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Government of Madras

Public works DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 1459		Press
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Read the following papers:—

No. 1. From the District Engineer, Madura.
(Here enter No. 5,005, dated 21st February 1873.)

No. 2. Do. do. do.
(Here enter No. 5,195, dated 5th March 1873.)

No. 3. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R. E., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 2nd May 1873, No. 467.

ADVERTING to your memorandum No. 98, under date the 14th March 1873, I have the honour to report as follows:—

1 Estimate.

a. The Madura Taluq Overseer is not provided with an office, but he holds his office and keeps his office records and stores in his own house.

b. The Meyloor Taluq Overseer holds his office and keeps his records, etc., in a thatched hired building, at a monthly rent of one rupee, as already reported in my letter No. 5,005, dated 21st February 1873.

c. At Shevagungah there is a small and inadequate store-shed but no office, and the Supervisor holds his office therefore in his own private house.

d. At Paumben there are suitable stores in the fort and a shed, which is partly used for an office and as a carpenter's shed.

e. At Ramnad there is neither office nor shed for stores, but both are much needed.

f. At Dindigul the Taluq Office is held at the Overseer's own quarters, no building having been otherwise provided.

The taluq stores are kept in a dilapidated building, of mud walls with a thatched roof; this building is almost beyond repair; it requires re-construction.

g. The Overseer's shed at Pulney has been constructed in 1868 at a cost of Rupees 300, of which a moiety was paid from the Overseer's own private funds with the view to make it habitable; it is now made use of for keeping tools in. The roof being leaky and much destroyed renders it unfit for either a dwelling-house or an office.

h. At Periacolum there is a store-shed built of mud walls with a thatched roof with an open verandah; it is now filled with old records, tools, etc. This shed was built some fifteen years ago in one corner of the town, and as a portion of the roof is decayed and has fallen in, and is, in most parts, leaky in the remaining portions, the repair of the building is recommended.

i. At Tiroomungalum there is a thatched shed, the repair of which was sanctioned in G. O., No. 2,140, dated 19th August 1871.

2. An estimate of Rupees 100 for repairing the thatched shed at Pulney is herewith submitted for sanction, inasmuch as the estimated cost exceeds one-fourth the value of the building.

3. If the store-shed at Periacolum be repaired, there will be no necessity for providing a new office for the Overseer, inasmuch as the present shed will meet all requirements of the Overseer of that taluq.

5. From the foregoing remarks it will be observed that the necessary sanction is required for the construction of two Sub-divisional offices and stores at Shevagungah and Ramnad respectively, and three Overseers' sheds, viz., one at Madura, one at Meyloor, and one at Dindigul.

5. In conclusion, I venture to point out that it appears time that the Public Works Department should no longer be treated as the Cinderella of the Government service. In my opinion it is as necessary that Overseers should have properly built and properly recognized Taluq Offices, as Tahsildars, Munsifs, Inspectors of Police, and Postmasters have their recognized offices; and that suitable accommodation should be provided also for stores. At the present time this department is called upon to construct accommodation for every other department but its own, and I think that you will agree with me that this *sic vos non vobis* policy may well be abandoned if only to ensure that separation of public and private occupations, which is essentially necessary for the proper discharge of duty, but which it is next to impossible to secure under existing arrangements.

No. 4.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1873, No. 1,459.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 1.

His Excellency the Governor in Council recognizes the propriety of providing accommodation for Overseers' offices and stores, and requests the Inspecting Engineer for Buildings to take up the matter in communication with District Engineers; and to submit a standard plan of a suitable building to be erected in each taluq for the general transaction of business by Overseers and Maistries, whether of the Imperial or Local lists.

2. Where Overseer's head-quarters are at the same station with Range Officers, their offices ought to form portion of the Range Offices.

3. The repair estimate of Rupees 100 submitted with Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts' letter is sanctioned. The Inspecting Engineer for Buildings will deal with repair estimates generally with the powers invested in the Chief Engineer by Section III. of paragraph I. of Chapter XXIV. of the Public Works Code.

4. Rent may be charged for the building used as an Overseer's shed at Meyloor from the 1st April 1872, as proposed by the Madura District Engineer.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Under Secretary,
for *Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.*

To the District Engineer, Madura.
" Inspecting Engineer for Buildings.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To all other District Engineers.
To Major R. B. Kennedy.

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Enclosure. 1
1 Estimate. —

No. 467. District Engineer's Office
Madura, 2nd Augt. 1873.

From
Lieutenant Colonel H. A. Roberts
District Engineer
Madura.
To
Colonel C. Pfl. Walker R.E.
Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
Madras.

