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Government of Madras

public works DEPARTMENT

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th April 1874.

No. 166A. Read the following letter from A. McCALLUM WEBSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 28th February 1874 :—

In the laying out the line for the Carnatic Railway and the site for the Goods' Station it was found necessary to close the Male Orphan Asylum Road, and an alternative road was proposed (No. 6 on Plan). The Railway Company were to construct the road, the Government giving the land.

2. I had lately to inspect one of the houses proposed to be demolished for this new road, and it appears to me doubtful whether the road itself is really necessary. If Government will refer to the Plan, they will see that access to the Male Orphan Asylum buildings can easily be obtained, from that part of the town lying near the South-Western Railway Station, by the Poonamallee Road and the road leading from it to the Police Commissioner's Office Road; while from St. Andrew's Bridge the Pantheon Road, and from Egmore and the south the Police Commissioner's Office Road appear to me to afford sufficient facility of access. The distance from St. Andrew's Bridge to the Asylum will be slightly increased, but I do not think this is of much importance.

3. Access to the bungalows and buildings situated between the paddy fields and Whannel's Road can be obtained either from Whannel's, the Pantheon, or Kennett's Roads. The only building, access to which would appear from the plan to be blocked, I have marked in the plan with a blue cross, but probably the part of the Male Orphan Asylum Road outside the boundary of the Goods' Station site would afford the access required. Any way this building is not affected by the proposed new road.

4. I calculate that the net cost to Government of the lands taken up for the new road (No. 6) and for the paddy-fields (marked 8) will be about Rupees 55,000, as shown below. Some of the lands have already been purchased at a cost of Rupees 16,632.

	RS.
For road diversion	36,632
For Land No. 8	25,000
	61,632
Amount which will probably be realized by sale of materials	6,250
	Net cost... 55,382

5. Land No. 7 must be taken up for the play-ground for the boys in the Asylum, but the necessity of taking up No. 8 is not so apparent. Moreover, I have been directed to take it up under class D. Lands of that class are defined to be "lands required in consequence of the works of a Railway and (which) do not come into the occupation of the Railway Company, and (which) will be (used) exclusively for roads either new roads leading to Railway Stations or diversions or changes of old roads made necessary to the Railway works." This land No. 8 is certainly not required for Railway purposes, or for the diversion of the road,

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and is entered in the Schedule as required for Government purposes. Its acquisition will cost nearly Rupees 25,000. On this point, however, I will address the Consulting Engineer for Railways. I only mention it now to show what will be the total cost of the lands south of the Male Orphan Asylum Road which have been directed to take up.

6. I have brought this matter to the notice of the President of the Municipality, and have pointed out to him that unless the new road is really required its construction will entail an annual useless charge on the Municipality for its maintenance. On receipt of his reply I will address Government again, but as there is some land still to be taken up, and the official year is drawing to a close, it is, I think, best not to wait for Mr. Loch's opinion, but to at once refer the matter for the order of Government as to whether the acquisition of any further land should be stopped until the matter receives further consideration. If Government decide to defer the acquisition of the land, a portion of the allotment for the purchase of Railway lands will be set free. Pending receipt of orders I have directed my Deputy to take no further steps in the acquisition of the lands.

7. I should be obliged by the early return of the accompanying Plan as it is the only one I have in the Office.

No. 166B.

ORDER THEREON, 15th April 1874, No. 984A.

RAILWAY, No. 25.

THE Collector of Madras in his letter above recorded refers, for the orders of Government, the question of the land to be taken up and the diversions of existing roads which will be necessitated by bringing the line of the Carnatic Railway through the portion of the town lying between the Male Asylum premises and the site of the Passenger Station near the Penitentiary.

