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Government of Madras

Public works

DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd March 1873.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 54. From the Postmaster General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, — February 1873, Nos. 9,461-899.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the information of Government, copies of the correspondence as per margin relative to a plan and estimate required for a Post Office at Madura; and request that, under the circumstances, orders may be issued directing the District Engineer of Madura to furnish the plan and estimate which was applied for by me on the 16th November 1872.

To Consulting Engineer, No. 4,831, dated 11th Nov. 1872.
From " " 933, " 12th " "
To Superintending Engineer, Madura, No. 5,142, dated 16th November 1872.
From do. No. 3,977, dated 28th November 1872.
To do " 6,530, " 11th December " "
From Vice-President, Municipal Commission, Madura, No. 163, dated 23rd December 1872.
From District Engineer, Madura, No. 4,394, dated 9th January 1873.
To do. No. 8,252, dated 15th January 1873.
From do. " 4,460, " 17th " "
To do. " 4,784, " 29th " "

No. 54A. From the District Engineer, Madura.
(Here enter No. 4,823, dated 10th February 1873.)

No. 54B. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1873, No. 680.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 1.

THE Madura District Engineer is instructed to comply at once with the request made in the Postmaster General's

letter to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, forwarded to him with a docket of the 16th November 1872.

2. The new office and Postmaster's residence at the Railway Station should be designed in personal communication with the Railway Engineers.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council regrets that he is obliged to notice with displeasure the objectionable tone of Colonel Roberts' communications addressed to the Postmaster General. His Excellency further observes that Colonel Roberts was not justified in formally referring the Postmaster General's letter to the Municipal Commission; any information which Colonel Roberts thought of service to the Postal Authorities could have been obtained and furnished by him without this irregular proceeding.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Madura.
.. Postmaster General.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

N^o 4831
899

Postmaster General's Office
Madras 11th November 1872

From

The Postmaster General
Madras

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways
Madras

Sir

I have the honor to forward copy of
G.O. N^o 2476 dated 21st October 1872 relative to
a new Building for a Post Office with Post-
master's residence at Madura, and to request
you will have the goodness to arrange for its
construction at or near the immediate vicinity
of the future Railway Station by the agency of
the Department of Public Works or Railway as
you may think best after fixing upon and in-
forming me as to the exact site and the Plan and
Estimate have been forwarded to me and sanction
of higher authority obtained thereon.

The Building should consist of a large
room say 40x25 for the office with front veranda
for use of the public for posting letters &c. The
accommodation for the Postmaster and his family
should be connected by a door with the office and
be such in extent as is usually allowed for public
officers drawing a maximum salary of Rs 140.

I am &c

Sd/ E. R. Bourke

Postmaster General

Railway Department
N^o 933

Consulting Engineer's Office
Madras 12th November 1872

From

Lieut. Colonel J. H. M. Shaw-Stewart, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways

To

The Postmaster General

Madras

Sir

With reference to your letter dated the 11th instant; No 4831, I have the honor to suggest that the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Divⁿ would be the proper authority to apply to with a view to the preparation of the plan and estimate for a new Post-office, &c, at Madras.

I am &c

Sd/ J. Shaw Stewart: M.D. &c.
Genl^l Engineer for Railways

No 5142
899 Dated 16th November 1872

Three Copies forwarded to Superintending Engineer 8th Divⁿ with a request that he will be so good as to favor the undersigned with a Plan and Estimate as above and information as to the exact site for the proposed building for the Post Office at Madras.

Sd/ L. R. Bourke

Postmaster General

No 3977

Superintd Engineer's Office 8th Divⁿ
Camp Cochracolum 25th November 1872

From

The Superintending Engineer

8th Division

To

The Postmaster General

Madras

Sir

Sir

In reference to your endorsement No 5142/399 dated 16th Instant, on the subject of the site of a new Post Office at Madras, I have the honor to inform you that I have laid the question before the Municipal Commissioners of Madras, as they are the constituted authorities in whom, as it appears to me, is vested the consideration of the public convenience in regard to the location of a New Post Office, for the Town.

