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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

12th August 1878, No. 3,219 W.

Buildings and Roads.  
Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 139. From Lieutenant-Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Officiating  
Superintending Engineer, North Arcot, to the Chief Engineer, Public  
Works Department, dated Vellore, 2nd August 1878, No. 2,137.

I HAVE the honor to report that G.O., No. 87, dated 16th September 1876, com-  
municated sanction, in the Judicial Depart-  
ment, for a dead-house to be built at

Vellore to the west of the toll-gate on the Bangalore road; and, as this site was too far  
from the Civil Dispensary to be of any use so that the dead-house would be required  
solely for judicial purposes, the whole cost of the building was authorised from  
Provincial Funds.

2. There were still objections to the site selected for the dead-house on account  
of its inconvenient position; and funds having been provided in the year 1877-78, I  
wrote to the Magistrate of the district in August 1877 asking if the building should  
be constructed, or if there was any reason why the work should still be postponed.  
The Magistrate's reply was to the effect that the dead-house need not be built near the  
toll-gate if a more convenient site could be found elsewhere outside the fort.

3. I then addressed the Civil Surgeon as the officer most interested in the matter  
on the 2nd October 1877, asking him if he could recommend a suitable site; and  
again on the 7th January 1878 I asked the same officer for a reply, stating that I  
had funds available but that I must either utilise them at once or else surrender them  
for that official year.

Dr. Price answered the following day that he would rather have no other dead-  
house than the one he had already in the fort in preference to a good one near the  
toll-gate, and mentioned that a further reference would be made to the Collector.

4. A new site was after this selected as shown on the enclosed rough sketch,  
and on the 23rd February 1878 I wrote to the President of the Municipal Commission  
that I had surrendered the funds then at my disposal as only a few weeks were left  
in the official year; and that as the site near the toll-gate had been sanctioned by the  
Government, I considered sanction would also be required for the change of site. I  
pointed out also that, as the objection on account of distance would be removed, the  
question arose again whether a part of the cost should now be borne by the Munici-  
pality.

The President answered, on the 5th June 1878, that the Municipal Commissioners  
approved of the site, and were prepared to pay one-third of the cost.

5. I therefore now submit for the approval of the Government the proposal for  
the dead-house being built on the open triangular space near the north-east angle of  
the fort.

6. The sanctioned estimate for the building amounts to Rupees 590; there has  
been expended already Rupees 163-5-0, and of this sum Rupees 50-5-0 were laid out  
on the commencement of the work previous to the alteration of site sanctioned in

G.O., No. 87, dated 18th September 1876. This amount, Rupees 50-3-0, cannot therefore be recovered, but the difference, Rupees 113, is the cost of woodwork which is still available for use. The amount now required for expenditure is therefore Rupees 477, and the share to be paid by the Municipality will be Rupees 157, one-third of Rs. 520.

7. I have already applied in my statement of demands for the current year, dated 6th May 1878, No. 583, for Rupees 426, as this amount was the actual unexpended balance on the sanctioned estimate.

No. 140. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1878, No. 3,219 W.

The proposal to build the dead-house on the new site selected is approved.

2. It is observed that the Municipal Commission agree to contribute Rs. 197. Rupees 426 have already been provided in the Public Works Department, and the balance of Rupees 51 is now appropriated from the Provincial Reserve under Civil Buildings.

(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, North Arcot.  
" Public Department.  
" Financial do.  
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS  
PUBLIC WORKS.

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,  
NORTH ARCOT.

Noted August 10.

Forwarded

Back

G. O. 124 dated 1878, 30/12/78.

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By order of the District Engineer,  
North Arcot.

No. 2137

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NORTH ARCOT,

District Engineer's Office.

Vellore 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1878.

FROM

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

NORTH ARCOT,

TO

THE Chief Engineer,

Public Works Department  
Madras

Sir,

Encl. 1

Through Stamps

I have the honor to report that G. O. No. 87 dated 16<sup>th</sup> September 1876 communicated sanction in the judicial Department, for a dead-house to be built at Vellore to the West of the toll-gate on the Bangalore Road; and as this site was too far from the Civil Dispensary to be of any use, so that the dead-house would be required solely for judicial purposes, the whole cost of the building was authorized from Provincial funds.

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80. 97 - 10 August 1874.  
 1 - 87 - 16 Sept - 1876.  
 11 - 112/14 - 5 March 1878  
 12 - 26/14 - 27 June - 1878

Buildings and Road

From

Supg  
 The District Engineer,

North Arcot.

No. 8594

Dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1878.

No. 2137

Enclosure

Interested in Road Office

Subject.

Dead House, Vellor -  
 Reports the proposal  
 of change of site from  
 for the approval of Govt.

No 3294  
 P. P. D.  
 Proceedings of the Madras Government  
 Under date the 12 Aug 78.  
 Read the following  
 From the Dist Eng. North Arcot (N.E. No. 2137 of 2 Aug 1878)

The proposal to build the dead house on the new site selected is approved.

2. It is observed that the Municipal Commission are going to contribute Rs. 197.

Rs. 425 have already been provided in the Public Works Department, and the balance of Rs. 51 is now appropriated from the Provincial Reserve under Civil Buildings.

Mr. K. Arcot  
 Public Dept  
 Financial Dept  
 P. P. D.

H.S.  
 21-8-78

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Acct. of (1878) Madrid.  
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dr. J. E. B. West.

By

Recd.

Excl.

12 Aug 1878. No. 22196

No. 1398/40

Read House at Vallon.

Harriet Dr. Appraised  
the new site selected for  
the — and the appraised  
the balance of the 31 August

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