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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th April 1873.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 458. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 18th March 1873, No. 3,798.

GOVERNMENT in their Order No. 1,850, dated 6th August 1872, sanctioned an estimate, amounting to Rupees 2,785, for constructing a Post Office at Mylapore, in which a sum of Rupees 285 was included as compensation for the site.

2. The Deputy Collector of Madras who was requested in a letter No. 2,580, dated 14th December 1872, to purchase the land and to make it over to enable me to complete the new Post Office before the close of the current official year, informs me, in a letter No. 873, dated 18th December 1872, that he was unable to purchase the ground in question, under the following circumstances:—

3. The site selected for the Mylapore Post Office is now claimed by three parties, each representing that it does not belong to the other two.

4. The first claimants, the parties now in possession of the ground and who agreed to sell it for the Post Office, are not now willing to part with it, and allege that it cannot be alienated, it being a burial-ground for Mahomedans.

The second claimant, a Mahomedan, claims it as the heir of the grantee, who, he states, dedicated it to Mahomedans as a burial-ground, and as such no portion of it can be sold by anybody.

The third claimant is Mr. Dashwood, a Pensioned Apothecary, who claims it as having been bequeathed to him by a Mahomedan lady.

5. Upon this the Postmaster-General of Madras was requested by me in a letter No. 2,687 of 21st December 1872, either to select another site for the Mylapore Post Office, or to apply to Government to have the land taken up under the Land Acquisition Act of 1870. His reply I beg to enclose, in original, for perusal, and to recommend that the land in question may be taken at once under the Land Acquisition Act X. of 1870.

From W. PERCY, Esq., Postmaster, Madras, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. GODDARD, R. E., District Engineer, Presidency, dated Madras, 27th February 1873, No. 9,444—M. C. 28.

IN continuation of my No. 7,748—M. C. 28, dated the 26th December 1872, I have the honour to forward, herewith, copy of a communication received from Pensioned Apothecary Dashwood, and with reference thereto beg you will be good enough to take the necessary steps in the matter.

From Pensioned Apothecary C. DASHWOOD, to W. PERCY, Esq., Postmaster, Madras, dated Luz, 26th February 1873.

ADVERTING to your letter, dated 22nd instant, No. 9,330, I beg to acquaint you that I am prepared to sell at once to Government the piece of ground belonging to me situated at the north-east angle of the Cutcherry and Royapettah High Road, for the use of the Mylapore Suburban Post Office being erected thereon.

2. I beg also to state that I am now in possession of the requisite documents entitling me, as the legal owner of the said piece of ground, to dispose of it, and further I am prepared to produce them for the satisfaction of the proper authorities.

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28th April 1873.

3. I beg, in conclusion, to intimate that I shall accept the sum of Rupees 330 for the ground in question, and that I shall be prepared to execute the necessary sale deed without any further delay.

REFERRED to the Postmaster-General, with a request that such action may be taken as may be necessary to secure a site for the new office at Mylapore.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.
21st March 1873.

No. 459. From Major the Honourable E. R. BOURKE, Postmaster-General, Madras, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 25th March 1873, No. 11,780-481:—

I HAVE the honour to return your endorsement dated 21st March 1873, and request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of the Government for the land referred to for the erection of the new Post Office at Mylapore, being, as recommended by the District Engineer, Presidency, taken up under the Land Acquisition Act, as the site is a good one and no better appears easily procurable.

No. 460. ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1873, No. 1,205.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 36.

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that the site selected for the proposed Post Office at Mylapore is claimed by three parties, two of whom allege it to be a Mahomedan burial-ground and declare it to be inalienable. It does not seem desirable to take up such sites under the Land Acquisition Act except for the protection of the public health, and the Postal authorities will, therefore, be requested to select some other site.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Postmaster-General.
„ Public Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No. 2444
P.W.D.

Madras General Post Office
27th February 1873

From. The Postmaster
Madras.

To. The District Engineer
Presidency
Fort St. George

Sir

In continuation of my
No. 1148 dated the 26th December 1872
P.W.D.

I have the honor to forward herewith
Copy of a Communication received
from Pensioned Apothecary Mr. Dash
and with reference thereto
beg you will be good enough to
take the necessary steps in the matter.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedt. st

Postmaster

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Mem
To the Off^r Postmaster
Madras.

Adversing to your letter dated 22nd Instant No 9330, I beg to acquaint you that I am prepared to sell at once to Government the piece of ground belonging to me situated at the North East Angle of the Futcherry and Royapittah High Road, for the use of the Drylapore suburban Post Office being erected thereon.

2. I beg also to state that I am now in possession of the requisite documents entitling me as the legal owner of the said piece of ground, to dispose of it, and further I am prepared to produce them for the satisfaction of the proper authorities.

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to intimate that I shall accept the sum of Rupees (330) three hundred and thirty, for the ground in question and that I shall be prepared to execute the necessary sale deed without any further delay.

I beg to remain
Your obed^t serv^t
26th July 1873
W. C. Dashwood

(True Copy)

Per
Postmaster

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From.

