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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 19- 9- 1872.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 19th September 1872.

No. 274. Read the following letter from the Postmaster-General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Bangalore, 29th August 1872, No. 2,856-220 :—

WITH reference to Government Order of the 7th May 1868, No. 1,440, I have the honour to forward copy of a letter from the Director-General of the Post Office of India, No. 2,283, dated 2nd August 1872, from which it appears that the sanction of this office is not necessary for repairs to postal buildings by the Public Works Department, as this department does not budget for such repairs.

2. Besides the reasons given by the Director-General of the Post Office, there are other reasons as follows :—

1*st*.—This office cannot exercise due check on the estimates of the Local Engineers.

2*nd*.—Much correspondence that now takes place appears to be wholly unnecessary.

3*rd*.—Great delay takes place by the present practice when the estimates are forwarded by the Superintending Engineers from distant divisions, and it becomes necessary to make a reference, and much inconvenience may result from such delay at any time.

3. Under these circumstances, I beg Government will be pleased to pass orders with a view to the Public Works Department arranging for the repairs of postal buildings without reference to this office, except in cases of doubt in connection with the repairs of any particular building.

From the Officiating Deputy Director-General of the Post Office of India, to the Postmaster-General, Madras, dated Simla, 2nd August 1872, No. 2,283.

REFERRING to the correspondence which end with your letter, No. 110-220, dated 21st July, I have the honour to state that no sanction is necessary from this department for repairs to postal buildings.

2. This department does not budget for such repairs, the provision for this class of work being left to the discretion of the Local Government.*

3. In the memorandum† issued with this Office Circular No. 54, dated 20th December 1867, it was laid down that the repairs of all postal buildings borne in the Public Works Department books will be arranged for by that department, requisition being made, *if necessary*, by the local Postal Officer to the Executive Engineer.

4. In cases of doubt a reference may properly be made to your office in connection with the repair of any particular building, but the transmission for your sanction of all estimates for repairs would be a wholly superfluous increase of correspondence never intended by the Government.

5. I feel sure that a proper representation from you to the Government of Madras will ensure a recognition of the principle above laid down.

* *Vide* paragraph 2, Government of India, Public Works Department Circular No. 48, dated 29th June 1869, issued with this Office Circular No. 57, dated 16th August 1869.

† This memorandum was approved of by the Government of India, Public Works Department.

No. 275. ORDER THEREON, 19th September 1872, No. 2,228.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 18.

GOVERNMENT Order, 7th May 1868, No. 1,440, prescribed that repairs to Post Offices in this Presidency should be

carried out under the sanction of the Postmaster-General, provided the outlay in each case was less than one-fourth of the value of the building. The Circular of the Government of India, dated 29th June 1869, No. 48, to which reference is made by the Officiating Deputy Director-General of the Post Office of India, left it discretional with the Local Government to appropriate a certain portion of the grant for postal buildings to repairs, and to place a part of the money at the disposal of the heads of departments concerned. In communicating to Superintending Engineers with G. O. No. 2,527 of 2nd August 1869, the Circular of the Government of India, the ruling in the first of the Government Orders above quoted was not cancelled; but, under the circumstances represented in the papers recorded at the head of these Proceedings, the previous sanction of the Postmaster-General will in future be dispensed with by Superintending Engineers, who will be authorized to carry out all repairs to postal buildings within the limits of the grants at their disposal, except when the outlay exceeds one-fourth the value of the building, when the sanction of Government should, as in the case of all other buildings, be obtained.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Postmaster-General.
„ Public Department.
To Superintending Engineers.
„ Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No. 2283.

From

F. Pb. Hogg Esquire
Offg Dy Director General
of the Post Office of India.

To

The Postmaster General
Madras.

Simla 2d August 1872.

Sir

Referring to the correspondence which ended with your letter No. 220 of 21st July. I have the honor to state, that no sanction is necessary from this Department for repairs to postal buildings.

2. This department does not Budget for such repairs, the provision for this class of work being left to the discretion of the Local Government.[x]

3. In the Memorandum[o] enclosed with this Office Circular No. 54 dated 20th December 1869 it was laid down that the repairs of all Postal Buildings borne on the Public Works Department books will be arranged for by that Department requisition being made if necessary by the local Postal Officer to the Executive Engineer.