2. The Proceedings of the Commissioners in this connection will be reported to you in due course.

I have &c

Sd/ Rich. A. Roberts: M.D. &c.
Superint^g Engineer 8th Divⁿ

No 5132
899

Postmaster General's Office
Madras 11th December 1872

To

The District Engineer

Madras

Sir

With reference to the letter from the Superintending Engineer 8th Divⁿ No 3977 dated 25th Nov^r 1872, I have the honor to observe that what was requested by me is the preparation of a Plan and Estimate for a building for the Post Office on the Railway Platform at Madras regarding the site for which it may be necessary to refer to the Consulting Engineer and the Railway authorities. I am at a loss to understand why it is necessary to refer the matter to the Municipal Commissioners.

I am &c

Sd/ L. R. Bourke
Postmaster General

Municipal Comm^y Office
Madura 23rd December 1872

From

The Vice President

Municipal Comm^y - Madura

The Postmaster General

Madras

Sir

In forwarding herewith a copy of the Commissioners' resolution, I have the honour to request you will be good enough to furnish me with the information therein asked for.

I am

Sd/ Illegible

Ag Vice President

Extract from the Proceedings of the Madura Municipal Meeting held on the 18th December 1872

IV Read papers connected with the site of New Post Office.

Resolved that the Commissioners are of opinion that the present site is a convenient one and that the Postmaster General be requested to be good enough to inform the Commissioners what necessity there is for changing it.

[True Extract]

Sd/ Illegible

Ag Vice President

Municipal Comm^y Office
Madura Dec/72

N^o 4394

District Engineer's Office
Cheraungah 9th January 1873

From

The District Engineer

Madura

To

The Postmaster General

Madras

Sir

In reference to your letter N^o 6530 dated 11th Ultimo on the subject of a new site for the Madura Post Office I have the honor to refer you to the Proceedings of the Madura Municipality held on the 18th December 1872, and which, as I am informed, have been duly communicated to you, to the effect that the Commissioners are of opinion that the present site is a convenient one, and that they request to be informed what necessity there is for changing it.

2. You are probably not aware that the Madura Railway Station is entirely outside the town, at its North West corner, and that the location of the Post Office at the station would be attended with great inconvenience to the public, and especially so to the Public functionaries whose residences are at a distance of between 2 and 3 miles from the Station.

3. I have duly communicated under date 19th Ultimo with the Consulting Engineer for Railways on the subject of your letter N^o 6146 dated 5th Idem, and on receipt of his reply I will prepare such Plans and Estimates as appear to me to meet your views.

4. As regards the Madura Post Office I can recommend a site where ample accommodation

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 in be provided for the Post Office itself and for the Postmaster and his family; and at the same time the Post Office will be in a sufficiently central position as would warrant the Municipal Commissioners approving of the same. I do trust therefore that the question of locating the Madura Post Office at the Railway Station may be abandoned, as otherwise so much objection will be raised to the proposal as will bring the matter to a dead-lock.

5. In conclusion I have the honor to inform you that your letter under reply and that of the 5th Ultimo N^o 6146 have been received in this Office without a docket.

I am &c
 Edw Rich. A. Roberts Esq. R. E.
 District Engineer

N^o 8252
 899
 Postmaster General's Office
 Madras 15th January 1873

To
 The District Engineer
 Madras

Ch
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th January 1873 N^o 4394 and in referring you to my communication N^o 5342 dated 16th November 1872, I await the Plans and Estimates for a Post Office at the Municipality Station, therein requested. I shall be glad to receive any letter to the effect that you have decided upon the site.

Municipal Commissioners of Madras
 I am &c
 Edw E. B. Bowke
 Postmaster-General

N^o 4466 District Engineer's Office
 Madras 17th January 1873

From
 Lieut Colonel R. A. Roberts R. E.
 District Engineer, Madras

To
 The Postmaster General
 Madras

Ch
 In reference to the concluding Para of my letter to your address N^o 4394 dated 9th January 1873, and to your N^o 0022 dated 13th instant, I have again the honor to call your attention to the fact of letters received by me from your office not being docketed.