Lieut. Col. J. Goddard R.E.
District Engineer Perinnes.

To.
Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Chief Engineer & Secy. to Govt. D. 1/10.

Sir.
Government in their order
No. 1850 dated 6th August 1872, sanctioned an
estimate amounting to Rupees 2785 for con-
structing a Post office at Bangalore in
which a sum of Rs 285/- was included
as compensation for the site.

2. The Dy. Collector of Madras who
was requested in a letter No. 2580 of 14th
Decr-1872, to purchase the land and to
make it over to enable me to complete
the new Post office before the close of the
current official year, informs me in
a letter No. 873 of 18th Decr-72 that he was
unable to purchase the ground in question
under the following circumstances.

3. The site selected for the Bangalore
Post office is now claimed by 3 parties
each

each representing that it does not belong to the other two.

4. The 1st Claimants, the parties now in possession of the ground and who agreed to sell it for the Post office are not now willing to part with it and allege that it cannot be alienated it being a burial ground for Mohomedans, the second claimant, a Mahomedan claims it as the heir of the grantee who he states dedicated it to Mahomedans as a burial ground and as such no portion of it can be sold by any body.

5. The 3^d claimant is Mr. Dashwood a pensioned Apothecary, who claims it as having been bequeathed to him by a Mahomedan lady.

6. Upon this the Post Master General of Madras was requested by me in a letter No 2687 of 21st Decr 72, either to select another site for the new Post office or to apply to Government to have the land taken up under the Land Acquisition Act of 1870, his reply I beg to enclose in original for perusal, and to recommend that the

land

land in question may be taken at once under the Land Acquisition Act X of 1870.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your most obedient Servant.

Distt George Thompson
18th March 1873

Ref

L. Hollis
District Engineer
Madras

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POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
MADRAS, 25th March 1873

No 11780
481

From Major the Honorable E. R. Bowker,
Postmaster-General,
Madras

To Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.,
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honor to return
your Endorsement No. dated 21st March
1873, and request that you will be so good
as to obtain the sanction of the Govern-
ment for the land referred to for the
erection of the new Post Office at Mylapore
being as recommended by the District
Engineer Presidency taken up under the
Land Acquisition Act - as the site is
a good one and no better appears
easily procurable.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Exd J

Postmaster General.



No 6 Aug 12-01-72

Referred to the

Postmaster-General
with a request that such
action may be taken
as may be necessary to
secure a site for the new
office at Mylapore.

William C. C. C.

Chief Engineer

21 March 1873

No 458

No 29 March 1873

22d. March 1873
Hon. Secy to Govt
of Madras

The Chief Engineer
Presidency

To

The Chief Engineer
Presidency

No. 1944/73

Dated 18th March 1873.

Enc. No. 3798

Recommendation that
the site selected for the
new Post Office at Mylapore
may be taken
up under the Land
Acquisition Act of 1870.

Referred

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N^o 1205 P. H. D.
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following:

From,

The Postmaster General
Madras } (H. E. No. 11780 / 25th Mar/73
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Public Works Department
Proof copy for April
Department

From

The Postmaster-General,

Madras.

To

The ~~Chief~~ Secretary to Government,

P. W. Department,

Fort Saint George.

Enclos: 2. No. 11780 / 481

Dated

25th March/73.

Received

25th March/73.

Answered

Subject

Requests that the Site
Selected for the new
Post office at Mayla-
pore may be taken
up under the Land
Acquisition Act

N^o 1205-28 April/73

N^o 459

69 April/73

69 April/73

His Excellency the Governor
and Council observe that the
site selected for the proposed
Post Office at Mayla-pore
is claimed by three parties,
two of whom allege it to be
a Mohammedan Burial ground,
& declare it to be inalienable.
It does not seem desirable
to take up such sites under
the Land Acquisition Act
except for the protection of
the Public Health, and
the Postal authorities will
therefore be requested to

select some other site.

G.M.W.

Letter from District Engineer Presidency dated
18th March 1873. No 3798.

Circulated for orders.

It being very doubtful
that the Government will be

disposed to order the applica-

-tion of the Act for

purchase of a piece of
ground claimed by three
parties, two of whom

allege it to be a Mahomedan
Burial ground, and declare

it to be inalienable, while
the third who alone agrees to
sell it is stated not to be
an actual possessor of the

land.

G.M.W.

I do not think that it
would be right to take this
land, under the Land
Acquisition Act. It is
a Mahomedan burial
ground - It is very undesirable
to interfere with such places
except for the protection of
the Public Health.

The Post Office Authorities
must select some other
site.

W.R.

To the District Engineer Presidency
- a Controller of P. Works
- a Post Master General
- a Public Dept.

Sept 7-5-73.

No 1944

Cont. of (1873) ~~Public~~

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The District Engineer
Presidency

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 28 April 1873. No. 1205.

Ho. 458-459-460

Post Office at Mysapore.

Desiring the Postal
authorities to select some
other site than that
proposed for the
Post Office at Mysapore.

N-458-60.

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