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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
28th September 1874.*

No. 555A. Read the following letter from J. W. RUNDALL, Esq., District Engineer, Tinnevely, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Iruvappapuram, 15th September 1874, No. 100 :—

I HAVE the honor, at the request of the Postmaster General, Madras, to forward for allotment of funds an estimate, amounting to Rupees 2,550, for a Post Office at Virdooputty in this district.

1 Estimate.  
1 Plan.  
1 Copies of correspondence between the Postmaster General and the Director-General of Post Offices of India.

2. The estimate has been approved by the Director of Post Offices in India.

The Postmaster General proposes funds to be obtained in the manner shown in his letter annexed, and is very anxious that the building should be commenced at once.

No. 555B. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1874, No. 2,731-A.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 46A.

THE plan with estimate, amounting to Rupees 2,550, for constructing a Post Office at Virdooputty in the Tinnevely

District received with the above letter are sanctioned.

2. Funds will be provided from the unappropriated balance of Rupees 6,000 held at the disposal of Government in G. O., No. 2,583, dated 11th September 1874.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.  
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Tinnevely. ✓  
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.  
,, Postmaster General.  
,, Public Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.  
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No. 572  
628.  
Post Master General's Office  
Madras 16<sup>th</sup> August 1871  
The Director General  
Post Office of India  
Calcutta

I have the honor to forward Plan  
and Estimate for Rupees 2550 for construction  
by the Public Works Department of a build-  
ing for the Post Office at Viridoopty and  
request you will be so good as to accord  
sanction to the measure.

The Post Office is now held in a build-  
ing belonging to the Department. It is  
however for the most part of the thatched  
roofing and in a very leaky and dilapidated  
condition so bad that it will be a waste of  
money to repair it.

A suitable building is also not procurable  
on rent.

Viridoopty is an important station on the  
Great Southern of India Railway Line  
between Madras and Palamcottah now under  
construction and a new building is most  
necessary and desirable for the well working  
of the Post Office there.

As the building is urgently required it  
is

is proposed to execute the work at once and to provide the funds from the balance of Rupees 2,000 under 'minor works' shown in my letter No.  $\frac{473}{2222}$  dated 11<sup>th</sup> July 1871, and to supplement the remaining 550 Rupees from any savings that may accrue from the appropriation of the amount of Rupees 5,500 allotted from 'Major works' for 1871-75.

and  
Signed/ C. R. Bourke  
Postmaster General.  
Copy of a communication from the Director General of the Post Offices of India to the Postmaster General Madras No. 9 dated 17<sup>th</sup> August 1871.

In reply to your letter No.  $\frac{572}{628}$  dated 14<sup>th</sup> August, I beg to convey my approval to the construction of a Post Office at Vindoopty at a cost not exceeding Rupees 2550. The funds may, with the sanction of the Government of Madras, be provided in the manner proposed by you from the allotment for the current year.

I return the plan and estimate.

No. 6109;  
628.

True copies forwarded to the District Engineer Simevelly, with reference to his letter No.

303 dated 17<sup>th</sup> July 1871, with a request that he will be so good as to obtain the sanction of the Madras Government for the allotment of the necessary funds as above proposed and approved, and the work being taken in hand as early as possible for completion during the current official year.

The Plan and Estimate are herewith returned.

Postmaster General's Office  
Madras 19<sup>th</sup> August 1871  
Signed/ C. R. Bourke  
Postmaster General.

(True copies)  
(By order)

B. Manickam  
H. Clerk District Engineer's Office  
Simevelly

Specification Report to accompany Estimate  
for Constructing a Post Office Veroodaspally  
in the Saltore Taluk of the Simmerly District

1. Amount of Estimate Rs. 2550.
2. Trenches:- After the centre lines and side lines of excavation have been approved of, earth to be excavated to the full depth.
3. Depth:- The depths at which the building is to be founded will be determined by the officer in charge of the work. The Estimate provides for 2 to 3 feet respectively.
4. Rubble in mortar:- The foundation to be built of roughly squared wedged stones in mortar to be as uniform in size as possible rectangular as possible each course to be levelled up & finished off.
5. Brick work:- The ~~basement~~ & super-structure to be of brick in mortar. The walls to be raised uniformly all round in successive courses of 12 feet height, and English bond to be observed throughout. The mortar joints not to exceed 1/2 inch in thickness. The bricks to be dipped in water when used. Care must be taken that the water & sand used are altogether free from salt.
6. Brick in clay:- The ~~enclosure~~ walls to be of well burnt brick in clay well trodden in the foot and tamped with sand.
7. Plastering:- The whole of the building to be

Enclosure No 3 and a letter

from the District Engineer

Simmerly dated 15th Sep.

