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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

8th August 1877, No. 564 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 96. Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated 6th August 1877, No. 1,516.

From J. G. FERRAND, Esq., Acting Superintendent of Stamps and Stationery, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated Madras, 30th July 1877, No. 365.

In his Administration Report on the Stationery Office for 1875-76, paragraph 9, the Permanent Superintendent mentioned that the accommodation provided for the office was utterly inadequate for its requirements, and proposed to address Government separately on the subject. Government in their order thereon, dated 5th September 1876, No. 1,618, paragraph 10, intimated that they awaited the report. Mr. Wright then put himself in communication with the District Engineer, Presidency, and I have the honor to forward herewith, for the early consideration of Government, copy of the latter officer's letter, dated 23rd December last, No. 5,040, with the rough plan therein referred to (in original) of the additional accommodation required for this office.

2. The required accommodation is—

	Approximate cost. RS.
1st.—An open shed (marked A in the plan) with a tiled roof...	6,000
2nd.—A second floor to be put on the store room* (marked B) of the Stamp Office for the office establishment of the Stationery Office with a terraced roof	3,800
3rd.—A verandah (marked C) to the present store room of the Stationery Office	750
4th.—Stables, coach houses, and guard room (marked E) with a tiled roof	3,200
5th.—A waste paper store room	250
Total ...	14,000

3. Regarding the buildings above specified, I beg to submit the following particulars:—

1st.—The open shed A is required because there is not space enough for all the stores in the stationery room built under the sanction given in G.O., 7th October 1874, No. 1,699. The consequence is that a considerable portion of them is packed outside for months and is exposed to the weather, the only protection against rain being a covering of tarpaulins on the uppermost cases and bales; these stores are also more than usually exposed to the risk of damage from white-ants, and they would not be safe even from robbery, but for the Military guard. There is also risk from fire, but this may not be great. There are 52 cases and 582 bales thus exposed outside at present, of which the value is not less than Rupees 60,000. Their contents will not be wholly distributed to public

* Called strong room in District Engineer's letter.

J. G. Ferrand, Supdt. of Stamps & Stationery

offices until January next, and before that time two or three consignments which are expected and which will more than equal the present stock will have to be similarly exposed. I have personally ascertained that there is no space whatever either in the stationery room or in the store room or any other part of the Stamp Office for any of the stores which are outside.

The proposed building will involve the taking in some 20 feet of ground from the adjoining compound occupied by the mule stables south of this office, and the making a new entrance as the present gateway of the stables is included in the strip of ground proposed to be taken up.

2nd.—*Second floor on the store room of the Stamp Office.*—This is required for the establishment of the Stationery Office. At present only the Manager and the Storekeeper are accommodated in the stationery room; the Clerks of the Stationery Office are crowded in parts of two rooms of the Stamp Office formerly used for stamp office purposes and not well adapted for the accommodation of these Clerks or for the proper performance of their work.

3rd.—*Verandah C* is intended for packing purposes. The packing is now done under a very temporary shed of bamboo mats, which does not exclude the rain, and the work is therefore interrupted when there is heavy rain.

4th.—*Stables, &c., E.*—The present stables, coach-house, and guard room, marked D in the plan are, as will be seen from the plan, too near the stationery room, and space being available behind the stables on the northern side of the premises, the District Engineer proposes to pull the stables, &c., down, and to rebuild them along the boundary wall of the compound in line with the godowns used as dining rooms and water-pandal. This would give considerably more vacant space for carts coming in and going out. At present great difficulty is experienced in bringing in stores and sending them out from the office.

5th.—*Waste paper store room, F.*—There is no suitable room available for storing waste paper, and, as the sale of this article forms one of the sources of revenue of the Stationery Office, a room for the safe custody of the paper is necessary. Instead, however, of the spot proposed for this building in the plan, between the privy and the gateway, it would perhaps be better to erect it at the end of the shed A and on the spot marked G in blue pencil, and, unless the latter spot is utilized in this way, it is not unlikely from its situation to be resorted to for the commission of nuisances.

4. It appears to me that the extent of accommodation required for the Stationery Office was not realized when its transfer from the Arsenal was arranged, and that it would be real economy and a wise expenditure of public money to build the shed, marked A in the plan, without further delay. The other buildings also are needed, but, considering the present financial difficulties, I do not press them as so urgently necessary.

5. I beg to recommend that orders may be issued for the early preparation of detailed plans and estimates for the works above specified, and, when these are received, for erecting the shed marked A at once, and for proceeding with the other works as soon as funds can be conveniently allotted.

From Major H. M. VIBART, R.E., Officiating District Engineer, Presidency, to the Superintendent of Stamps and Stationery, dated Fort St. George, 23rd December 1876, No. 5,040.

