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- 22nd August 1872.*

No. 361. Read the following letter from the Postmaster General, to the Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 9th August 1872, No. 2,127-1,030.—

I BEG to enclose, for your perusal, copy of my letter No. 1,567 of 24th July 1872, to the Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, as well as copy of that officer's reply, and to request that he may be asked if it is not possible to provide accommodation for the Deputy Postmaster, Goodalore, by building two rooms in a court-yard adjoining the present Post Office, as it is absolutely necessary that the Deputy Postmaster should, in accordance with the rules of this department, reside at the Post Office.

Copy of a letter from the Postmaster General of Madras, to the Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, Vythery, No 1,567-1,030, dated Ootacamund, 24th July 1872.

I HAVE the honour to subjoin copy of a letter from the Inspecting Postmaster, 9th Division, No 1,537, dated 10th July 1872, and with reference thereto, to inform you that accommodation for the Deputy Postmaster is very necessary at Goodalore, and request that it may be provided in the new Cutcherry buildings or near them. Owing to the Postmasters and Deputy Postmasters being required to be always present in the Post Office, a residence is provided for them in all new Post Office buildings. This accommodation is all the more necessary in a station like Goodalore where it would not be easy for the Deputy Postmaster to rent a residence near to the Post Office.

Copy of a letter from the Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, Vythery, to the Postmaster General of Madras, No 330, dated 26th July 1872.

WITH reference to your letter under reply, I have the honour to inform you that when the revised estimate of the Goodalore Cutcherry was submitted to Government, I represented the inconvenience that would result from the Post Office being part of a building where no accommodation could be provided for the Deputy Postmaster, and suggested that a separate office and dwelling should be built for the Postal service, the Government, however, did not consider this called for, but decided that as the Postal business at Goodalore could not be very extensive, the one room might serve also for the Postmaster's residence. I cannot say this seems to me a good arrangement, as there is no cooking or other accommodation which the Postmaster could avail himself of except sharing it with the inmates of the Subsidiary Jail, which is also comprised in the same

No 1,902, dated 1st December 1869

block of buildings, but a reference to the Proceedings of Government, *vide* margin, will show you that I could say no more on the subject.

2 As regards building a separate house for the Deputy Postmaster there is one thing which I think deserves prior consideration, namely, the class of persons likely to occupy the post. An instance of the difficulty that may arise is to be found at this place where, till lately, the Sub-Magistrate was an East Indian, and for whom a suitable house was built at considerable expense, which has only very recently been finished, but before it was quite ready for his occupation the Sub-Magistrate was removed, and has been succeeded by a Brahmin, who altogether objects to live in the house as being incompatible with requirements of his caste, this is quite as likely to occur in the case of the Post Office official at Goodalore, and a house suitable for an East Indian be found useless if a Brahmin shall at any time hold the appointment, while one which would do for a native might not be found suitable for an East Indian. Under the circumstances I would suggest that application should be made to the Government for compensation to the Deputy Postmaster, and that he should be permitted to provide his own accommodation.

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3 I beg to add that it would not be possible, without entirely disfiguring the whole block of building in which the Cutcherry and Post Office are combined, to make any addition, and if any proposal of compensation is not approved, I suggest, as an alternative, that Government should be asked to re-consider their former decision as to separating the Post Office from the Cutcherry, and sanction be asked for a building similar to those at Vythery and Manantoddy, in which the Deputy Postmaster resides as well as holds his office.

No. 362. ORDER THEREON, 22nd August 1872, No. 1,998.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 23.

MAJOR Kennedy is instructed to prepare a plan and estimate of the additional accommodation which appears to

be indispensably necessary at Goodalore, to enable the Postmaster to reside in the immediate vicinity of his office.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R E,
Secretary to Government.

To Major R B Kennedy
To the Postmaster General.

Exd S T. Austin.

N^o 2127
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Postmaster General's Office
Dated 22nd August 1872
From
Major the Honorable E R Bourke
Postmaster General
To
Colonel G W Walker, R E.
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P. W Department
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Postmaster General

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to Major R. B. Kennedy

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Post Office at Gadalore.

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