4. In cases of doubt as reference may properly be made to your Office in connection with the repair of any particular building, but the transmission for

[x] Vide para III Govt India D.O. No. 2 dated 29 June/69 received with this Office Cir. No. 57 dated 16 Aug/69.

[o] This Memo was approved of by the Govt of India Public Works Department.

for your sanction of all Estimates for repairs would be a wholly superfluous increase of correspondence never intended by the Government.

5. I feel sure that a proper explanation given you & the Government of Madras will insure a recognition of the principle above laid down.

I am &c
(Signed) C. R. Monteath
Director General
of the Post Office of India

(A true Copy.)

W. Burke
Postmaster General

No 2856
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POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Camp Bangalore
~~MADRAS~~, 29 August 1872.

From Major the Hon'ble C. R. Burke
Postmaster-General, Madras.

To

Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

With reference to Government Order of the 9th May 1868. No 1440 I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Director General of the Post Office of India No 2283 dated 2nd August 1872 from which it appears that the sanction of this Office is not necessary for repairs to Postal buildings by the Public Works Department, as this Department does not Budget for such repairs.

Besides the reasons given by the Director General of the Post Office, there are other reasons as follows.

1. This Office cannot exercise due check on the Estimates of the Local Engineers
2. Much correspondence that now takes

takes place appears to be wholly unnecessary.

3. Great delay takes place by the present practice where the Estimates are forwarded by the Superintending Engineers from distant Divisions; and it becomes necessary to make a reference; and much inconvenience may result from such delay at any time.

Under these circumstances if her Government will be pleased to pass orders with a view to the Public Works Department arranging for the repairs of Postal Buildings without reference to this Office, except in case of doubt in connection with the repairs of any particular building.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

S. W. Fowler

Postmaster General.

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No. 4211.

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From

The Postmaster-General,
Madras.

To

The ~~Chief~~ Secretary to Government,
P.W. Department,
Fort Saint George.

No. 2856/220.

Dated 29 August 72
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Requests that ombership be passed for the P.W. arrangements for repairs of Postal buildings without reference to Postmaster General except in Captain Case

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1 Post Sirs

No. 2228 Mad. Genl Post

Rec. 7th Mad Genl Post

Read the Post Master Genl.

From the Postmaster Genl. M.E. No. 2856/220 of 29 Augt 72

P.G. 7th May

1868 No. 1440, received.

that repairs to Post Offices in this Presidency should be carried out under the sanction of the Post Master Genl. provided the outlay in each case was less than one fourth of the value of the building - The Circular of the Post of India dated 29th June 1869. No. 48,

to

to which reference is
made by the Officiating
Deputy Director
General of the Post
Office of India, left it
discretional with the Local
Government to appropriate
a certain portion of the
Grant for Postal Build-
ings to Repairs, and
to place a part of the
money at the disposal
of the Heads of Depart-
ments concerned. In
communicating to
Superintending Engineers
with G.O. No. 2327
of 2nd August 1869
the

the Circular of the
Government of India,
the ruling in the first
of the G.O.s above quoted
was not cancelled; but
under the circumstances
represented in the papers
preceded at the head of
these Proceedings, the
previous sanction of the
Post-Master General
will in future be dispensed
with by Superintending
Engineers, who will be
authorized to carry out
all repairs to Postal
Buildings within the
limits of the grants at
their disposal, except
when the outlay ex-
-ceeds one fourth the

value of the Building, when the sanction of Government should as in the case of all other Buildings, be obtained — Qnn

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To
3 The Post Master Genl.
11 " Public Dept.
12 " Supt. Engr.
2 " Major Kearney
13 " Contractor.

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Govt. of {1872} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The Postmaster General

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 19th Sept. No 2228.

Nos. 274 - 275

Postal Buildings Estt.

Engrs. authorized to carry on all repairs to Postal Buildings within the limits of the grants at their disposal except when the outlay exceeds one fourth the value of the Building when the sanction of the Govt. should be obtained.