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Government of Madras

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21st March 1873.*

Read the following letters :—

No. 525. From the Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Fort William, 27th February 1873, No. 325 G. R.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 427 of 8th February 1873, forwarding estimate with plan, amounting to Rupees 17,858, for alterations and additions to the Arconum Station of the Madras Railway, including the cost of a Post Office which it is proposed to build on the station premises, and for which it is proposed to charge a rental to the Postal Department for its occupation by a per-centage on the capital expended.

2. The sanction of the Government of India to all the additions and alterations proposed, with exception of the Post Office, has been already communicated to you by telegraph on the 21st February 1873.

3. The total cost of the Post Office, including the removal and re-construction of the out-houses now standing on the site is estimated at Rupees 6,616, and on this sum the Railway authorities propose to levy rent at the rate of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., but the Government of Madras observe that, as there appears no good reason why the Post Office should necessarily occupy the site of the present out-offices, the removal of which is caused by the whole change at Arconum, rent should be charged only on the actual cost of the accommodation provided, namely, on Rupees 2,061. The Government of India are however of opinion that the Railway Company is not bound under their contract to build a Post Office, and that therefore if no other convenient site can be obtained, and existing out-offices must be removed, in order to make way for the Post Office, then the value of these buildings should be taken into consideration when the rental to be paid for the Post Office is being determined.

4. I am to add that as the Carnatic Railway will pass from Cuddalore direct to Madras, the question of an ultimate extension from Conjeveram to the Carnatic Railway does not press, and although the possibility of such a junction being made at a future time should not altogether be lost sight of in planning additions to the station at Arconum, the Government of India trust that this contingency will not be allowed to cause buildings to be now erected which are not immediately necessary.

5. On receipt of a reply relative to the Post Office, the amount of the sanction, for alterations and additions at Arconum, debitable to the Capital account of the Railway, will be registered in this office. The estimate received with your letter is retained, but the plan is herewith returned.

No. 526. From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 14th February 1873, No. 102.

In paragraph 2 of their Order No. 426, dated 8th February 1873, the Government observe that "the removal of the out-houses in the Railway compound at Arconum on which it is proposed to build a Post Office being as much contingent on the other extra Railway buildings as upon the Post Office which will occupy the

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site of the present out-offices solely for the convenience of the Railway authorities, it does not appear equitable to charge the Postal Department with more than a per-centage on the actual cost of the accommodation, namely, Rupees 2,061."

2. With reference thereto, I have the honour to state that the alterations proposed by the Railway Company to the Arconum Station do not in any way involve, or render necessary, the removal of the out-houses.

3. I beg to enclose a letter in which Major Bourke specially requests that the Post Office may be built "on the site of the present latrines, the latrines to be moved further towards the east."

No. 3,929, dated 4th October 1872.

4. I have considered it necessary to bring these facts to notice before taking action on paragraph 2 of the Order under acknowledgment, and shall await the further instructions which His Excellency the Governor in Council may issue after a perusal of Major Bourke's letter.

From the Postmaster General, Madras, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Camp at Pothanore, 4th October 1872, No. 3,929.

I AM inclined to think that the site proposed for the new Post Office at Arconum can hardly be considered the best and most convenient available, and for these reasons.

2. All the trains by both the North-West and South-West Lines at present arrive at the northern platform or the one situated between these two lines, and under any circumstances a very large majority of trains will always arrive at this platform instead of the southern platform.

3. Under present arrangements, on the arrival of each mail train all the mails are carried from the Station to the Post Office situated outside the Railway compound and at a distance of a few hundred yards, and it is to obviate the necessity of this most inconvenient arrangement that I understand the building of a new Post Office was sanctioned.

4. But, in my opinion, if the new Post Office is built on the proposed site, which is the extreme east corner of the southern platform, the mails will still have to be carried two-thirds of the present distance. The whole distance to the present Post Office being so short that it would be equally convenient in every way to take them on to the existing Post Office, a distance of about 80 yards, as to the new office, if built on the proposed site.