With reference to your letter No. 465, dated 20th October 1876, I have the honor to forward a rough plan of the proposed improvements to your office. The approximate cost of which is as follows:—

• One Plan.

	RS.
1. Open shed marked A having a tiled roof	6,000
2. Second floor to be put on strong room marked B for an office, roof to be terraced	3,800
3. Verandah marked C	750
4. Stables, coach-houses and guard room marked E, roof to be tiled	3,200
5. Waste paper store marked F, tiled roof	250
Total ...	14,000

REFERRED to the Public Works Department, in view to the District Engineer being required to submit detailed plans and estimates for approval.

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

No. 97. ORDER THEREON, 8th August 1877, No. 564 W.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Presidency, for preparation of detailed plans and estimates; putting in hand meanwhile, as a work of emergency, the open shed marked A in the plan, the approximate cost of which is set down at Rs. 6,000. It is necessary that the valuable stores now lying exposed should be protected without delay.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

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

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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By Supdt of stamps & Stationery

No 5040

Fort Saint George
23rd Decr 1876

From

The Offg. District Engineer
Presidency

To The Superintendent of Stamps &
Stationery

Sir

Encl:
1 Plan

With reference to your letter No 2255
dated 20th October 1876 I have the honor
to forward a rough plan of the proposed
improvements to your office. The approximate
cost of which is as follows:-

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| 1 Open shed marked A, having a tiled roof - | Rs 6,000 |
| 2 Second floor to be put on strong
room marked B for an office
Roof to be terraced | 3,800 |
| 3 Verandah marked C. ——— | 750 |
| 4 Stables, Coach houses and Guard
rooms marked E. Roof to be tiled | 3,200 |
| 5 Waste paper Store marked F
tiled roof - | 250 |

Total Rs 14,000

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

(D) Henry. de. Vibart Major R.E.
Offg. Distt Engineer Presidency

(True copy) J. G. Thomas

As Supt. of Stamps & Stationery

N^o 365

Stationery Office
Madras
30 July 1877

From J. G. Forsand,
As Superintendent of Stamps &
Stationery

To The Honorable D. F. Carmichael
Chief Secretary to Government,
Financial Department
Fort Saint George

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mentioned that the accommodation provided
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of

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of Government, copy of the latter officer's letter, dated 25th December last, N^o 3240, with the rough plan therein referred to (in original) of the additional accommodation required for this office.

2. The required accommodation is
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with a tiled roof. } Rs 6,000
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 - 4th Stables, Coach-houses and Guardroom marked E with a tiled roof. } 3,200
 - 5th A waste paper store room. } 250
- Total, Rupees 14,000

3. Regarding the buildings above specified, I beg to submit the following particulars.

1st The open shed, A, is required because there is not space enough for all the stores in the Stationery room built under the sanction given in L. O. 7th October 1874 N^o 1699. The consequence

consequence is that a considerable portion³ of them is packed outside for months and is exposed to the weather, the only protection against rain being a covering of tarpaulins on the uppermost cases and bales; these stores are also more than usually exposed to the risk of damage from white ants and they would not be safe even from robbery but for the Military Guard. There is also risk from fire, but this may not be great. There are 52 cases and 582 bales thus exposed outside at present, of which the value is not less than Rs 60,000. Their contents will not be wholly distributed to public offices until January next, and before that time two or three consignments which are expected, and which will more than equal the present stock will have to be similarly exposed. I have personally ascertained that there is no space whatever either in the Stationery room or in the store room or any other part of the Stamp Office for any of the stores which are outside.

The proposed building will involve the taking in some 20 feet of ground from the adjoining compound occupied by the mule stables south of this office, and the making a new entrance as the present gateway

gate-way of the stables⁴ is included in the strip of ground proposed to be taken up.

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to rebuild them⁵ along the boundary wall of the compound in line with the godowns, used as dining rooms and water-pandal. This¹¹ would give considerably more vacant space for carts coming in and going out. At present great difficulty is experienced in bringing in stores and sending them out from the office.

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conveniently allotted.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obedient servant

J. G. A. Smith
Jr. Superintendent of
Stamps & Stationery

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 8th Augt/77
Read the following:—

Endorsement in the Financial Regt 16 dated
6 August 1877 on letter from the Acting
Superintendent of Stamps and Stationery
No 265, dated 20 July 1877.

Communicated
to the District Engineer
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Building of the
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1 Plan sent to
D. C. with C. No 5131

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Chief Secretary

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the building of the
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To *The N.E. Presidency*

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G. O., 8th June 1877, No. 564 W

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*Office of the Superintendant
of Stamping. Madras.
Application for additional
accommodation for the
Bureau of the N.E. Presidency
Institution.*

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