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No. 367. Read the following letter from the Postmaster General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Coimbatore, 3rd October 1872, No. 3,874-899.

I BEG to enclose you a copy of a letter from Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, from which it would appear that he is not conversant with the rules of the Postal Department which enjoins that Postmasters and Deputy Postmasters shall always, when it is possible, be accommodated with quarters in the same building as the Post Office.

2. I have therefore to request that if it be possible that quarters may be supplied for the Deputy Postmaster in the new Post Office in the palace at Madura.

From the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Postmaster-General, Madras, dated Courtallum, 7th September 1872, No. 2,590.

IN reply to your endorsement, under date 27th ultimo, on a letter from the Inspecting Postmaster, 11th Division, requesting me to state whether it will not be possible to provide accommodation in Tiroomal Naick's Palace for the Postmaster's residence as well as for the Post Office, I have the honour to observe that, in my opinion, it is quite out of the question to locate the Postmaster and his family in the palace.

2. The palace is to comprise in future not only the Post Office, but the Collector's and Deputy Collector's Cutcherries, the Civil and Sessions Court, and the offices for the Public Works and Forest Departments. If every Writer in each of these offices were to reside with his family in the palace the place would be unbearable. I do not myself see the necessity for the Post Office Writer's residing on the premises, though I can quite understand that he would personally find it convenient to do so; but the convenience of the public has also to be consulted. It is quite unusual in this country to make private residences in public buildings, and in a building of the size and appearance of the Madura Palace it is clearly undesirable to do so.

3. As the Postmaster's salary is probably apportioned to his being provided with accommodation as at present, it would appear advisable, when that accommodation is not available, to augment his salary by the amount of house-rent that he will thus have to incur.

4. I regret that it is not in my power to recommend any other solution of this question than that now offered.

No. 368. ORDER THEREON, 21st October 1872, No. 2,476.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 17.

AN estimate of Rupees 2,068 for Post Office accommodation in the entrance hall of Tiroomal Naick's Palace was included in a list submitted by the Consulting Architect with his letter No. 81 of 22nd June. It simply provided for inclosing a space 34 feet by 29 feet with walls 28 feet in height, harmonizing in character with the original building. It was disposed of in paragraph 3 of G. O., No. 1,839 of 5th August, by the remark that it could not be dealt with until the Government were made fully acquainted with the reasons for departing from the allotment of available space mapped out in Lord Napier's Minute of the 20th November 1871 and accompanying plan; and were assured of the concurrence of the heads of all departments concerned in the proposals made.

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21st October 1872.

2. The provision of quarters for the Postmaster in the palace is impossible, and therefore as the rules of the department do not appear to permit of an exception being made in this instance, a separate office with quarters must be provided for the Postmaster.

3. The estimate of Rupees 2,068 will accordingly be cancelled, and separate Post Office accommodation provided in the usual way.

(True Extract)

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

To the Postmaster General.
,, Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
,, Consulting Architect.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Erd. S. T. Austin.

No. 3874/899.

Postmaster Generals Office
Camp Coimbatore 2 Oct 1872

From

The Postmaster General
Madras.

To The Secretary to Government
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at Madura.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t Servant

A Macdonald
Postmaster General.

Superintending Engineer's Office
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On Circuit Courtallum 7
9th September 1872

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Govt. of Fort St. George
No. 5047

From The Post Masters Gd
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Quarters may be provided for the Dy. Post Master in Esplanade
Buckis Palace, Madras.

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Superintending Engineers Office
8th Division
Ootacamund 7th September 1872
No 2590

From
Lieut Colonel R. H. Roberts RE
Superintending Engineer 8th Div

To
The Postmaster General
Madras

Sir

I have to reply to your endorsement under date 27th ultimo, on a letter from the D. P. M. Division requesting me to state whether it will not be possible to provide accommodation in Provincial Works Palace for the Postmaster Residence as well as for the Post Office, & have the honor to observe that in my opinion it is quite most of the question to locate the Postmaster and his family in the Palace.

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4 I regret that it is not in my power to recommend any other solution of this question than that now offered.

I have &c.

(Signed) R. A. Roberts Lieut Col RE
Superintending Engineer &c.

(True Copy)

M M Downie
Postmaster General

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Public Works Department

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Read the following

From The Post Master General Madras. 3/H.E. No. 38/899 dated 13th October 1899

An estimate of Rs 2068 for Post office accommodation in the entrance hall of Sirooma Nauck Palace was included in a list submitted by the Consulting Architect with his letter dated 81 of 22nd Jany. last simply provided for inclosing a space 34 feet by 29 feet

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The necessity for such precautions is proved by the correspondence now before Govt which leads His Excellency the Governor in Council to conclude that the Postal Department is not one for which accommodation can be provided within the precincts of the Palace, inasmuch as it is a sine-quâ-non

I should deem it entirely — The limits of Quarters for the Post Master in the Palace is in the Fort — and there are no other Quarters in the Fort available for the Post Master —

that Postmasters shall occupy quarters adjoining the Post-Office premises; a condition of which the Supt Engineer & Division appears to have been ignorant when he wrote in the questionable strain of his letter now referred for orders by the Post-Master General.

The estimate of Rs 2068 will accordingly be cancelled, and separate Post-office accommodation provided in the usual way.

Genl.

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To the Post-Master Genl
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Consg Architect
Ch Controller

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Post Master General

Dated

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G. O. 21st October No. 2476.

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Peroomal Naick's Palace, Madura.

Preliminary. That it is impossible to provide accommodation in Peroomal Naick's Palace for the residence of the Postmaster as well as for his Office