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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

2nd April 1879, No. 1,017 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers :—

No. 38. From the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, dated 13th February 1879.

No. 38-A. Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated 15th March 1879.

Your telegram of seventh January. Funds for Madras Telegraph and Post Office under consideration. Abercrombie site should not be surrendered to Bank. More by post.

No. 38-B. From the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—Military and Civil), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 15th March 1879, No. 34 A—M. and C.

In continuation of a telegram of the 15th March and in reply to your telegram of the 7th January, I am directed to inform you that there is a possibility that funds may be made available for the commencement of the Post and Telegraph Office building at Madras during the year 1879-80, and a further communication will be made to you when the point is finally decided.

2. But, whether funds are made available for expenditure during the coming year or not, I am directed to inform you that the Government of India objects to the surrender of the Abercrombie site to the Madras Bank.

3. It does not appear from the correspondence that the views of the Madras Chamber of Commerce have been ascertained and considered, as suggested by Sir A. Clarke in his telegram of the 13th December 1878 to His Grace the Governor; but as the Abercrombie site is manifestly a far more convenient location for the Post and Telegraph Offices, not only as regards the mercantile community, but also as regards the general public of all classes, the Government officials, and more particularly the health and convenience of the officials of both the departments concerned than the site near the Railway station, the Government of India cannot, in the absence of weighty reasons to the contrary, permit the appropriation of the Abercrombie site to any other purpose.

4. If, as is gathered from your telegram under reply, there is no difficulty anticipated in finding "a suitable and in some respects better site on beach side of the same road at or near the same point as the site hitherto selected" for the Post and Telegraph Offices, the Government of India wishes it to be considered whether such alternative site cannot be made to suit the convenience of the Bank.

No. 38-C. From the Secretary and Treasurer, Madras Bank, dated 17th March 1879.

✓ No. 38-D. Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated 22nd March 1879.

IMPERIAL Buildings and Roads Budget 1879-80 sanctioned for proposed grant, viz., Rupees 8,68,000 plus 1,00,000 for combined Post and Telegraph Offices; total 9,68,000. Detailed orders not yet passed. Incur no outlay on works without estimate.

✓ No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1879, No. 1,017 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Architect, with reference to Government Proceedings of the 8th May 1876, and the 30th October 1876, Nos. 1,138 and 2,917.

2. It will be pointed out to the Government of India that plans and estimates for the building were sanctioned in the spring of 1876, and that there is therefore nothing to prevent the commencement of the work, which Mr. Chisholm should arrange to set in hand forthwith.

(Here enter No. 1,018 W, dated 2nd April 1879.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Consulting Architect.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Chairman, Chamber of Commerce.
" Public Department.
" Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division.
" Supt. Engr. Presd. Circle

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of [1879] Madras,

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The CONSULTING ARCHITECT
&c. &c. &c.

Dated April 2nd

Issued.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 2nd April 1879, No. 1,017 W.

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Nos. 38-39.

New Post and Telegraph Office, Madras.—Correspondence from the Government of India [illegible]

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 1,018 W.

No. 40.

From

The SECRETARY to the GOVT. of MADRAS,
Public Works Department,

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,
Public Works Department.

Telegram, dated 15th March 1879.
Letter No. 34 A—M and C, dated 15th March 1879.
Telegram, dated 22nd March 1879.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge your telegrams and letter noted in the margin, and with reference to the concluding sentence of the telegram dated the 22nd March, to invite attention to Colonel Dickens' letter of the 30th March 1876, No. 105 C.W., in which the sanction of the Government of India was accorded to plans and estimates aggregating Rupees 5,02,202 for a combined Post and Telegraph office at Madras.

2. The further information upon certain points, called for in the same letter, was furnished with docket No. 2,918 of the 30th October 1876. There is therefore no obstacle to the prosecution of the work, the immediate commencement of which has been ordered by this Government.

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

Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

Fort St. George,
2nd April 1879.

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Govt. of (1879) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The SECRETARY to the
GOVERNMENT of INDIA.

Dated April 2nd.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 2nd April 1879, No. 1,018 W.

APRIL.

No. 40.

Affording information on the subject of the new Post and Telegraph [illegible] Madras and stating there [illegible] to the prosecution of the work.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 1,019 W.

No. 41.

From

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS,
Public Works Department,

To

The SECRETARY and TREASURER of the MADRAS BANK.

