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Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 246. Proceedings of Government, dated 19th October 1878, No. 4,077 W.

His Grace the Governor in Council has had under reconsideration the question of the site for the new Post and Telegraph Offices at Madras. Two years have now elapsed since Government of India by letter, of 27th July 1876, stated that present state of finances did not admit of an assignment for the work, and there seems little prospect of the large sum required for the erection of the buildings being now made available by the Government of India. Meanwhile the site which had been selected and partially prepared on the beach remains waste, the value, which amounts to a considerable sum, is locked up, and the place is not only an eyesore in the town, but is not without difficulty kept from becoming a nuisance.

2. The reasons for the selection of this particular site do not at the present time seem to have such force as to render its indefinite retention necessary. A more convenient site is that which has been acquired near the Madras Central Railway Station, and which possesses unusual facilities for the receipt and despatch of mails in connection both with the Madras and South Indian Railways.

3. His Grace the Governor in Council is therefore of opinion that it would be highly expedient to ascertain whether the Bank still desire to acquire the ground in question, and that another site be provided for the new Post and Telegraph Offices, when the Government of India shall be in a position to make a grant for the purpose, in the more convenient situation contiguous to the Central Railway Station.

4. The immediate commencement of an extensive work such as the new Madras Bank would also, at the present time, afford much needed employment to a large number of laborers and artisans. This is a consideration to which His Grace the Governor in Council attaches much importance.

5. The subject will accordingly be remitted to the Government of India for an expression of their views as to the provision of funds for the building in the coming year 1879-80.

(Here enter No. 4,078 W, dated 19th October 1878.)

(True Extract.)

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

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New Post and Telegraph Offices, Madras.—Ordered that the Government of India be addressed with reference to the site for the —

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THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

P. O., 19th October 1878, No. 4,078 W.

OCTOBER.

No. 247.

FORWARDING the Minutes of this Government regarding the site for the new Telegraph and Post Offices at Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 4,078 W.

No. 247.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

SIR,—In forwarding to the Government of India the accompanying copy of Proceedings of this Government on the subject of the site for the new Post and Telegraph Offices at Madras, I am directed to request that His Grace the Governor in Council may be favored with an intimation whether the funds for the erection of the new Post Office and Telegraph Office may be relied on as available in the ensuing year 1879-80—as in the event of the state of the finances still, as in 1876, preventing the Government of India from assigning the funds, the site in question which has been retained unused for three years will be otherwise utilised. I am further to say that a prompt reply will be a valuable favor.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

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Madras P.O.

Then occurs Bruce Castle
a two pinnacled Building
I-for some time at-
tract-spreading Postage
from Jurisdiction —
Consequently the site
Dimensions assumed - a
Discretable Spot on
the appearance of the
Town —

The value apparently
25000 R - is left to
the Provincial Govt —

The reasons for the
Eligibility of the site

do not appear strong
a site convenient to
the central R. O. station
so that the P. O. Vans
of the Madras S. Railway
could be loaded in
the building would
seem to me far better
in the future — The
Ship mails are very
of very little moment
and small —

I believe Bank of
Madras would not
purchase as before
proposed with Exchange
to the Bank on the

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site — and which would
would be of course
except also to antiquities
to them — at a time when
work is slack

I have had the plan
bearing thereon annexed
sent to circulate to
ascertain the views of
Members of Council —
on the point.

Sd/ J.C.

Centre, and with open
the proper site for the
G.P.O. building is on the
cleared ground opposite
the Gen.l Hospital and the
certainly no objection to the
sale of the site &c if the
be effected without serious
loss J.T.C. 7/11

D 7/10

I have never felt any doubt myself that the site on the Central Station is the most suitable one for the General Post Office and for a public building of this description, and the objection against the selection of the Advocate's Garden site, and the Bank building site, on which this site now stands, is indefinitely remote. But if the Madras Bank desire to exchange their site, I should think it a fair one.

The objections raised

for the Ch: & the Hospital site, seem to me to be the distances from the Mercantile centre than the public offices & the Bankers for the Chief Engineer.

Should the Bank property not be found being available when the question arises of appropriating and the Bank site, I should be heartily equally acceptable for the Ch:

I am desired by the Bd. of Revenue to inform the Govt. that in forwarding their opinion in favour of the Advocate's Garden site, they were not aware of the intention of the Bank to abandon their present site, & think that the Govt. should take into consideration the opportunity of buying it from them.

Public Works Department.

No 4077 W

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 19th Oct 78.

~~Read the following~~ :—

Declined

This year seem somewhat strained since the date of Letter of 27 July 1878 Status that present state of finances did not admit of an expenditure for the work — and

Approved & P.C.

12/10

His Grace the Governor in Council has had under reconsideration the question of the site for the new Post and Telegraph Office at Madras, & there seems little prospect of the large sum required for the erection of the buildings being ~~soon~~ made available by the Govt. of India for ~~some time to come~~ at least some time to come. Meanwhile the site which had been selected and partially prepared on the beach remains unutilized, and

the value, which amounts
to a considerable sum,
is locked up and the place
in the town but ~~expensive~~ inconvenient
is not only an expense
~~with~~ ~~difficulty~~;
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The reasons for the
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not at the present time
seem to have such force as formerly it did
A more convenient site
is that which has been
acquired near the Madras
Central Railway Station.
and which possesses unusual
facilities for the receipt
& despatch of mails
in connection both with
the Madras and South
Indian Railways.

If therefore the site
on the beach could be
advantageously disposed
of to the Bank of Madras,
who are understood to be
desirous of erecting thereon
Bank buildings, His Grace
the Governor in Council is

of opinion that it would
be highly expedient to
ascertain whether
(negotiate with) the Bank
are desirous to procure
for the relinquishment to
them of the ground in
that neighbourhood
question, and to bound
be granted for
the new Post and Telegraph
Offices, when the Govt of
India shall be
(are) in a position
to make a grant for the
purpose, in the more con-
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His Grace the Governor in
Council attaches much

importance.

The subject will accordingly be permitted to the Directors General of Post Offices and Telegraphs, through the Govt of India, for an expression of their views as to the provision of funds for the coming year 1879-80

H.C. No 4078 W dy 19 Aug 78

I,
The Secy to the Govt of India
P. W. Deptt

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In forwarding to the Govt of India the accompanying copy of Proceedings of this Govt on the subject of the site for the new Post and Telegraph Offices at Madras, I am directed to request that His Grace the Governor in Council may

intimation whether the funds for the erection of the new P.O. & T.O. may be as required in the current year 1879-80.
as in the event of the state of the finances still as in 1876 Government Govt of S. deem it expedient to provide funds - ~~that Govt will~~
The site in question which has been retained unused for 3 years will be otherwise utilized
And I am desired to say that a prompt ~~to reply~~ reply will be valuable

I have supplied the above in substitution as I think the draft will elicit a decisive answer - and may draw an unfavourable reply by P.O.D - we shall be glad to have it

be favored with an expression of the views of the Directors General of Post Offices and Telegraphs on the question of the relinquishment, to the Bank of Madras, of the present site on the beach and of the adoption of the site to the East of, and immediately adjoining, the Central Station of the Madras Railway.

I am also to enquire what prospect there is of an assignment of funds being shortly made available by the Govt of India for the commencement of the new buildings.

8.9.78. Govt O/10

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