	.....	3,000
XI.—*Post Office at Diamond Harbour*	11,337	.....
The Government of India in the Financial Department considers that the estimated cost of the work is high, representing a rental of Rupees 110 a month, and that explanation of the necessity for such a large expenditure should be required before it is allowed.		
This explanation should be furnished as early as possible. Meanwhile the demand is passed for Rupees 8,000 only	.....	8,000
XII.—*Post Office at Howrah*	9,539	.....
Passed for	.....	9,500
XIII.—*Minor Works*	10,000	10,000

In addition to the above, the Government of Bengal have applied for funds to admit of the completion of the following works :—

	Amount of estimate.	Computed outlay to end of 1871-72.		
XIV.—*Works for which no provision was made in the Budget-Estimate of* 1871-72—	RS.	RS.		
1.—Post Office at Silligoree	3,545	2,365	1,180	.....
2.— Do. at Julpigoree	4,657	3,105	1,552	.....
3.— Do. at Gyah	2,984	1,484	1,500	.....

Efforts should be made to complete these works during the current official year, the needful funds for the purpose being provided for from the grant for minor works. No specific provision need therefore be made for next year.

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	Amount of Estimate.	Computed outlay to end of 1871-72.	Amount applied for.	Amount granted.
XV.—*Works for which provision was made in the Budget-Estimate of* 1871-72—	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
4.—Post Office at Burrisaul or Buckergunge	5,162	3,442	1,720	...
5.—Post Office at Purneah	7,284	4,856	2,428	...
6.— Do. at Monghyr	3,371	2,247	1,124	...
7.— Do. at Arra	3,405	1,405	2,000	...
8.— Do. at Buxar	2,998	1,498	1,500	...

The grants assigned for these works for 1871-72 are sufficient to admit of their completion during the current official year. Efforts should be made to do this, in which view no specific grant need be assigned for them for 1872-73. If notwithstanding all efforts it is found that some works have not been finished at the end of 1871-72, the needful funds for their completion can be assigned from the minor works grant.

Total, Bengal...	49,252	30,500

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES.

XVI.—*Post Office at Allahabad*—The amount required for this purpose by the Director-General of Post Offices is Rs. 25,000; but in a return rendered by the Government, North-Western Provinces, the sum asked for is Rupees 45,000.		
The necessity for the work has been admitted by the Government of India, and a grant of Rupees 15,000 assigned for the project in the Budget-Estimate of the current year.		
This grant should not be allowed to lapse. The Government, North-Western Provinces, should, therefore, be urged to hasten the preparation of the estimate for the project so as to admit of the grant assigned being utilized by the end of the year. In the probability of this being done, it will suffice to provide only Rs. 25,000 for expenditure in 1872-73	25,000	25,000
XVII.—*Minor Works*	10,000	10,000
XVIII.—*Post Office at Mussorie.*—The estimated cost of this work is set down by the Government, North-Western Provinces, at Rupees 24,000, of which Rupees 10,000 is likely to be spent within the current official year, leaving Rupees 14,000 for 1872-73	14,000	...
The amount asked for seems somewhat excessive, and pending explanation the sum required for next year is disallowed. A grant of Rupees 10,000 has been assigned for the work in the Budget-Estimate of 1871-72, and this should, if possible, be utilized and made to suffice.		
XIX.—*Post Office at Mozuffernuggur*	5,000	...

	Amount applied for.	Amount granted.
	Rs.	Rs.
XX.—*Post Office at Nynee-Tal*	15,000	...

These works are asked for by the Government, North-Western Provinces, but as they have not been entered in the schedule of works submitted by the Director-General, and as the funds at the disposal of the Public Works Department are limited, there is no alternative but to disallow the sums asked for.

Total, North-Western Provinces...	69,000	35,000
PUNJAB.		
XXI.—*Post Office at Dugshaie*	3,500	.....
XXII.— *Ditto at Subathoo*	3,500	.....
XXIII.—*Minor Works*	10,000	.....
Passed	.....	17,000
	17,000	17,000
CENTRAL PROVINCES.		
XXIV.—*Minor Works*	6,000	6,000
BRITISH BURMAH.		
XXV.—*Minor Works*	1,500	1,500
OUDH.		
XXVI.—*Minor Works*	3,000	3,000

2. Including repairs, the following is an abstract of the sums passed in the foregoing orders :—

	Original works.	Repairs.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Madras	12,500	2,500	15,000
Bombay	1,17,000	5,000	1,22,000
Bengal	30,500	4,500	35,000
North-Western Provinces	35,000	5,000	40,000
Punjab	17,000	7,000	24,000
Central Provinces	6,000	1,000	7,000
British Burmah	1,500	1,500	3,000
Oudh	3,000	1,000	4,000
Total...	2,22,500	27,500	2,50,000

3. The necessary funds will be assigned in the distribution of the ordinary imperial grant for 1872-73, to admit of this demand being included in the Public Works Budget-Estimate for the ensuing official year.

4. The Director-General of Post Offices has again brought to notice the want of a grant for the construction of a Post Office at Madras. The limited funds at the disposal of the Public Works Department will not allow of provision being made for the work in the Budget-Estimate of 1872-73; but the Government of Madras should be requested to cause the needful plans and estimate for the work to be prepared at an early date, in case it may be found possible to provide the needful funds in 1873-74.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Governments and Administrations noted in the margin for information and guidance, and with a request that the needful provision for the several sums enumerated above may be made in the ordinary Imperial Public Works Budget-Estimate for 1872-1873.

Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces, and Punjab; and Chief Commissioners, Central Provinces, British Burmah, and Oudh.

Ordered also that a copy be forwarded to the Administrations noted in the margin for information, with the remark that the sums that may be required for Post Office works will have to be provided from the grants assigned to them for "Other Services."

Resident, Hyderabad; Governor-General's Agent, Rajpootana and Central India; and Chief Commissioner, Coorg.

Ordered also that a copy be forwarded to the Financial Department for communication to the Director-General of Post Offices in India.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R. A.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 505. ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1871, No. 3,009.

ACCOUNT, No. 49.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division, who will, in communication with the Postal authorities, report definitively what arrangements are proposed for the accommodation of the Post Office at Cocanada, and submit the requisite plans and estimates. It is observed from the letter from the Collector of the Godavery District recorded in G. O., No. 2,147, dated 21st August 1871, that by adopting the new site proposed for the Telegraph Office at Cocanada, and since approved of by Government, "it would allow of a building for the Postmaster to live in being built on "the same ground, and thus save the cost of a new Post Office, as the present "building would then suffice for office accommodation."

2. With reference to paragraph 4 the Government observe that the Consulting Architect reported in his letter of the 29th August 1871, No. 204, that he hoped to be able to submit the plans of the new Post Office at Madras in January next.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
,, Postmaster-General.
,, Consulting Architect.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Public Works Dept.

No. 3009

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No. 5348

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engr
1st Circle

Dated

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Nos. 5021 & 5105

Private Works. Ordering the
Sanction thereto in the Schedule
of Public Works required by
the Secretary of State's Despatch
1872/73.