Sir,—Adverting to previous correspondence, I am directed to inform you that the Government are no longer prepared to relinquish the Abercrombie Battery site, as the Government of India have this year provided funds for the combined Post and Telegraph buildings, which will be at once commenced.

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

Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

Fort St. George,
2nd April 1879.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
~~CIVIL~~ WORKS.

Govt. of (1879) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

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The SECRETARY and TREASURER
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Dated April 2nd.

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No. 41

Intimating that Government do not wish to relinquish the Abercrombie Battery site as the Government of India have provided funds for the commencement of the new Post and Telegraph offices at Madras.

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Chamber of Commerce
Madras 13th February 1879

From

The Chairman,
Chamber of Commerce

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept.

Sir,

I have laid before the members of this Chamber your letter of the 7th ultimo, stating that the site on the Beach which the Madras Government had assigned for the site of the proposed new Post office and Telegraph office is now to be recommended to the Government of India as the site for the new Bank of Madras.

The Chamber have received

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this intimation of the intentions of the local Government with much surprise and regret. Permit me to remind you briefly of the circumstances under which a previous Madras Government consented to make over the site in question for the proposed new Post office and Telegraph office. On a proposition emanating from the Director General of Post offices in 1868, Lord Napier's Government recommended that the new Post office should be erected on a site near the Central Railway Station, on the plea that it was "more central" than the Beach. The Chamber pointed out that the larger portion of the mails came from and went to Black Town,

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and that most of the offices of Government were nearer to the North Beach than to the Central Station; and that consequently both the interests of Government and the mercantile community would be served by having the Post office in Black Town. The Director General of Post offices (15 June 1872) admitted that the arguments of the Chamber had convinced him "of the propriety of reconsidering the question of the Post office site", and, the Directors of the Madras Bank having relinquished, in favor of the Post office, their claim to the site at Abercrombie's Battery (which appears to have been assigned to them in 1871, or three years after the Chamber had recommended the site for the new Post office and Telegraph office) the

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Madras Government on the 4th January 1873 were pleased to pass the following order in the Financial Department —

"As the Directors of the Madras Bank have relinquished the site assigned to them out of the block of land between the Stamp office and the road intervening Abercrombie's Battery, instructions will be issued in the Department of Public Works to the Consulting Architect to frame his design for placing the new General Post Office and the Central Telegraph office on this site."

In accordance with this Order the work of digging the foundations was, the Chamber learn, actively commenced, but was stopped for financial reasons. It may be mentioned also that the usual expense attendant on preparation of

of plans and estimates was incurred.

On the 6th October 1874 the Chamber remarked in a letter to the Post Master General:

"The Chamber think it matter for regret that work on these much needed buildings should have been suspended. I need scarcely remark that the want of more central Post and Telegraph offices is as keenly felt by the mercantile community now as it was when the Chamber addressed the Government on the subject two years ago. The Telegraph is in fact more than ever in use in the conduct of mercantile affairs, while it need hardly be pointed out that there would be some advantage both to Government and the public, in having a General Post Office large enough to accommodate both the Post master and the Post master General of Madras with their respective establishments. "At present two separate buildings have to be rented by the local Government for the accommodation of these two establishments."

The Government of India (25th September 1874) stated in reply to the Chamber suggestion that provision would be made for the new Post Office in next years Budget. On the 8th November 1875 the Chamber again called attention to the delay in commencing the work, when the Government replied (16th November 1875) that one lakh of Rupees for expenditure in 1876-77 had been allotted and that His Excellency the Governor in Council was "not apprehensive that any delay will occur in the prosecution of the work after the 1st April 1876." On the 28th April 1876 the Chamber

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had to complain that though the Government of India had admitted that the new Post office was a "work that is much required" they had struck out the allotment that was to have been expended on it from the Budget. The Government of India however (27th June 1876) regretted that the state of the finances did not admit of an assignment for the work, but added that "as soon as it is possible an allotment will be made for the purpose". It is now stated in your letter under reply that it has been ascertained that there will be no possibility of funds being available for another year or two at the least, and that therefore the Madras Government now propose to hand over the site to the Directors of the Bank of Madras. As regards another site for the Post office it is added that "if the beach is ultimately considered the best site, no difficulty will be found in providing a suitable and in some respects even a better site than that originally proposed, on the other side of the road, either immediately or nearly opposite to it."