Adverting to your Memorandum No. 98 under date the 14th March 1873 I have the honor to report as follows:—

a. The Madura Taluk Overseer is not provided with an Office, but he holds his Office and keeps his Office records and Stores in his own house.

b. The Meyloor Taluk Overseer holds his Office and keeps his records &c. in a thatched brick building, at a monthly rent of one rupee, as already reported in my letter

No 5005 dated 21st February 1873.

c. At Sheragunjah there is a small and inadequate store-shed but no Office and the Superintendent holds his Office therefore in his own private house.

d. At Naimbuna there are two small stores in the Fort and a shed which is partly used for an Office and as a Carpenters shed.

e. At Mannadi there is neither Office nor shed for stores, but both are much needed.

f. At Pindigal the Talaks Office is held at the Overseers own quarters no building having been otherwise provided.

The Talaks stores are kept in a dilapidated building of mud walls with a thatched roof; this building is almost beyond repair; it requires reconstruction.

g. The Overseers shed at Pulney has been Constructed in 1868 at a Cost of Rupees 300, of which a moiety was paid from the Overseers own private funds with the view to make it habitable; it consists of two rooms of sun dried Bricks in mud. The roof being leaky and much destroyed renders it unfit for either a dwelling house or an Office.

h. At Veregacolum there is a store-shed built of mud walls with a thatched roof with an open verandah; it is now filled with old records, tools &c. This shed was built some 15 years ago in one corner of the house, and as a portion of the roof is decayed and has fallen in, and the wood parts, is leaky in the remaining portions, the repair of the building is recommended.

i. At Vinomungalum there is a thatched shed, the repair of which was sanctioned in G.O. No 2146 dated 19th August 1871.

2. An Estimate of Rs 100 for repairing

repairing the thatched Cathedral Church of Kingston
however the estimates for erection of which are much
as the Estimated Cost exceeds £4.000 the value
of the buildings.—

3. If this above-stated Circumstance
be repaired, there will be no necessity for
providing a new Office for the Coroner, in
as much as the present rooms will meet
all requirements of the Coroner of that
District.—

4. From the foregoing remarks, it
will be observed that the necessary accommo-
dation required for the Construction of two Police
Divisional Offices, Magazine Stores at Spanish Town
and Mannah respectively, and 3 Coroners'
Court Houses at Madioon, one at Montego
and one at Port Antonio.—

5. In Conclusion, I venture
to point out that it appears time that the
Public Works Department should no
longer

longer be treated as the Cinderella of the
Government Service. In my opinion it is
as necessary that Coroners should have
properly built & properly recognized Police
Offices, as Magistrates, Inspectors, Chief Constables
of Police, and Post-masters, have their recognized
Offices; and that suitable accommodation
should be provided also for Coroners.— At the
present time, this Department is called
upon to Construct accommodation for every
other Department but its own, and at the same
time we will agree with me that this
Sic vos non vobis policy may well be
abandoned, if only to ensure that separation
of public and private occupations, which
is essentially necessary for the proper
discharge of duty, but which it is
next to impossible to secure under the
existing arrangements.—

I have

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Rich^d Roberts Lieut. Col^l. W^c.

District Engineer

Madura

No 98

P. W. 1873 Report
No. 467
from 6th for June
No. 2781.

The District Engineer
Madura

To
The Chief Engineer
Dpt. W.

Dated 2nd May 1873
Received 5 "

Subject.

Reports on the
subject of several
Taloork Overseers
Offices in this
District—

No 3

Dated 6 Copied 6 May/73

No. 1459. 2nd Issue/73.

Civil Building

Estimate No. 374 of 1873-74

District Madura Taluq Palney

Mark Attaching the Reservoir bed at Palney

Particulars	Measurement			Quantity
	Length	Breadth	Depth	
Clearing	30	42		1260
Puddling	22	21		462
Total Superficial Feet				1722
Cubical Superficial Feet				17½

Civil Building — Emergent Repairs

Abstract Estimate &c of 1873-74

District Madras Central Railway

Work Whitewashing Overseer's shed at Perungudi

Valuation of Building Rupees 300.

Last Repairs — None.

No.	Description of charges	Rate	Amount	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1/4	Repairs of terracing with 1/3 old & 2/3 new bamboo rafters & reeds	5	86 4	
	Coir ropes &c at		13 12	
	Sundry repairs & whitewashing			
	Total Estimate Rupees			100

Subdy Overseer's Office
Perungudi
4th April 1873

(signed) J. Ponnen
Subdy Overseer

Recd Office, Executive Engr
Dindigul
10th April 1873

True Copy
Wm Shortt Capt Engrs
Executive Engineer
Madura Div Charge of No 2 or Dindigul Range

Despd 6 May to Madj 1873

No 2 or Bengal Comp.