2. It does not appear to me to be equitable to throw upon this office the labor of carrying out duties incumbent upon other offices, and in justice to my office people I cannot consent therefore to impose upon them this uncalled for toil.

3. The instructions of Government in regard to the docketing of Official letters are clear and distinct, and I request therefore the favor of your attention to the same, as hereafter I must decline to receive in this office

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District Engineer's Office
Madura 17 January 1873

No 4466
From

Client Colonel A. A. Roberts R.E.
District Engineer, Madura

To
The Postmaster General
Madras,

Sir,
In reference to the concluding
para of my letter to your address No 4394
dated 9 January 1873 and to your
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No 21 2081/12-21 35-316

For 1873
1871. No 305

From
The Postmaster-General,
Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Department,
Fort Saint George.

No.

C/2080.3 instant 73-

Dated - 10 Dec 73
Received 10 Dec 73
Answered 10 Dec 73

Subject.

Forwarded copies of
Circulars and
the subjects on which
reports are
Engineer's Office
be directed to send
the same to the
Postmaster General, Madras.

upon them this incalled for foil.

3. The instructions of Government in regard to the docketing of official letters are clear and distinct, and I request therefore the favor of your attention to the same, as hereafter I must decline to receive in this Office any letter despatched by you in contravention of Official Regulations.

I have &c
Signed, A. A. Roberts, Lieut. Col. R.E.
District Engineer

1 True copy/

Alex. J. Roberts, Lieut. Col. R.E.
District Engineer

No. 4823.

District Engineer's Office
Madura 10th February 1873

From

Lieut Colonel H A Roberts R.E.
District Engineer, Madura

To

Colonel G W Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government S.W.

Sir

Enclosures. 25.

I have the honor to request
the favor of the instructions of Govern-
ment in the following matter.

2 After repeatedly calling the
attention of the Post Master General
to the absence of docket on letters
addressed by him to this Office
and finding that my solicitations
in this regard were not attended
to, but were merely passed "unheeded,"
I addressed that gentleman a
letter No 4466, dated 17th January 1873,
copy of which is enclosed, and I

Enc: 1 In a letter from
the District Engineer
Madura to the Secretary to
Government S.W. dated
10 February 1873 No 4823

S. H. 962/73
No. 3 March 1873

54.8.

District Engineer's
letter to the
Postmaster General

forward in original the Postmaster
General's reply No 4871, dated 29 ultimo -

3 Waiving the question of
courtesy, what I want to know is
simply this: Is an Officer serving
in, and drawing his pay from the
Presidency, entitled to treat with
contempt the orders of the Government
of the Presidency, on the plea that
he is a functionary of Bengal?

4 As a servant of the Government,
I claim their protection in this matter,
inasmuch as the current work of
my Office is quite sufficiently heavy,
without throwing on my hard-worked
Office Establishment duties appertaining
to another Department.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
J. C. Roberts. Lieut. Col. R.E.
District Engineer,

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Under date the Feb'y/75

Read the following

From the Postmaster Genl
Madras - (H. E. No. $\frac{9461}{899}$ Feb/73)

From the District Engineer } (H. E. no 4823 of 10 Feb 1873)
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 apparently to interfere
 with existing Postal
 accommodation

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 the above.

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The Director General
 Washington

To the Secretary
Government of India

Debts 10 Feb 1875
 Received 12 — 1875

Enclaves - 2

Towards for the orders
 of Government which
 correspondence which
 has taken place
 between him &
 the Postmaster General

Oct 1880. 3. already.

John S. A.

Oct 27 1873

Accommodation in the Town

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but to extend it for more
general purposes. The
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the Railway Station
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Date 4/3/73

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The District Engineer
Madras

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Recd.

G. O. 3rd March 1880.

Recd. Secy to Govt. of Madras

Post Office at Madras.

The Secy to Govt. is instructed
to comply at once with
the request made by the
Post Master General for
the preparation of a plan
& estimate for a Post Office
at Madras and the
tender of Col. Roberts
Communications to

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6. 11. 1880. Q. 15