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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st April 1876.*

No. 284. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 10th April 1876, No. 16 W.:—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, under date April 5th, 1876 (No. 901,) and, in reply, to inform you that every endeavor will be made to bring the records of this office into a satisfactory state as early as possible.

2. I shall, however, I am afraid, be obliged to defer the entertainment of this extra establishment until I can make some arrangements for providing extra office accommodation. In my letter, No. 270 W., dated 4th March 1876, I described the general state of the office and pointed out how impossible it was to accommodate any more hands in the present space. I am, moreover, already wholly at a loss to know where to put some extra establishment, which, the Deputy Examiner for Irrigation informs me, is urgently required to push on the preparation of the Irrigation Capital and Revenue Accounts, but which I hesitate to engage until I can see my way to accommodate them.

3. As regards increased accommodation for this office, it appears to me unlikely that any single private building that could be hired at a reasonable rent would provide enough suitable accommodation for this large office, and it would be difficult, if not impracticable, to work the office with the different sections of it in different buildings. It further appears to me that it would be found inconvenient were the Examiner's Office at any distance from the Government Press and the Public Works Secretariat.

4. These considerations lead me to think that, until some permanent arrangements can be made to bring the Secretary and the Examiner under the same roof, it would be advisable for this office to remain where it now is, temporary expedients being made to provide more accommodation at once. I would accordingly suggest:—

1st.—That the bomb-proofs at present, I believe, in possession of the Ordnance Department, next to that occupied as our stationery store-room, be transferred to this office. As far as I have been able to observe, these bomb-proofs contain nothing but old chains, spades, and other similar tools, for which room might easily be found elsewhere. Though most unfit for a stationery store-room or for a record-room, for reasons I have elsewhere given, these bomb-proofs would at least be as good as the one we have at present, and they would with windows at each end do to store away some of the old records, and thus make more room in the habitable parts of the building.

2nd.—On the top of this and the other adjacent bomb-proofs to build one large room extending from my present office to the Court-martial room. This single large room would afford me all the accommodation required; or, as an alternative to this, to build another story to the present office.

5. I would, therefore, earnestly entreat Government, 1st, to make arrangements for the transfer to this office of the bomb-proofs adjoining this office, and, 2ndly, to permit me to have drawings prepared for the additional room required, the plans and estimates for which might be forwarded to Government for approval and sanction.

No. 1610

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
21st April 1876.

No. 255.

ORDER THEREON, 21st April 1876, No. 999.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 18.

The question of making available the bomb-proofs referred to by the Examiner will be considered in the Military Department. Meanwhile, Captain Conway-Gordon is authorized to put in hand the preparation of plans and estimates for the additional room required. He should bear in mind, however, that as funds are short, the total cost should be kept within as moderate a limit as possible.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" District Engineer, Presidency.
" Military Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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From

THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

To

*The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.*

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

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Sir
Yours most Obedt Servt.

Lowry Gordon

Commandr, F.W. Accounts.

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The Examiner

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The Secretary to Govt

Pub. Department

No 16-10

Dated 10 } April 1896
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Offering certain
suggestions about the
enlargement of the present
office accommodation
to suit the requirements
of the large establishment
now working in
the office of the Examiner
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Wm. H. Burdett, General Agent.

The first of these is the fact that the
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 necessary funds to carry out its policy.
 The second is the fact that the
 government has been unable to maintain
 its policy in the face of opposition.
 The third is the fact that the
 government has been unable to secure
 the necessary support from the
 people.

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