2. The probable amount of compensation payable by Government with the cost of the Passenger Station is estimated as follows:—

	Rs.
1. Friend-in-Need Society	21,254 paid.
2. Passenger Station site	20,000
3. Do. building	2,20,000
4. Diversion of Sydenham and Lang's Garden Roads	2,000
5. Frontage Poonamallee road	70,000
6. New Road to Male Asylum	20,000
7. Enlargement of Asylum play-ground	16,632
8. Reclamation land north of the Police Commissioner's Office	25,000

Total... 3,91,886

Deduct recoveries {
6,250
6,500
2,800
15,550

Net... 3,79,036

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that it will be unnecessary to supply the place of the present Asylum Road by the new one

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marked in the Survey, or to take up the land between it and the Police Commissioner's compound. The saving on these two items will amount to Rupees 45,000. His Excellency the Governor in Council is also not prepared to lay out a sum of Rupees 70,000 in widening the Poonamallee Road at the place numbered 5 in the Plan, when sufficient space may be obtained with little or no cost by a slight diversion of the line of Railway to the opposite side, which would involve the surrender of only a small portion of the Penitentiary enclosure. The proposed tramway from the Salt Cotaurs to the Carnatic Goods' Station should not come in at this spot, but may be more conveniently taken through Vepery and turned in a southerly direction along the new road running past the Doveton College compound and the Church Mission premises, or by Rundall's Road.

A slight modification of the line of Railway near the Goods' Shed also appears necessary. In the Survey the line is shown as being carried along the centre of Jordan's Road and continued up to the Male Asylum Road, which is for the most part included within the station boundary. The inconvenience of closing up this road may be obviated by taking up the portion of land at the south-west corner of St. Andrew's church compound on which an out-house is now standing, and diverting the line of Railway in this direction, at the same time curtailing the station boundaries to such an extent as will leave the Male Asylum Road untouched. The inclusion of this road, while adding little to the area of the station site, would depreciate the value of house property in the vicinity, and might give rise to claims to compensation which would prove costly to settle.

A sum of Rupees 20,000 is set down as the value of the site of the Passenger Station. This land belongs to the Penitentiary and is Provincial property. Provincial Funds should accordingly be credited with the value of the ground if surrendered to the Railway Company; but no action should be taken in the matter till the details called for in paragraph 3 of G. O., No. 2,518, dated 25th October 1872, in regard to the Passenger Station Plans have been laid before Government and their orders passed thereon. The widening of the Hospital Bridge is held in abeyance pending a decision as to the elevation of the station building, and no further time should accordingly be lost in supplying the required information.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Madras. *with Plan*
 .. Revenue Department.
 .. District Engineer, Presidency.
 .. Financial Department.
 .. Judicial
 .. Consulting Engineer for Railways.
 .. Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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2nd Feb^y

My dear Walter

There is another point
connected with the drive
the Male Ophian Avenue
road that should I think
be considered
the Company run their line
across the centre of the
road. To this I have no objection
but when they come to the
South West corner of the

Compounded of St Andrew's
Kirk, I think their line should
be altered. I have marked
in blue pencil the line they
should take. This would
only involve the demolition
of the small portions at
the corner and would
leave the present Aylem
Road absolutely

unobscured, for I do not see
why they should be allowed
to take the centre of the road
as their boundary, which
there is at present a well
reputable that side of
the ground they have
selected for a good station.
The width of the small
width of ground seems
being to be a great waste
of money at the day.

not add nearly ~~the~~
area of the station site
and would be ~~the~~
up an exciting road.
Which would form a
much better boundary
for a station compound
than a border of private
gardens. I would
mark their boundary
as shown by the red dotted
line in the plan. I
went all over the ground

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this morning and this
point struck me - as
my official letter was
written I have brought
it to your notice ~~dear~~
officially.
Now with reference to
the cost of lands required
for the line from the

Good Station to the new
Paper Station.

The estimated value of
the lands is as follows.

Plot No.	Compensation
No 1	Rs 21254. 5. 6
No 4	" 20000 " "
" 5	" 70000 " "
" 2	" 200000 " "
	Rs 113254. 5. 6.

Of this we have already
paid Rs 21254. 5. 6 as compensation

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to the friend in need. Truly
The other amount to have
not been paid. The
is the life of the Government
rewarded but not attached
to the Penitentiary. We
have hitherto gone on the
assumption that the
land is for proper com-
pensation was not
opened, but it appears to
me that as the land belongs

reason for the necessity
 of widening the road
 that the tramway from
 the Salt Creek would
 also come of this plan.
 In addition to the cost
 to put in the way of
 compensation, rather
 for the haulway.

we have to bear the
 cost of making a new
 road as a continuation
 of Lang Garden Road. I
 do not know whether
 been proposed with reference
 as the office is shut
 to this, but I presume
 a road will be required.
 It is not however

Entered in the place

Believe me

Yours truly

Wm. Walker

My dear Walker

I have been thinking

of the diversion of the

road will not be decided

at next Council. I should

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portion of the allotment.

