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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th January 1876.*

Read the following letters —

No 428 From Captain J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Nilgiris, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 24th December 1875, No 445

With reference to Public Works G.O., No 3,406, of the 30th November 1875, I have the honor to submit a plan and estimate for a combined Post and Telegraph Office at Ootacamund. The estimate amounts to Rupees 32,000.

2 I regret that this detailed estimate so much exceeds the Rupees 20,000 named in my letter No 289, of the 31st August 1875, printed with Public Works G.O., No 2,609, of the 10th September 1875. I beg to submit the following explanation — When I stated in that letter that the building would cost Rupees 20,000, I had only prepared a ground plan, and no elevation or section. The rough calculations which were made came to 18,000 Rupees. I thought 20,000 Rupees would be a safe margin. I now see the figure ought to have been Rupees 25,000. The plans that were afterwards prepared were first designed so that the living rooms should be below and the public rooms above. By this arrangement the lower storey rooms were of moderate height, the gables of the roof giving sufficient space for the upper office rooms. Government not approving of this arrangement, the design now sent was prepared with the office rooms below and an additional room for the Postmaster-General, with out-houses, a covered gallery, &c. In order that the lower office rooms might be well lighted and ventilated I raised their walls. The design was urgently required and sent in in a hurry; no kind of estimate was made; hence the discrepancy in the figures. I beg to send the first plan for comparison. I feel I ought to have seen that the former estimate needed revision. No one can regret more than myself that this mistake has occurred. I trust I may be pardoned for it.

3. The estimate for a building on Mr. Christholm's plan would probably be Rupees 20,000, and not Rupees 16,000, as named in paragraph 2 of my letter, No 289, printed with Public Works G.O., No 2,609, of the 10th September 1875.

4. The proportion in which the outlay should be divided between the two departments is Rupees 20,000 against the Telegraph Department and Rupees 12,000 against the Postal Department.

5. I beg to be allowed to add that the additions contemplated by the Postmaster-General to the present office would probably cost more than Rupees 3,000, for not only is an additional room needed for that officer, but the office itself requires enlarging and is very badly ventilated. Moreover, the existing Post Office is in a very leaky state. An explosion of gunpowder occurred in the building in 1871, it shook the walls and terraced roofs so much that I fear a sum of some Rupees 2,000 or Rupees 3,000 will be needed to thoroughly renew the roofs, and it is a question whether even that outlay will permanently rectify matters. Endeavours to stop the leaks by the expenditure of a few Rupees have been only partially successful.

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No 428-A From Colonel C H DICKENS, R A, Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account-General,) to Major-General G W WALKER, R E, Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 8th January 1876, No 9 A—G.

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Government of Madras, No 251, of the 10th September 1875, I am directed to forward herewith copy of a letter* from the Director-General of the Post Offices in India, from which it will be seen that he is of opinion that the additional accommodation required for the Post Office at Ootacamund can be provided for by a sum of Rupees 3,000, and that the further expense necessary in enlarging the building for the Telegraph Department should be charged to that department.

2 Under the circumstances, I am to request that the Government of Madras may be moved to consider whether it will not be better to repair the Post Office and to build a new Telegraph Office, as it would appear that the cost of the former work will be Rupees 3,000 and of the latter Rupees 16,000, or Rupees 19,000, whereas the proposed combined building would cost Rupees 20,000

No 429 ORDER THEREON, 25th January 1876, No. 196

CIVIL WORKS, No 26

UNDER the circumstances disclosed by the papers above read, the Most Noble the Governor in Council regrets to be under the necessity of returning for entire revision the project for a combined Post and Telegraph Office at Ootacamund. It was very desirable that the fine site of the existing Post Office should be turned to good account, and its wretched aspect improved, but the manner in which the District Engineer proposed to effect this object turns out to be far in excess of the amount which he indicated in his original proposal and much too costly for sanction. If he cannot utilize the present Post Office as it stands for the lower storey of a combined office, he must plan and estimate for a new Telegraph Office, and for alterations to the present Post Office separately.

(True Extract)

(Signed) G W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Nilgiris
" Director-General of Post Offices in India
" " of Telegraphs in India
" Financial Department

* Pub. Master-General Madras

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Copy of a letter No 5243 dated 5th November 1875 from F. K. Hogg Esquire officiating Director-General of the Post Office of India To The Secretary to the Government of India Financial Department.

In continuation of my letter No 4035 dated 9th September submitting the usual schedule for Postal public works during the year 1876-77 I have the honor to offer the following additional remarks in connection with the demand for Madras under the head of Major works.

2. Certain additions are necessary to the Ootacamund Post office which can be made at a cost of about Rupees 3000 that sum was therefore included in my schedule. Since the submission of the schedule I have received an order from the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department No 251 dated 10th September (printed copy enclosed) enclosing a proposal from the District Engineer for the removal of one half of the present Post office and the erection of an upper storied building calculated to provide accommodation for a combined Post office, and Telegraph office at Ootacamund. I have nothing to urge against this measure which secures for the Post

Office the additional room it requires and provides also at the same time accommodation wanted by the telegraph office

3. It seems that a new separate Telegraph office would cost approximately Rs 16,000 and the proposed combined building can be erected for about Rupees 20,000. The Madras Government have further directed that an estimate of Rupees 10,000 should be made in the budget of each Department for 1876-77. To this I take exception. The additional accommodation required for the Post office can as already stated be provided for about 3,000 Rupees, and any further expense entailed by enlarging the building to meet the wants of the Telegraph Department should be budgeted for by that Department and should not form a charge against the Post office.

4. I trust that the Government will bear these remarks in mind when passing orders on the Post and Telegraph public works schedules for the year 1876-77. A copy of this letter and of its enclosure will be sent direct to the Government of India in the Public Works Department.

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All communications should be addressed to the Secretary

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
ACCOUNT
General.

To
The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department
Fort William, 8th January 1876

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I have the honor to be,

Sr,

Your most obedient servant,

W. C. C. A.

Secretary to the Government of India

W. C. C. A.

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