

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th September 1875.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 249. Endorsement of the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department, dated Ootacamund, 1st September 1875.

From J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 28th August 1875, No. 59.

THE Chief Secretary to Government, in his endorsement, dated 15th January 1874, referred to me for report a letter to the Madras Government, from the Officiating Director-General of Telegraphs in India, requesting the Government to allot a site in Ootacamund for a new Telegraph Office.

2. I expressed my opinion in a letter printed in G. O., No. 185, of 19th February 1874, and suggested the purchase of a site from a Mr. Leigh for Rupees 2,000. The Government approved of the site in an Order, Public Works Department, dated 3rd February 1875, No. 303, but was not willing to pay Rupees 2,000 for it, suggesting a diminution of its size, and proposing to pay at the rate of Rupees 400 per acre for the land required if Mr. Leigh would sell, but directing me to select an alternative site if Mr. Leigh was indisposed to accept the Government offer.

3. Government Order, Public Works Department, 15th April 1875, No. 1,037, contains Mr. Leigh's rejection of the Government offer, and orders to me to select an alternative site.

4. The sites available are enumerated in my letter in G. O., dated 19th February 1874. I have no further suggestions to make.

5. Colonel D. G. Robinson, R.E., Director-General of Telegraphs, in his letter in G. O., 3rd February 1875, would appear to consider *inter alia* the site suggested too expensive. He apparently is not aware of the value of land in Ootacamund. Recently, the Ootacamund Municipal Commissioners purchased a site for a carriage shed adjoining St. Stephen's Church and measuring about three-quarters of an acre for Rupees 500. They gave Rupees 300 for two-fifths of an acre of land at the Willow Bund, and are about paying Rupees 1,200 for a site, about four acres in extent, in the same vicinity.

6. The purchase adjoining the church is the only site of the above sites comparable to the site proposed for the Telegraph Office, and it is dearer.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department with reference to the Orders in that Department, dated 3rd February 1875, No. 303, and 15th April 1875, No. 1,037.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

No. 250. From Captain J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Nilgiris, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 31st August 1875, No. 289.

WITH reference to paragraph 3 of Public Works G. O., No. 2,154, of the 27th July 1875, I have the honor to submit a plan showing the additions that might be made to the existing Post Office so as to make it capable of containing room for the Telegraph as well as the Postal authorities. I propose to remove one-half of the present

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building as shown in plan, and to erect in its place an upper storied building as shown. The approximate cost of this will be Rupees 20,000. I believe the present office is not found altogether convenient, and additions to it are, I hear, contemplated.

1. Plan of a proposed Telegraph Office to be built on Framjee's Hill.
2. Do. do. to be built on Mr. Leigh's ground, designed by Mr. Chisholm.
3. Do. do., &c., marked A in pencil.

2. If a building for a Telegraph Office alone on Mr. Chisholm's plan be erected on Mr. Leigh's ground, it will cost approximately Rupees 16,000.

3. I beg to return plans as per margin.

No. 251.

ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1875, No. 2,609.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 21.

THE District Engineer's plan for a combined Post Office and Telegraph Office at Ootacamund on the site of the present Post Office having it is understood met with the approval of the Postmaster-General of Madras will be forwarded to the Directors-General of both Departments for their remarks, together with elevations and sections of the building when ready. Entries of Rupees 10,000 should be made in the Budget of each department for 1876-77.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Nilgiris.
" Director-General of Telegraphs.
" " of Post Offices.
" Public Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Commissioner's Office.

Ootacamund 28 Augl-1875

No 59

From.

J. R. Lockrell Esq
Commissioner - Nilgiris

To.

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Ootacamund

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to pay 2000 Rupees for it, suggesting a diminution of its size and proposing to pay at the rate of 400 Rupees per acre for the land required, if Mr Leigh would sell, but directing me to select an alternative site, if Mr Leigh was indisposed to accept the Government offer.

3. Government Order, Public works Dept, 15 April 1845 No 1031, contains Mr Leigh's rejection of the Government Offer and orders me to select an alternative site.

4. The sites available are enumerated in my letter, in Government Order, dated 19 February 1844. I have no further suggestions to make.

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the Potacomund Municipal Commissioners purchased a site for a carriage shed adjoining St Stephens Church and measuring about $\frac{1}{4}$ an acre for 500 Rupees. They gave 300 Rupees for $\frac{2}{5}$ of an acre of land at the Wilson bund and are about paying 1200 Rupees for a site, about $\frac{1}{4}$ acres in extent, in the same vicinity.

6. The purchase adjoining the church is the only site, of the above sites, comparable to the site proposed for the telegraph office and it is dearer.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours Most obedient Servant.

H. W. P. J.

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Under date the 10 Sept. 1845
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X 2 Plans returned to Mr. H. B. W. 1/10/10
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Submitting a Plan
showing the addition
that might be made to
the existing Statutes,
and to make it
useful for both the
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of Essex, at Dartmouth.

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 A. Murphy & Son
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Approval of the Post
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G.M.W.

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G. O.,

10 Sept. 1875, No. 1209

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Post & Telegraph Office, Cochin -

Memorandum.

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site of the present Post Office,
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