Shall I forward that for you

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measures to purchase
the line of buyers / goods /

shall & surrender
that amount as
well, or shall I could

the purchase
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A. M. Y. W. W. W.

Madras Municipality.
Executive Engineer's Office.

Madras, 13th March 1874

Sir

J. C. Loch Esq.

To

President Muni^l. Court - Madras

A. Mc Webster Esq.

Sir

Ag. Collector of Madras

With reference to my letter of the
5th Inst. I have now the honor to inform
you that the Municipal Commissioners are
of opinion that no new road will be required
in continuation of Egmore High Road

I have &c &c

(Signed) J. C. Loch

President
Muni^l. Commission

N. 115

Madras Municipality.
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Madras, 13th March 1874

From

J. C. Loch Esq^r

President Munc^{ipal} Com^{missioners} Madras

To

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A^d Collector of Madras

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient Serv^{ant}

Bluf. Esq^r

President
Municipal Commissioners

N^o 36.

Forwarded to the Secretary to
Public Works Department
with reference to this office letter of 29th & 28th ultimo.

draft collector's office
14th March 1874

W. J. Wallace
Admⁱⁿ

Madras Municipality.
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 5th March 1874

N 430

To
The Acting Collector of
Madras

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter N^o 108 dated 23rd Ultimo, and in reply to state that I have already intimated to Mr. Fox that I have no objection to the proposed alteration of the road in front of Edinbro house.

2. With regard to the 2nd para of your letter, I have to inform you that the new road was decided on after considerable discussion, but I will ascertain the views of the Commissioners and let you know the result.

I have &c. &c.

(Signed) J. C. Loch.

President

Municipal Commission

(True Copy)

President
Municipal Commission
6th March 1874.

Received
The Acting Collector
5th March 1874

The Secretary to Government
C. M. Department

Received
14th March 1874

Endorsement

Received
14th March 1874
C. M. Department
Endorsement

Cost of Land in further
 Paper, Station, etc.
 Primitivity, etc.

1. Inland Society, £21,250
2. Paper, Station Site - 20,000
3. New Building 1,50,000
4. Division of ~~London~~ ^{London} 2,000
5. Primitivity, London 70,000
6. New Building, London 20,000
7. New Building, Playhouse 76,63
8. Reclamation, London 28,000

£ 1,50,000 -

In his letter, he writes, "I am
 the collector of the Hudson River
 that there is no necessity of
 employing the place of the
 Hudson River, by the
 one road, there is the Hudson
 is of taking up the land
 between it and the Police
 which is a very important
 of which together (I think
 above) he estimates to cost
 £ 15,000 -

In his letter of 13th March
The President of the Municipal
Commission intimates that
the New Road may, on the
decision of the Commissioners
be dispensed with. It is
known therefore for the Govt
to decide whether the culti-
vation between it and the
Police Commissioners' Com-
pound, Plot No. 8th shall
be taken up as Surveying
grounds. Meanwhile the
Chief Engineer has recom-
mended the Collector to
recommence the grant of
Rs 45000 for both road &
ground.

He has also intimated to
Mr. Webster his decided op-
inion that the provisions
of the Drainage Act should
be deferred as he cannot
recommend to Govt that so
large a sum as Rs 70000 sh.
be laid out in then widen-
ing the road, when the
same object may be attain-
ed with little or no cost
by a slight diversion of
the line of rail opposite
involving a slight intension

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in the Praterbury enclosure.
The Turnway from the Salt
Columns should not come
on here but be taken by a
more direct steep en-
route to the Goods Station.

