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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 553

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No. 452. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. KENNEDY, District Engineer, Malabar, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Calicut, 10th February 1877, No. 218:—

SINCE my letter No. 203, of 25th January 1877, the subject of Post Office site at Tellicherry has assumed a new phase. I have since seen the Postmaster-General, and on alluding to the subject, I learned that he had written to accept the offer of a private individual to build a house and rent it to the Postal Department; if this is the case, it will be necessary to provide funds for the expenditure incurred in preparation of materials amounting to Rupees 600-1-11 which can, however, no doubt hereafter be utilized and the value recovered.

2. As regards the delay in fixing on the site, the onus rests entirely on the Sub-Collector; the difficulty he started regarding the site that was finally approved of, in my opinion, has no force; the land, it appears, is at present the subject of a law suit, but that is, I imagine, no bar to its being taken up under the usual formalities prescribed by the Act, by paying the amount awarded as compensation into Court. I wish to bring to notice here the great delay caused in other cases when this same Revenue Officer has been applied to to obtain possession of land for public purpose, and I may instance the purchase of a house at Cannanore for the Post Office there, the owner of which has offered no opposition and the price has been agreed on by both sides; all that the Sub-Collector had to do was to get the transfer registered; the only reason I have been able to learn for his failing to do so has been an objection on the part of the proprietor to pay the Registration Fee, a trifling matter about which there need have been no difficulty had reference been made to me. Another similar case is a site for the Range Office at Cannanore; in this case the owner would answer no letters from the Range Officer, and it appears offered opposition to the transfer, but my request to be informed of the reasons why the Revenue Authorities were unwilling or unable to enforce the Act remained unanswered, and the business remains in abeyance.

No. 453. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1877, No. 553.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 36.

RECORDED, pending communication from the Postmaster-General on the subject of a new Post Office at Tellicherry, and communicated to the Revenue Department in continuation of G.O., No. 343, of 27th January, for explanation of the delay complained of on the acquisition of building sites.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Acting Joint Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Malabar.

„ Revenue Department.

Exd. T. D. Ryan. *Post Master Genl*

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N^o 218,

Malabar Dist. Engin^g Office

Calicut 10th February 1877

From

The District Engineer,

Malabar

To

The Chief Engineer,

Public Works Department,

Madras.

Sir,

Since my letter N^o 203 of 25th January 1877, the subject of Post Office site at Tellicherry has assumed a new phase. I have since seen the Post Master General, and on alluding to the subject, I learned that he had written to accept the offer of a private individual to build a house, and rent it to the Postal Department; if this is the case, it will be necessary to provide funds for the expenditure incurred in preparation of materials amounting to Rs 600-1-11 which can however, no doubt hereafter be utilized, and the value recovered.

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that was finally approved of, in my opinion, has no force, the land, it appears, is at present the subject of a law suit, but that is I imagine no bar to its being taken up under the usual formalities prescribed by the Act, by paying the amount awarded as compensation into Court. I wish to bring to notice here, the great delay caused in other cases, when this same Revenue Officer has been applied to to obtain possession of land for Public purpose, and I may instance the purchase of a house at Cannanore for the Post Office there, the owner of which has offered no opposition, and the price has been agreed on by both sides, all that the Sub-Collector had to do was to get the transfer registered; the only reason I have been able to learn for his failing to do so has been an objection on the part of the proprietor to pay the Registration Fee, a trifling matter about which there need have been no difficulty had reference been made to me.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedt. servant

W. B. Keene Esq. Col.
District Engineer
Malabar

No 553

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 19 Feb 77
Read the following :-

From
The District Engineer
Malabar } (H.E. No: 2182/10 Feb 1877)

Recorded, pending
communication from
the Post Master General
on the subject of a new
Post Office at Tellicherry
and communicated to the
Revenue Department in
continuation of G.O. No: 343
of 27 January for explanation
of the delay complained
of on the acquisition of
building sites.

H. Malabar -
Revenue Dept -
Post Master Genl -
Dsp. - 6.3.77

W.H.
14.2.77

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Report to the Engineer
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on the subject of a new
Post Office at Tellicherry
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Oct. of 1877 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The H. E. Malabar

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 19th Feb. 1877, No. 533

Nos. 452-53

Post Office at Tellicherry
Letter from the District Magistrate
Malabar reporting the proposal
of the Postal Dept to rent a
house for the — and remark-
ing generally on the delay of
Revenue Authorities in ob-
taining possession of sites
for public buildings, records
and communicated to the
Revenue Dept.

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