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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

13th July 1878, No 2,867 W.

Buildings and Roads
Civil Works.

Read the following papers —

No 147 Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated Ootacamund, 18th May 1878, No 826

From L C PROBYN, Esq, Accountant-General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St George, 15th May 1878, No 1,124

With reference to my letter No 1,737, dated the 17th ultimo, I have the honor to state that when making the application for a portion of the premises adjoining this office, viz, those lately occupied by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, I inadvertently overlooked the Financial Notification of the Government of India, No 1,980, dated 22nd March 1868, under which it is certain that I shall have to provide accommodation for the legal tender copper and small silver coins now in the custody of the Bank of Madras

2 The strong rooms in this office are filled with the silver reserve of the Currency Department and with the stock of currency notes, and cannot therefore hold the copper and small silver alluded to above. I shall therefore require additional strong rooms, and the only arrangement I can propose is to utilise the ground floor of the adjoining office, making one or more of the rooms into strong rooms with iron doors, barred windows, &c. In these circumstances I shall require a larger portion of the premises in question than I considered needful when I wrote on the 17th ultimo

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for disposal

(Signed) D F CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary

No 147-A From L. C PROBYN, Esq, Accountant-General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St George, 10th June 1878, No 3,347.

With reference to Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, No. 2,209 W, dated the 20th ultimo, I have the honor to state that, besides the Famine Department which is only temporary, six clerks have been added to the office during the last five years, and that there has been no increase to the accommodation during this period.

2. In 1870, when the Currency Department was added to this office, there was a small addition to the downstairs accommodation for the express purpose of the Currency Department, but the available accommodation of the Accountant-General's Office proper was curtailed by a large portion of the premises having to be given up for the reserve and exchange rooms and by room having to be provided for the Assistant Commissioner of Currency.

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HIS GRACE the Governor in Council sanctions the formation of sub-depôts for the storage of surplus small silver and copper coins at the places named by the Accountant-General, and directs that orders be issued in the Public Works Department for the immediate provision of the additional accommodation stated to be needed at Fort St George, Madras, and Calicut

(True Extract)

(Signed) D F CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

No 148 ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1878, No. 2,867 W.

The District Engineers, Presidency and Malabar, will estimate, without delay, for the additional accommodation stated to be needed at Fort St George and Calicut.

(True Extract)

(Signed) E A. FOORD, Colonel, R E,
Secretary to Govt, P W D

(True Copy.)

Major, R E,
Under Secy to Govt, P.W.D

To the District Engineer, Presidency
" District Engineer, Malabar
" Financial Department

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3 About the same time, too, the Madras Order Department, with eight persons, was added on to this office without any additional accommodation being provided. I need scarcely say that the number of employees in the Madras Order Department is an inadequate measure of the space it occupies, as provision has to be made for the public.

4 It is a fact that the clerks and messengers in the department must be extremely crowded, and that this injures efficiency. It is impossible to keep the place tidy with our bulky registers and records unless we have ample room, and besides it seems essential that the wants of the public who attend for pay, money orders, &c, should be satisfactorily provided for, as does not appear to be the case at present.

5 I would invite attention to my No. 1,124, dated 15th ultimo, which probably was not before His Grace in Council when the orders under immediate reference were issued, and would respectfully suggest that the Public Works Officer who will have to be deputed to make the necessary arrangements for increasing the strong-room accommodation as therein explained be directed to report as to the sufficiency or otherwise of the accommodation of the whole office.

No 147-B Proceedings of Government in the Executive Department, dated 125th June 1878, No 1,100

From L C PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St George, 15th June 1878, No 3,712

I have the honor to forward copy of circular from the Comptroller General, No 25, dated 1th 28th ultimo, and with reference thereto and to the Government of India Resolution of the 23rd March last, republished in the Fort St George Gazette of the 2nd April, Part I, page 200, I beg to propose that sub-depôts for the storage of surplus small silver and copper coins be established at the following places —

Madras Currency Office
Cocanada do
Calicut do
Cuddalore Treasury
Tanjore do

2 In my letters Nos 1,124 and 3,347, of the 15th ultimo and 10th instant, respectively, I have already brought to notice that additional accommodation is necessary for this office for the above purpose, and I beg now to add that a room 12 ft long and 8 ft wide of 400 square feet at least will be necessary for, say, 2 lakhs of Rupees worth of copper holed to the height of five feet or so.

3 In G O, No 1,088, of the 24th ultimo, the Government have already directed the Public Works Department to take immediate steps for providing additional accommodation for the Currency Treasury at Cocanada, and a similar proposal is, I believe, now before Government, through the Board of Revenue, in respect to the Currency Treasury at Calicut. There are indeed stronger grounds now for the early completion of the work in both these places, for each of which I beg to suggest that 1 lakh of copper. In connection with this subject it may be as well to mention with reference to G O, No 1,088, that the Treasury at Cocanada contains the currency reserve, and that therefore no portion of its money can be placed in the Madras Branch Bank. Colonel Beatty, I may add, was wrongly informed that the balance in silver was over 60 lakhs at the Cocanada Currency Office.