Mr. Webster deares to state
in a demer official
note whether Provincial
Roads are to be credited
with the value of the Pe-
rmanent Road, No. 2,
already taken over and
estimated with Building
at Rs 20,000. His other
suggestion is that
has been withdrawn after
reference to Mr. Leach, but
it is not probable that
owners of house property on
Wharrell's Road, and on
the Ayr Road may
claim heavy compensation
if access to their houses is
hindered by the shutting
up of the latter Road West
of Wharrell's Road (passing).

No reply has been received
to the call made on form 2
of S.O. No. 155 of 23rd Jan 1873

for rough estimate of the
 total cost of a separate
 Passenger Station. Nothing
 whatever is known of the
 Station Plan and its cost
 alone, and the widening
 of the Hospital Bridge is
 stopped pending decision
 as to the elevation of that
 building.
 It is to be regretted that
 the decision of Govt. arrived
 at in para. 3 of S.O. No. 2578
 of 25th October 1872 was not
 adhered to; need precise &
 estimate of cost of limit, com-
 plementary & local diversions,
 with details of the Passenger
 Station, not insisted on prior
 to any action being allowed.
 Real progress would be made if
 not have been delayed &
 great sums expended. 1872
 1873. 74

I have carefully
 examined the locality
 It appears to me
 that expenditure No. 6 that the negotiation is
 and expenditure No. 8 about Land & S. should
 be deferred if not
 abandoned altogether
 at once. It is not urgently
 needed and, if needed,
 can be taken up at some
 other time.
 I would likewise
 defer any further action
 in the matter of the
 Road, especially No. 6
 - costly as it will prove
 and would be useful for
 the present carry out
 the Railway line
 with

I think it is evident
 that expenditure No. 6
 and expenditure No. 8
 in Col. Walker's view
 may be dispensed with
 altogether.
 Expenditure No. 5 however,
 not least very doubtful.
 The Chief Engineer suggests
 an alternative, which
 will probably serve the
 purpose as well.
 I suggest the New Bridge
 Playground (Expend. 7)
 must be purchased of
 the present carry out
 the Railway line
 with

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with the changes as
to Approaches to Houses
recommended by the
Master and apparently
not objected to by the
Chief Engineer.

I see that some of
the Buildings in Hannah's
Road are already in
course of demolition.

The plans should
be called for forthwith
as urged by the Chief
Engineer.

14/3 1874

I think no way less Nos 5 & 8
alone - I do not feel equally compe-
tent about No 6 unless the Male Asylum
road is continued - parallel with
the rail into Lamps for due road -
Provincial funds are clearly
entitled to compensation for the
Penitentiary land. L.S. 19.3

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Madras Collector's Office,
Feb 20th 1874

From
Mr. McCallum Webster Esq.
Collector of Madras
To
Colonel G. H. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Sir
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7. I should be obliged by the early return of the accompanying Plan as it is the only one I have in the office.

I have the honor to be,
Your most Obedient servant

Amy Weaver
Collector of Taxes.

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A. S. Collector of Land Revenue

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Chief Secretary to Govt.

W. H. L.

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under date the March 1874.

Read the following:-

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The Acting Collectors of
Madras

(Heron Index No.) 18/28

February 1874

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in his letter above recorded

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4. Division of Hidenham
and Lang's garden roads } 2000

5. Frontage Ponnammallee road. 70,000

Explosive Works Department

To And Road to Maiti } 20000
 And }

7. Enlargement of As.
- glens play grounds } 16.632

8. Reclamation Lands
North of the Police Line } 25,000
Indians' Office }

Rs 6250 394.886

Bednák, 2800 15.850

Net Rs 379.036

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To the Collector of Madras with plans ✓
" Revenue Dept ✓
" S. & C. Presidency ✓
" Financial Dept ✓
" Judicial Dept ✓
" Genl & Engrs for Rly. ✓
" Controller ✓
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Gobi. of Madras.

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The Collector of
Madras

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G. O. 15th April 1874, No. 984 A

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Penitentiary —

Carnatic Railway

Passing orders on a letter from the Collector of Madras on the subject of the lands to be taken up for the Carnatic Railway and the diversions of existing roads which will be necessitated by bringing the line thro' the portion of the town lying between the Male Asylum premises The site of the Passenger Station near the