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31st May 1875.*

No. 609. Read the following letter from Major J. BEATTY, R.E., District Engineer, Godavery, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 8th May 1875, No. 473 :—

As directed in G. O., No. 881, of 2nd ultimo, I have the honor to report on the existing state of the new Telegraph Office at Cocanada.

2. Previous to 1874-75, the Telegraph Office had been completed according to the original design of that department; but it was then found to be unfit for occupation without certain alterations and additions.

3. In the past official year additional expenditure to the extent of Rupees 2,434-8-3 was incurred in completing the compound wall, constructing a staircase in rear as a means of access for servants to the back rooms of the upper story, additional openings for ventilation were made in the walls of the lower floor, and about 1,200 Rupees' worth of woodwork and other materials were prepared for the proposed receiving room and for the dormitory for Signallers.

4. The Telegraph Department occupied the building in January last, having decided not to build the receiving room and dormitory; but they have since applied for an estimate for a range of quarters for the Signallers, which I estimate approximately would cost as follows :—

Range of quarters, with cook-rooms and latrines according to dimensions given me by the Superintendent of Telegraphs	RS. 14,500
Compound wall	2,000
Compensation for about an acre of land within a convenient distance of the Telegraph Office	3,500

Total ... 20,000

5. A site for the new range of Signallers' quarters cannot be fixed until sanction is given to purchase, because all the land within a convenient distance of the Telegraph Office is very valuable. The site of that office, which was about the most valuable land in Cocanada, being situated on the main road and in the midst of the merchants' offices, cost Rupees 1-8-0 per square yard.

6. I have inspected three sites more or less suitable, but I would request permission to advertise for tenders from any persons who may wish to sell land within 1,000 yards from the Telegraph Office. In this manner I would hear of all the sites available, and their price, and could then, in communication with the Superintendent of Telegraphs, select a good building site and obtain it at a reasonable price.

7. In preparing the estimate for the Signallers' quarters deduction will of course be made for the value of materials collected but no longer required for the dormitory and receiving room.

No. 610. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1875, No. 1,516.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 43.

COMMUNICATED to the Director-General of Telegraphs in India.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Director-General of Telegraphs in India.
" District Engineer, Godavery.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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From

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Department Public Works

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Dated. 8th May }
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Subject.

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No 881 of 2^d ultimo,
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Telegraph office at
Cocanada-

With order.

S.O. 23 Feb 1957 7112 04/10548
" 2 April 58.56

To Sir: General of the: in Providence
 Will you: please
 Send: Mr. [unclear]

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The Sr. Secy. of
Telegraphs:

11th May 1875 No 15/5

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New Telegraph Office
at Cocanada. - The
report of the District
Engineer, Godavery,
on the ———, commencing
to the Director
General of Telegraphs
in India.