4 For the remaining two sub-depôts, viz, Tanjore and Cuddalore, there is I find on inquiry, apparently sufficient accommodation for Rupees 50,000 worth of copper and for the necessary supply of small silver, but the Chief Clerk at Cuddalore reports that the present Treasury premises is a miserable building and is utterly unsuited to the purpose.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.
25th June 1878, No 1106
Small Coin Depots.

Read the following paper —

No 109 From L C PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 13th June 1878, No 3712

Resource Department

I have the honor to forward copy of circular from the Comptroller-General, No 25, dated the 28th ultimo, and with reference thereto and to the Government of India Resolution of the 23rd March last, republished in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 2nd April, Part I, page 209, I beg to propose that sub-depôts for the storage of surplus small silver and copper coins be established at the following places —

Madras Currency Office.
Cocanada do
Calicut do.
Cuddapah Treasury.
Tanjore do

2 In my letters, Nos. 1124 and 3347, of the 15th ultimo and 10th instant, respectively, I have already brought to notice that additional accommodation is necessary for this office for the above purpose, and I beg now to add that a room affording a superficial area of 400 square feet at least will be necessary for say 2 lakhs Rupees worth of copper heaped to the height of five feet or so.

3 In G O, No 1088, of the 24th ultimo, Judicial, Government have already directed the Public Works Department to take immediate steps for providing additional accommodation for the Currency Treasury at Cocanada, and a similar proposal is, I believe, now before Government, through the Board of Revenue, in respect to the Currency Treasury at Calicut. There are indeed stronger grounds now for the early completion of the work in both those places, for each of which I beg to suggest that accommodation may be provided for altogether say Rupees 40 lakhs of silver and 1 lakh of copper. In connection with this subject it may be as well to mention with reference to G O, 1088, that the Treasury at Cocanada contains the currency reserve, and that therefore no portion of its money can be placed in the Madras Branch Bank. Colonel Beatty, I may add, was wrongly informed that the balance in silver was ever 60 lakhs at the Cocanada Currency Office.

4 For the remaining two sub-depôts, viz, Tanjore and Cuddapah, there is, I find on inquiry, apparently sufficient accommodation for Rupees 50,000 worth of copper and for the necessary supply of small silver, but the Collector of Cuddapah reports that the present Treasury premises is a miserable building and one utterly unsuited to the purpose.

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2 FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, 27th June 1878, No 1103

No 110 ORDER THEREON, 27th June 1878, No 1101

Has Given the Governor in Council the formation of 100 pits for the storage of surplus all silver and copper coins at the place indicated by the Accountant-General, and directs that orders be issued in the Public Works Department for the purchase of the provision of the additional accommodation stated to be needed at Fort St George, Madras, and Calcutta.

(True Extract)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary

To the Accountant-General.
" Public Works Department
" Revenue Department

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No 1124

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
15 May 1878.

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department

SIR

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the 17th ultimo, I have the honor to state that
when making the application for a portion of
the premises adjoining this office. Very lately
occupied by the Chamber of Public Works Ac-
counts, I inadvertently overlooked the Government
Notification of the Government of India No 1992
dated 22 March 1878 under which it is con-
tained that I shall have to provide accommo-
dation for the legal tender Copper and Small
Silver Coins now in the custody of the Bank
of Madras.

2 The strong rooms in this office are
filled with the Silver Reserve of the Currency
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question than I considered needful, when
I wrote on the 17th ultimo.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t

L. P. Wilson

Accountant General

Currey Department

No 3347

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,

10 June 1878.

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To the Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

With reference to Proceedings of Govern-
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of Currency.

3. About the same time too the money
order Department, with eight persons, was
added on to this office without any additional
accommodation.

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From the Accountant General, Madras
No 3347, dated 10th June 1878.

FOR ORDERS

Mr. Probyn's letter
referred to in the last
paragraph has not
been received in this
Department.

Edmund Selby
Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

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scarcely say that the number of employees
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have ample room, and besides it is essential
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to money orders, be suitably and con-
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not before this place in form when the
orders under immediate reference were issued,
and would respectfully suggest that the
P. W. Officer who will have to be deputed to
make the necessary arrangements for increas-
ing the strong room accommodation as herein
explained, be likewise directed to report as to the
sufficiency or otherwise of the accommodation
of the whole office.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant
Edmund Selby
Accountant General.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 13 July 78
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Endorsement in the Financial
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Small coin depots

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and Calicut.

Robert R. R.