5. When in conversation with Mr. Church, the Traffic Manager, and Mr. Anderson, the Chief Engineer of the Railway, a few days ago on the subject, I learned it was in contemplation to make some considerable alterations and additions to the present station. If such are carried out, I would suggest that the new Post Office should be on the existing centre platform, that a room 17 feet long with the depth and height of the present rooms at the station on the site of the present latrines, the latrines to be moved further towards the east.

6. Mr. Church and Mr. Anderson were both of opinion that, as far as Railway interests were concerned, this was quite feasible, and I think that as regards the convenience of the Postal Department there is little doubt with an entrance at each side leading out on the platforms of both the North-West and South-West Lines, the mails arriving by both these lines could be much more easily and conveniently dealt with, being sheltered in all weathers and but a very few yards from the trains arriving and departing.

I would therefore request that you will kindly inquire of the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, if there would be any objection to the erection of a Post Office on this site, dimensions as above stated, namely, 17 feet frontage and the depth and height of the existing rooms at this station.

Should there be no objection it would be necessary to determine if the Company would build the Post Office themselves, charging the Postal Department rent and at what rate. It would, I am of opinion, be much more convenient to rent the building than to build ourselves.

I should be glad to be favoured with your opinion at your earliest convenience.

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No. 526A. From the Postmaster General, to the Secretary to Government, Public, Works Department, dated Madras, 22nd February 1873, No. 195.

IN reply to your letter No. 195, dated 20th February 1873, I would beg a perusal of the *whole* of my letter No. 3,929 of 4th October 1872, from which, I think, it is clear that the construction put by the Consulting Engineer on a particular sentence is the reverse of that I wished to convey.

2. The paragraph, of which an extract is quoted by the Consulting Engineer, commences by my stating when in conversation with Mr. Anderson and Mr. Church (at Arconum) "I learnt it was in contemplation to make some considerable alterations and additions to the present station. If such are carried out, I would suggest &c." These alterations, I was given to understand by Mr. Anderson, included the removal of the latrines to a greater distance, which I understood from him to be a matter of necessity and had already been decided upon. If I misunderstood him, I regret having done so, but it was contingent on these particular alterations being effected that I made my proposition to build the Post Office on the site of the latrines when removed, for I should never have thought of suggesting that a permanent, well-constructed building, as the present latrines are, should be pulled down and re-built a few yards off simply to make room for the Post Office, for the new site of the latrine when removed would be almost equally convenient for the Post Office as the site upon which the latrines now stand.

3. Should it be decided that the latrines be not removed, I would suggest that the new Post Office may be built on the site proposed to build them on.

No. 527. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1873, No. 894.

RAILWAY, No. 50.

G. O. 426, dated 8th February 1873.
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COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to the orders noted in the margin.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel Shaw Stewart will ascertain from the Railway authorities whether there is any objection to the proposed Post Office being built on the site designed for the new latrines. As the Postal Department can be equally well accommodated in this position there does not seem to be any necessity for carrying into effect the contemplated removal of the existing permanent buildings.

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the letter from the Government of India, it is observed that the alterations at Arconum are believed to be necessary irrespective of the probable junction at that station of the Madras Railway and Southern system of lines.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Postmaster General.
" Public Department.

Ed. S. T. Austin.

No 3929

Postmaster General's Office

Camp Pothanor

4th October 1872

To

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I have the honor to be
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Your most obedient servant

M Borchers
Postmaster General

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No. 102

From

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E.,

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

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Oct. 21st 1873/34.

J. H. M. Stewart. 72-5-26.

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I have the honour to be,
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Your most obedient servant,
W. H. Moberly Lieut. R.E.
for for Engineers for Railways

Madras
14 February 1873

No. 3929 of
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MADRAS, 22^d February 1873.

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From

The Consulting Engineer

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To

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
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Dated 14 }
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M. M. M.
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Public Works Department

No 894

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Chief Engineer Madras
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From
The Postmaster-General,
Department.
No 1242.

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

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Dated 22 Feb/73
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The Consulting Engs
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G. O. 21st Decr. No. 894.

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Post Office at Arcot.

Passing orders on
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