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DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th January 1875.*

Read the following.—

No. 101-C From Postmaster-General, Madras, dated 8th Sept. 1874, No. $\frac{1,161}{2,386}$
 No 101-D From District Engineer, Godavery, dated 7th Oct. 1874, No. 2,146.
 No. 101-E. From Postmaster-General, Madras, dated 2nd Dec. 1874, No. $\frac{10,841}{2,339}$

No. 101 F. ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1875, No. 51-B

ACCOUNT, No. 7-B.

A sum of Rupees 900 is placed at the disposal of the District Engineer, Godavery, for execution of the necessary

repairs and alterations to the Post Office at Cocanada by transfers as follows —

	RS.
Repairs Civil Buildings (Postal), Coimbatore District	70
Do do. (Telegraph), Tinnevelly District	480
Postal Reserve at the disposal of Government	350
	900

2. The District Engineer will take care that the imperfect work of 1873 is replaced by work which will not again give cause of complaint and dissatisfaction.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore.
 .. District Engineer, Godavery. X
 .. " " Tinnevelly
 .. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
 .. Public Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Spare Copies

Copy of a letter from the District Engineer
forwarded to the Postmaster General Madras
1745 dated 31 August 1874

As promised in my letters nos 1374 & 1467 of
29 July and 8 August 1874, respectively, I have
now to give you my opinion on the
Caminion Post Office, after careful personal inspection.

2. The whole of the buildings now occupied
as a Post office were erected by the Public
Works Department for that purpose.

3. The main building which faces the high
Road, was built, it is supposed some eight
or nine years since, and appears to have
stood well up to the present year. The walls
are quite sound, and the roof would probably
still be perfectly water tight, but for the
objectionable ridge ventilation added some
two years since when the additional rooms were
built. Fitting on this ridge ventilation, which
was really not required, probably unsettled
the rest of the tiling and caused the leakage
now complained of in that part, but
which I believe to be inconsiderable. The wood
work of the roof of this portion is however
not

Commenced
14 Decr/64
Completed
21 March/67
Ordinary
repairs
executed in
January &
February/71.

not as strong as is desirable, and the couples are too far apart. Some of the rafters have bent at the point of junction with the couples, and if found to be cracked, must be replaced.

4. The Post office work was doubtless originally transacted in that old main building, but 2 years ago, certain additions were made. The Post Master now resides in the front rooms, and the office has been turned into the new back rooms.

5. These additional rooms where the Clerks now do their work, form a wing thrown out in rear at one end of the old building, and cover about one third of the entire space occupied by what is known as the Post office. The walls here are also perfectly sound, there is a slight crack between this new work and the walls of the old building, but not of any consequence as affecting its stability, and only such as might be expected when the weight of the roof came upon the new walls.

6. I am now satisfied this new wing leaks a good deal, owing to the defective construction of the roof, which consists being of hurdles and pan tiles only, instead of flat and pan tiles or pipe roof, has insufficient slope for a tiled roof, and owing to the great distance of the rafters apart, the tiling has not been efficiently supported.

The Verandah stone room adjoining the office, has a sloping terrace roof with very insufficient slope which consequently gets soaked and leaks in any long continued rain, because there is not sufficient slope for the rain fall to flow off properly.

7. The conclusion I have come to is that the roof of the new wing must be taken off and replaced in a proper manner, and that the roof of the old main building requires thorough repair. When this is done and ventilation given under the eaves, instead of along the ridge of the roof, the Post office will

will be as sound and satisfactory a building
as any in Canada.

I observed that the plastered floor of the
office and store room had been worn into
holes in many places. I would take the
opportunity of the work now needed, to
repair this and provide a mat, or lay the
floor with asphalt.

I shall have an estimate framed at once
for the alterations I consider necessary, and
submit it for your counter signature. If
its amount falls within one-fourth of the
value of the building, I shall be able to
allot the necessary funds, but if
it comes to more than one-fourth, it
must be submitted for the sanction
of Government.

Edw. J. Beatty, Major R.E.
District Engineer,
Godanery District

(True copy)

M. J. Brown
Post Master General

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No 1162
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POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE
Ottawa 8 Sept 1874

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Sir,
Ottawa

I beg to enclose a copy of a letter
from the District Engineer Godanery and to
point out that this faulty construction in
a building, which was only thoroughly
repaired, almost rebuilt, about 2 years
ago, is most unsatisfactory and to request
that Enquiries may be made and such
steps taken, as will ensure the work now
about to be undertaken, being really
substantially executed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your obedient servant
M. J. Brown
Post Master General

District Eng^r Office, Godavery
 Dowlashwerum 7 October 1874
 From,
 Major J Beatty R. E.
 District Engineer Godavery.
 To,
 Colonel G. W. Walker R. E.
 Chief Engineer D. P. W.
 Madras.

Sir,
 As requested in your Memo No 739
 of 29th September 1874, I have the honor to send
 you my office copy of the original plan from
 which the alterations and additions to the
 Cocanada Post Office were carried out in 1872-73.
 The original copy is not forthcoming, but the
 one I send is believed to be a true copy of it.