Number 18746 No 100.

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The Secretary to Govt.

D. P. W.

S. M. 5913/74

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Office of Correspondence

between the District

General Magistrate and the

Director General of the

Post Office of India.

to be plastered with 1 coat of chunam & whitewashed 2 coats.

8. Flooring. - The floor will be paved with 8" square bricks to be bedded in concrete.

9. Terracing. - The front verandah of the Post Office to be terraced. The bricks to be laid in 18" in chunam & covered with 3" of brick jelly in mortar, the proportions being 3 of jelly to 1 of mixed mortar, on which are to be laid 3 courses of flat tiles in mortar.

The ceiling & upper surface to be plastered with 3 coats of chunam rubbed smooth over surface. The terraces to have a slope of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in the foot towards the walls to allow rain water to run off.

10. Roofing. - The roof to be of palmarak couples, collar pieces, rafters & supports of good quality well burnt pan tiles & chunam borders.

11. Wood work. - The whole of the wood to be of Vangay or Congoo free from all shakes & flaws & to be wrought to the dimensions in the estimate. The joints to be rest on walls to be of a fair bearing.

12. Doors & windows. - To be of Vangay or Congoo woods neatly fitted, all planks to be free from shakes & flaws, the whole to be varnished with wood oil & dammer. The hinges to be iron butt hinges 12" long 2 brass door (to be pair of doors). The bolts to be of iron of English manufacture & neatly fitted & fixed.

13. Mortar. - The mortar to be composed of 1 part of clean sharp river sand powdered

together & grained once.

14. All rejected materials to be removed from site by the parties contracting for the same & the whole place clean up & rubbish shot at a distance from the work.

#### Materials

Bricks To be of 12" size well burnt not more than 10 per cent of broken bats to be delivered on the work. The bricks are to be carted from

Chinnappally.

Lime. All lime used on the work to be slaked after delivery on the spot. Lime will be procured from a distance of 3 miles.

Granite stones. Will be procured from Virudupally.

Rough stones. Will be procured from Virudupally.

Wood. Will be purchased at Madurai.

Terraced bricks & tiles. Will be purchased at Rayapoleim at about 2 1/2 miles.

Flooring bricks. Will be purchased at Rayapoleim.

District Engineer's office

Palanukottai

17 July 1891.

J. W. Prudall

District Engineer, Madurai

Superior

Civil Buildings

Original work.

No. 1  
1874-75

Universally District

Latton Valley.

Constructing at Post

Office and Deputy

Post Master's residence

at Wickup Valley

Superior 2550--

Enclosure No 1 in a letter  
from the District Engineer  
Tinnevely dated 15<sup>th</sup> Sep.  
October 1874 No 100.

To,  
The Secretary to Govt.  
D. P. W.

P. W. 5913/74  
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Estimate for a Post  
office at Virdoopatty  
Rs. 2550.

No 100 Tinnevely District Eng<sup>r</sup> Office.  
Camp. Irivappapuram. 15<sup>th</sup> Sept  
1874  
From  
J. W. Rindall Esq<sup>r</sup>  
District Engineer  
Tinnevely

To  
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P. W. D.

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J. W. Rindall  
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1874  
Sept 10

From C/O 5913

The District Engineer

for the Secretary to Govt

Dated 15<sup>th</sup> September 1874

Received 21<sup>st</sup> September 1874

Enclosure 3

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At the order

5913  
Colt. of 1874/1875  
PUBLIC WORKS.

For Dist Engr  
M. M. Murali

Dated 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 1874  
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No. 5550-5551

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