The Chamber would submit that no sufficient reason has been advanced in your letter for disturbing a decision with regard to the site of the new Post Office and Telegraph Office which was arrived at after much discussion and deliberation. The Abercrombie's Battery site was selected after it had been conclusively proved to be the most convenient site available both for the Government and the mercantile and trading classes of Madras. In view of the completion

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of the Harbour and the probable increase in the trade of the Port the arguments in favor of a Beach site for the Post and Telegraph offices have been strengthened rather than weakened, and though the Chamber are willing to admit that the Bank of Madras ought also to find a site on the Beach, they cannot allow that that institution which is only of a semi-public character, should have claims to precedence over two important Public Departments like the Post and Telegraph offices. The Chamber see no reason why the Bank of Madras should not have the site which you, in your letter, have been good enough to indicate as being possibly available in the distant future for the Post office and they express this opinion with the greater confidence seeing that there is some reason for doubting whether the Shareholders of the Bank will, in the present depressed state of trade, consent to the Directors building new Premises anywhere, even though the Government should offer them the site which has for so long a period been allotted for one of the most important departments of the public service.

The Chamber observe in the Consulting Architect's letter which forms an enclosure to your letter a proposition for building the Central Telegraph office near the Central Station on a site which he describes as "admirable". In this definition, the Consulting Architect, it may be inferred does not include the consideration

consideration of public convenience. In connection with this subject, the Chamber would beg you to refer to the Proceedings of Government, P.W.D., 25 March 1869 No 321 in which you will observe that the Consulting Architect was informed ten years ago of the practical objections that existed to having the Central Telegraph office so far away from the centre of business. Mr Chisholm then reported: "I met Mr Bailey at the request of Col. Robinson and learnt from the former gentleman that there would be very serious objection to the proposal made in my letter No 304 dated the 13th February 1869, to place "the Telegraph office next the Post office" (i.e. near the Central Station)" and that the revenue derived from the former was in the inverse ratio of the distance of the office from the centre of business.

The Chamber would remark that the argument of the Telegraph authorities has the same force in 1877 as it had in 1867.

In conclusion the Chamber desire me to express their earnest conviction that the public interests will be best served by having the Central Post office and Telegraph office under one building, in a central business part of Black Town on the site in fact which was settled upon after the fullest enquiry and deliberation several years ago; and the Chamber would venture to suggest that as both the new Post and Telegraph office are urgently needed, a commencement may be made with

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them at once by an allotment from Provincial Funds, which the Government of India might reimburse to the Government of Madras when the finances of the Empire are in a more flourishing condition.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt
A Mackenzie
Chairman.

TRAFFIC CODE FORM 4.

INDIAN TELEGRAPH.

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To (Station) Madras			From (Station) Calcutta	
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To (Person) Madras Works			From (Person) Works	

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Your	telegram	of
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Telegraph Master.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SERVICE MESSAGE DESPATCHED BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

FROM Calcutta.	To Madras.
FROM Government of India P.W.D.	To The Secy: to the Govt. of Madras P.W. Dept.

Your telegram of seventh January - Funds for Madras telegraph and post office under consideration - Abercrombie site should not be surrendered to Bank - more by post.

No. 33 $\frac{1}{m.16}$.

Copy forwarded by Post for information.

The 15th March 1879. } Alex. J. Filgate Major R.E.
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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Official

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
ACCOUNT.
Military & civil

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

To
The Secretary to the
Government of Madras
Public works Department
Fort William 15th March 1879

Sir,

In continuation of a telegram of the 13th March, and in reply to your telegram of the 7th January, I am directed to inform you that there is a possibility that funds may be made available for the commencement of the Post and Telegraph Office building at Madras, during the year 1879-80, and a further communication will be made to you when the point is finally decided.—

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3. It does not appear from the correspondence that the views of the Madras Chamber of Commerce have been ascertained and considered, as suggested by Sec of State, in his telegram of the 13th December 1886 His Grace the Governor, but as the Abercrombie site is manifestly a far more convenient location for the Post and Telegraph Offices, not only as regards the mercantile community, but also as regards the general public of all classes, the Government officials and more particularly the health and convenience of the officials of both the departments concerned, than the site near the Railway Station, the Government of India cannot in the absence of weighty reasons to the contrary permit the appropriation of

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant
J. S. Trevor Major Genl R.E.
for Secretary to Govt of India

