

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

Endorsement of the Public
Public Works Department, dated
19th April 1881 No. 983.

Order thereon 26th April 1881 No. 730

The sum of Rupees 707-
Seven hundred and Seven is
re-allotted from the grant
for petty construction and repair
works in 1881-82.

2. The Accountant General
will place the amount in
question at the disposal of
the Public Works Department.

(True Extract)

C. H. S. M.

Under Secy P.W.D.
for Chief Secretary

To the Public Works Department

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

21st March 1881, No. 770 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 70. From the Superintendent of Works, Presidency, dated 5th March 1881,
No. 4,445.

No. 71. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1881, No. 770 W.

THE estimate, amounting to Rs. 8,710, for constructing an upper-story to the
Government Stationery Office, Madras, is sanctioned.

2. The excess cost of this work over the estimated cost of the tiled-sheds sanc-
tioned in G.O., No. 1,596 W., dated 3rd July 1880, plus the sum already expended on

* Estimate for upper-story ...	rs. 8,710	the latter (viz., Rs. 6,925* in all,) will be
Do. for three tiled-sheds ...	2,960	charged against the estimate for the new
		Post and Telegraph Offices. The balance
		required, Rs. 1,785, will be appropriated
		from the Provincial Reserve of 1881-82,
		on application to be made by the Superin-
		tendent of Works early in April next.
Add amount expended on latter esti-		
mate ...	Difference ... 5,750	
	1,175	
	Total ... 6,925	

3. This sanction has been registered
as Provincial No. 99 B. of 1880-81, and
classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the Superintendent of Works, Presidency, with seven enclosures.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with Abstract Estimate.
" Consulting Architect to Government.
" Public Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1881) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
PRESIDENCY,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 21st

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 21st March 1881, No. 770 W.

MARCH.
Nos. 70-71.

Government Stationery Office, Madras.—
Sanctions, with remarks, the estimate for
constructing an upper-story to the —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

21st April 1881, No. 669.

Stationery.

Read the following papers:—

From J. G. FERRAND, Esq., Superintendent of Stationery, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 30th March 1881, No. 1841 [Current No. 837].

I regret to report the loss of the undermentioned valuable papers by the ravages of white-ants in the store-room of the Stationery Office. The ants appear to have come through the asphalted floor near one of the iron columns supporting the roof of the building. The asphalt appears to have sunk by the weight of the stores or to have worn away: it may not have been laid on thick enough. The papers were not placed on the bare floor but on teak-wood tarred skids:—

	Reams.	Quires.	Sheets.	Value.		
				RS.	A.	P.
Lithographic paper, 360 lb. 54 x 36 inches.	5	12	17	2,278	1	5
Europe Cartridge, 40 lb.	17	4	0	148	5	7
Double Royal, 35 lb.	0	11	0	2	14	7
Total ..				2,429	5	7

I request authority for writing these damaged papers off the accounts, and selling them by public auction.

2. The Lithographic paper, which is the highest priced, has been in store since 1876, and was originally procured from England on the estimate of the Revenue Survey Department; but no demands have been made on this office for it since that time. The Superintendent, Revenue Survey, was asked in this office letter, No. 162, dated 17th May 1877, to take early measures to remove the paper lest it should be seriously damaged, there being no room here for its proper storage; but this officer in reply stated that the paper was not required, and that there was no record in his office of any indent including it. Although, however, no indent was received from him, the paper is understood to have been provided on his estimate as above stated, and there is no doubt that former supplies have been obtained for, and issued to, his office.

3. There are traces of white-ants in other parts of the store-room discovered to-day. A thorough examination will be made and the result reported. The asphalt-ing of the floor will probably have to be entirely renewed, and the wooden fixtures repaired. Meanwhile, iron skids will be used, as far as available, instead of wooden ones, and every expedient within the means of this office employed to keep out the white-ants and save Government property.

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2nd.—That the last proposal to provide additional accommodation for this office by building an upper-story on the store-room* may receive early and favorable consideration and orders given for the execution of the work. The value of the stock dealt with in this office in 1879-80 was upwards of 8 lakhs,† and it seems obviously desirable that secure, suitable, and adequate accommodation should be quickly provided.

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R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Stationery.
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Exd. T. O'onnor.

Govt. of 1881 Madras.
FINANCIAL.

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Order thereon 6th May 1881
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H. C. Rawson Esq. Secy to Govt.
G. Under Secy to Govt.
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Exd. T. O'Connor.

P. W. C. No. 2682
Prof May
Govt. of 1881 Madras.
FINANCIAL.

5. A. C.

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6-5-81

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