Madras District

Estimate No 374

Details & abstract Estimate for rethatching the Varandah shed at Pulney.

Estimated Rupees 100-0

Specification to accompany the Estimate amounting to Rs 100- for rethatching the Varandah shed at Pulney.

Roofing The old roof to be entirely removed bamboo rafters to be placed 18" apart from centre to centre resting on old wall plates croped by bamboo reapers well bound by means of ~~coir~~ twine & covered over with ~~hill~~ cattle grass, the slope of roof being 35 degrees and the eaves projecting 2 feet on each side. After finishing the roof the walls to be whitewashed* with 2 coats of chunam mixed with Cangey water both inside and out & other sundry repairs attended to.

[s/] J. Fonseca
Sahib overseer

[True Copy]
Wolfe Stewart Lt. Engineer
In charge 1st & 2 or Bengal Comp.

* Buff. colour washed Red.

Enclosure No. 1 in a letter from the District Engineer Madura dated 2nd May 1873. No 407

To The Chief Engineer P.W.D. Madras.

P.W. 2781/73.
P.G. 2nd Line/173 Bk:3.
Detailed and Abstract Estimate for rethatching the Overseers' Sheds at Puliney.

Estimate Rs. 100-00

No 98

Memorandum

The Chief Engineer observes that Compliance with the recommendation contained in the District Engineer's letter No: 5005 dated 21st February 1873 will establish a precedent for every Taluq in the Presidency, and he accordingly has the honor to request that a report may be furnished of the manner in which arrangements are made throughout the Madura District for the accommodation of Overseers' offices, stores, &c. GWW

To The Dist Engr Madura

Dated 14/3/73.

No 7 1873 Deptt
Chief Engineers
Memo No 98
Dated 14th March/73

District Engineers Office
No 5795 Madura 5th March 1873.

From
Lieut Colonel A. A Roberts RE
District Engineer, Madura

To
Colonel G. W. Walker RE
Secretary to Government PWD

Sir,

Adverting to the Memorandum
from the Acting Under Secretary
to Government, under date the 28th
Ultimo, No 251, I have the honor
to state that from the enquiries I
have made, no Overseers shed appears
to have ever been built, up to the present
time, at Meyloor.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your Most Obt Servant,

A. A. Roberts Lieut Colonel RE
District Engineer,

P. W. D.

No 1459

Pos. of the Executive Engr.
Madura

Dist.

From the Asst Engr. Ry. Works
Pamban

To — Dated 3rd March 73
— No — 407 of 2 March 73

Via —

The Secretary to
Government

Madras

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith the Overseer's Diary of travelling allowance for February 1873 and to request the sanction of Government for the Overseer's absence from Head Quarters to attend the Examination for Subordinate Officers and to draw the travelling allowance admissible under the Rules.

2. The Overseer's conduct and character are reported to be satisfactory.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Servant

Executive Engineer

Public Works 1873 Department
Proc. of Govt Dor No 5195
Revd 8th 1528

The District Engineer
Madura

To

The Secretary to
Government

Dated 5th March 1873
Received 8th

Madras

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter noted in the margin, forwarding a statement of travelling allowance of Overseer Circulation for February 1873, and to request that the Overseer may be informed that he appears to have never been entitled to Mileage allowance for journeys performed by him on Government duty.

2. I am to request that you will call upon the Overseer to refund the amount drawn by him in excess of the allowance admissible under the Rules.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Servant

Secretary to Government

No 1459 - 2a Despatch

No 2

standard Plans of a suitable Building to be erected in each Talook for the general transaction of business by Overseers and Monitors, whether of the Imperial or Local Lists.

Where Overseers' and Range Quarters are at the same station with Range Officers, their Offices ought to form portion of the Range Offices.

The Repair Estimate of Rs 100 submitted with Lieut. H. Roberts's letter is sanctioned.

The Inspecting Engineer for Buildings will deal with Repair Estimates generally with the powers invested in the Chief Engineer by Section III of para I of Chapter XXIV of the Public Works Code.

Rent may be charged for the building used as an Overseers shed at Melyloor from the 1st April 1872, as proposed by the Madura District Engineer.

GWW

To,
The Dt Engr Madura
" Supdg Engr for Buildgs
" Controller
" All other Dt Engrs
Major Kennedy

Ootacamund 12/6/73.

O/m. 123, 1528 & 2781

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Chief Secy
Madras.

Dated

Recd. Encl. 1

G. O. 2nd June 1873. No. 1459.

No. 164

Overseers' Offices & Stores

Passing orders on letter
from the Pt Engr., Madras,
forwarding the subjoined
Recommendations for
Overseers' Offices & Stores