2. My estimate for correcting defects
 in the roof, and putting the building in
 thoroughly good order is as follows:-

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|------|--|---------|
| I | Repairing the roof, strengthen-
ing it, and correcting defec-
-tive slopes | 834-8-0 |
| II. | Repairs to plaster of the walls,
floor and compound wall | 81-4-0 |
| III. | New mats to all the floors
to protect the plaster | 36-0-0 |

Carried forward 951-8-0

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P. M. 1874, 10 Oct
 Mr. J. Beatty R. E.
 No 5982

From
 The District Engineer
 Godavery

Made 8:00
 Recd 23:00

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copy of a letter
 from the District
 Engineer Godavery

correction of the
 Cocanada Post
 Office

The District Engineer
 Godavery

made 8:00
 Recd 23:00

Brought forward 951-8-"
 IV. Whitewashing ————— 22-8-"
 V. Petty repairs to doors & windows — 6-8-"
 Total Rupees 980-8-"

3. As the building has cost, exclusive of repairs, up to this date, Rs. 6,170, the amount of my estimate does not exceed one fourth of the value of the building, and consequently, under clause II, para 9 of the rules circulated with G.O. No. 1535 of 11th June 1873, it does not require the sanction of Government.

* Original 3670
 Addition - 32500
 Total 187273

Have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most obedient servant.

P. Beatty Major. E.E.
 District Engineer Godavery.

P. W. 1874 Depart.
From *Post Office*
No 6449.
The District Engineer
Godavery.

To The Chief Engineer
D.P.W.
Madras.

Dated 7 } October 1874
Recd 15 }

No 2146

Enclosure New

Furnishes the in-
formation called for
in Chief Engineer's Me-
mo No 739 regarding Co-
canada Post Office.

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Recd 6 Oct 15 Oct 74

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POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE

Madras, 2nd December 1874.

FROM

Major the Honorable E. P. Mountbatten

Postmaster General,

MADRAS

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public Works

Department,

SIR,

FORT SAINT GEORGE

I have the honor to forward
the letters as per margin in

Copy of letter from
District Engineer, Godavery
No 2254 dated 17 Oct 1874
with original Plan

relative to the repairs urgently
required to the focussing
Post office Building and

Copy of letter to the
District Engineer
Godavery No 2135
dated 20 Nov 1874

to request that Government
will be pleased under

Copy of letter from
the District Engineer
Godavery No 2616
dated 19 Nov 1874

the circumstances stated
by the District Engineer
Godavery to arrange for

the transfer of the necessary
funds with a view to the work
being taken in hand immediately.
The estimate amounting to Rs 980 is sent
the District Engineer Godavery.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant

E. P. Mountbatten
Postmaster General

Copy of Communication from the
District Engineer Godavari District
to the Portmaster General, Madras
No 2254 dated 17 October 1876.

In continuation of my letter
No 1745 of 31st August 1876, I have
the honor to forward herewith
an estimate of the work now
required at the Cocanada Port
Office, to make the roof water-tight
and put the building in thorough
order throughout.

The estimate consists of the
following items.

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|--|--------|
| I. Repairing the roof strengthening
it and correcting the defective
slopes throughout. | 834-0- |
| II. Repairs to the plastering of the walls
and floor of the building and to
its compound wall. | 81-0- |
| III. Sticking mats to all the floors to protect
the plaster. | 36-0- |
| IV. White washing the building. | 22-0- |
| V. Petty repairs to doors and windows. | 1-8- |

Total Rupees 980-0-

As the work is entirely of the
nature of repairs, and provides for
no additional accommodation or

No 6170

or improvement, not contemplated
when the buildings were erected,
and the cost of the work now
proposed is less than one fourth
the value of the building, with
your approval it may be proceeded
with at once, and I shall issue
the necessary instructions to the
Range Officer on your returning
me the estimate with your
signature.

Copy of Communication from the
Portmaster General, Madras
to the District Engineer, Godavari
No 9425 dated 3rd November 1876
2389
I beg to convey to you my
approval of the repairs proposed
to the Cocanada Port Office in your
letter No 2254 dated 17 October 1876, and
I should feel obliged by your
carrying them out.
Copy of Communication from the

The District Engineer Ladang
to the Portmaster General, Madras
No 2646, dated 19 November 1874.

I am acknowledging receipt
of your letter No 2389 of the 3rd instant.
I have the honor to inform you
that as no provision was made
in the current year's Budget for
any repairs to Postal Buildings
in this District, I entered the
amount of the Estimate for repairs Rupees 980/-
to the Local Office in the
Budget for next year.

If however the cost of
the work can be met by transfer
from other Districts I beg to suggest
that a portion of the cost of these
repairs be provided in this year
and the balance on 1st April.
When I last wrote I had overlooked
the fact that no funds had been
allotted in this year's Budget
for repair of Postal Buildings
in

in this District. A transfer
is therefore necessary, if the work
is to be commenced at once.

/ True Copies /

W. Brown
Portmaster General

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P. M. D.

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Read the following

San to P. M. D. (P. M. D. no 1181 d/8 Sept 1874)
 San to P. M. D. (P. M. D. no 2146 d/7 October)
 San to P. M. D. (P. M. D. no 2389 d/2 Dec)

G. O. No: 51 B. d/ 8 Jan/75

A sum of Rs 900
 is placed at the disposal
 of the District Engineer
 Madras for execution
 of the necessary repairs
 and alterations to the Post
 Office at Bernada, by
 the persons as follows

Repairs Civil Buildings (Post Office) Bernada	Rs 70
do do (Telegraph) Bernada	Rs 250
Total received at the disposal of Govt	Rs 350
	<u>900</u>

S. M. 1874 Madras
 1874

From
 The Postmaster General,
 Madras

To
 The Secretary
 Madras Government,
 Madras
 Dated 2nd Dec 1874

Received 11/12/1874

Rs 900
 To the District Engineer
 Madras for execution
 of the necessary repairs
 and alterations to the
 Post Office at Bernada

C. J. 1750 Q. 6.

