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No. 27. Read the following letter from Captain G. T. SKIPWITH, R.E., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Buildings,) to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 19th May 1875, No. 154 B. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your No. 67/886, of 3rd April last, forwarding, for the approval of the Government of India, plans and estimates, the latter amounting to Rupees 5,02,201-9-8, for the combined Telegraph and Post Offices at Madras, and, in reply, to communicate the following remarks.

2. The plans and estimates in question have been submitted for approval without any expression of opinion on the part of the Government of Madras, and the Governor-General in Council will be glad to receive the opinion of His Excellency the Governor as to the suitability of the design, especially in its architectural aspect, both as regards the building *per se*, and also with reference to the character of the surrounding buildings.

3. I am also to request that a report may be submitted by the Chief Engineer as to the sufficiency or otherwise of the rates provided for in the estimate, having due regard to the size of the building and its ornamental character. The probability of the rates being enhanced during the progress of the work, and the suitability of the foundations with reference to the soil, the weight of the foundations per square foot, &c., &c. What in fact is desired is a complete report embracing all the engineering features of the design.

4. It is also requested that the Architect may be called upon to give the following information :—

(a) What is the cost of the proposed building per cubic foot of space occupied, and per superficial foot of area covered ?

(b) How do these rates compare with those of other buildings already constructed in Madras ? Care of course being taken to make the comparison with buildings somewhat approaching it in size and cost.

(c) What is the extent of dwelling accommodation provided for ? For whom is it intended, and by whose desire ?

(d) Whether any, and, if so, what rent will be obtained for the dwelling accommodation provided, or what house rents and allowances now paid by Government will be saved thereby ?

(e) The extent of accommodation provided for each official should be stated room by room, and also by superficial feet of area, and by cubic feet of space occupied.

(f) The extent and cost of the accommodation provided for the British Indian Extension Telegraph Company should be given in like manner.

(g) The object of each and all of the tin, kitchen, and other rooms not required for office purposes should be explained in connection with the dwelling accommodation or otherwise.

5. In addition to the points above mentioned, I am further to observe that no provision has been made for out-houses of any kind, and to inquire if it is thereby intended that none such shall be provided.

6. It is not usual on this side of India to make provision in the main building for servants, for latrines, for kitchens and such like other subsidiary accommodation ; it is found to be far cheaper to put these into small subsidiary buildings apart from

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the main building. There may be good reasons why a similar course cannot be followed in Madras, but if so it should be explained. The provision of latrines in the main building seems particularly objectionable as likely to prove offensive, without extreme care, especially in hot weather.

7. In resubmitting the case to the Government of India for orders, the exact amount of the cost debitable to the Telegraph and Postal Departments should be stated.

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CIVIL WORKS, No. 4.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Presidency, for report on the points referred to.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

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- Marks on the plans
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Engineer-in-Chief
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Honble Secretary for
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for report on the
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A. R. Sub. 21.28/5/75
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Res. Secretary
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