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„ 4-4-72 „ 894 & 895
„ 12-4-72 „ 955
„ 20-5-72 „ 1345
23-7-72 „ 1753.
„ 8-2-73 „ 428.
„ 10-6-73 „ 1533
„ 21-7-73 „ 1861 A
„ 17-9-73 „ 2307
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„ 6-6-74 „ 1450 & 1451
„ 12-6-74 „ 1644
„ 14-7-74 „ 1889
„ 17-7-74 „ 1924
„ 26-11-74 „ 3298
„ 1-2-75 „ 264 & 265.
„ 3-4-75 „ 885 & 886
„ 2-6-75 „ 1532
„ 16-11-75 „ 3277
„ 20-12-75 „ 3570 & 3571.
„ 8-5-76 „ 1138
„ 12-5-76 „ 1192, 1193 & 1194.
„ 11-7-76 „ 1758
„ 30-10-76 „ 2918
„ 30-1-77 „ 183.
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Madras 17th March 18

The acting Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor, by desire of the Directors of the Bank of Madras, to acknowledge receip of your letter, dated 28th ultimo, and to inform you that they are only waiting the receipt of plans and estimates from Mr. Chisholm, before convening a special meeting of shareholders to consider the propriety of erecting new Bank Premises on the North Beach; and if decided on, no time will be lost in commencing and prosecuting the work.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your obedient servant,

Secretary & Treasurer.

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To (Person) Madras Works.

From (Person) Works.

Imperial buildings and
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Sanctioned for proposed
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Total Rs 68,000. Detailed
orders not yet
passed. Incur no
outlay on works
without estimate.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SERVICE MESSAGE DESPATCHED BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

From Calcutta	To Madras
From The Govt. of India P.W.D.	To The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras P.W.D.

Imperial Buildings and Roads Budget 1879-80 sanctioned for provincial grant is Rs 663,000 plus 100,000 for combined Post and Telegraph Offices. Total Rs 68,000. Detailed orders will get passed. incur no outlay on works without estimates.

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Copy forwarded by Post for information.

The 21st March 1879. D. J. McLean

Dy. ~~Under~~ Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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Letter from the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, dated 13 Feb 1879

FOR ORDERS.

The Chamber are naturally dissatisfied with the postponement of New P.O. & Tel. office —

They say nothing has been done to the site on opposite side of Beach road indicated —

Has it been ascertained whether Bank will or will not build —?

There is no advantage in locking up the ground for the Bank any more than for the P.O. —

Enquire?

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Col. Engr.
[illegible] Secy. to Govt. [illegible]

Hle I concur.
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Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 2nd April 1879.

Read the following :—

No. Letter from Chairman, Chamber of Commerce (d/ 12th February 1879)
Telegram from the Govt. of India (H.C. dated 15th March 79)
Letter from do (No. 34 A/W.C. d/ 15th ")
No. " Secy. & Treasurer, Madras Bank (dated 17th ")
Telegram from do Govt. of India (— 22nd ")

Communicated to the Consulting Architect, with reference to Government proceedings of the 8th May, 1876, and the 30th October, 1876, Nos. 1138 and 2917.

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W.C. No 1018 W d/ 2 April 1879

To,
The Secy. to the Govt. of India

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Letter No 34 A/W6 d/ 15th —
Telegram d/ 22nd —

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The further information upon certain points, called for in the same letter, was furnished with docket No 2918 of the 30th October 1876. There is therefore no obstacle to the prosecution of the work, the immediate commencement of which has been ordered by Government.

Consg. Architect
Exr. P. W. Accts.
Chairman, Chamber of Commerce
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Public Works Deptt.
Supdt. Telegraphs, Madras

Sd/ [illegible] 2-4-79

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1019 W. 2 April 1879 P.W.D.

To,
The Secy: & Treasurer
Madras Bank.

Sir,

Adverting to previous correspondence, I am directed to inform you that the Govt. are no longer prepared to relinquish the Abercrombie site, as the Govt. of India have this year provided funds for the combined post and telegraph buildings, which will be at once commenced.

A.P. 1/4 Despd. 3-4-79

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Govt. of 1879 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Special

To

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Nos. 38-41

New Post & Telegraph Offices, Madras. Correspondence from the Govt of India intimating the capibility of funds being granted for the [illegible] and objecting to the site [illegible] the [illegible] views made [illegible] to the Madras Bank [illegible] to the [illegible] architect

To G. of I.

Affording information on the subject of the new Post & Telegraph Offices at Madras & stating there is no obstacle to the prosecution of the work.

To Govt Madras

Intimating that Govt do not wish to relinquish the Abercrombie Battery site as ~~the~~ the Govt of India have ~~granted~~ funds for the commencement of the new Post & Telegraph Offices