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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

28th September 1877, No. 794 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 225. Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 21st September 1877, No. 1,792.

From H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Courtallum, 17th September 1877, No. 66.

BEFORE putting myself in communication with the Travancore Sirkar on the subject of G.O., dated 28th August, No. 505, I have the honor to make the following suggestions :—

2. It appears that the buildings belonging to the British Government in Travancore are situated at Nagercoil, Trevandrum, Quilon, and Alleppy. Mr. Grant informs me that, owing to their remote and inaccessible position as regards Tinnevely, he experiences most difficulty in carrying out and supervising works at the two last-named places, as the subordinate who executes and the superior officer whose duty it is to examine them have to make a long journey over the ghauts when perhaps only some petty, but necessary, repair is involved. On the other hand, Trevandrum and Nagercoil are easily accessible from the south of the Tinnevely District.

3. I have no doubt that the arrangement proposed by Mr. Grant in paragraph 7 of his letter could be made with the Sirkar ; but for more reasons than one I am of opinion that, if practicable, the work should be done by the officers of the British Department Public Works. I would therefore suggest that the District Engineer of Tinnevely should continue to have charge of the works at Trevandrum and Nagercoil, and that those at Quilon and Alleppy should be made over to the District Engineer of Malabar. These two places are easily accessible from British Cochin by backwater, and the work would be but a trifling addition to the duties of the Cochin Range Officer.

4. Should the Government, however, consider it desirable that the work should be undertaken with His Highness' permission by the Chief Engineer of Travancore, it would, I think, be necessary to remunerate him for the extra duties thrown upon him.

FORWARDED with copy of Proceedings of Government, dated 28th August 1877, No. 505, to the Public Works Department for consideration.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

No. 226. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1877, No. 794 W.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council concurs in the suggestion of the Acting Resident in Travancore and Cochin. The District Engineer, Tinnevely, will accordingly arrange for the charge of British works at Nagercovil and Trevandrum, and the District Engineer, Malabar, will attend to those at Quilon and Alleppy.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Political Department.
" District Engineer, Tinnevely.
" " Malabar.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

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CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of 1877: Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September 28th.

Issued

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G. O., 28th September 1877, No. 794 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 225-226.

British Buildings within Travancore.—
Concurs in the suggestion of the Acting
Resident in Travancore and Cochin in regard
to the repairs of the same, and authorizes the
District Engineers concerned to arrange for
taking charge of them.

No. 507.N. Sup^a Sngs' Office b^e Circle
Upper anicut 21st April 1882

From,

Col. J. Beatty R.R.

Sup^a Engineer b^e Circle.

To,

Col. R. H. Sankey b.B.R.R.

Chief Engineer P.W.D.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform
you that the Superintendent of
Post Offices Palamcottah Division
lately brought to the notice of
the Executive Engineer Trinnevelly
the unsafe state of the British
Post Office at Trevandram.

2. Mr. Martin thereupon com-
municated with the Chief Engineer
Travancore Government asking
his opinion. I send you that
officer's reply, from which it
appears that the building in question
is in a dangerous state and should

be

be rebuilt.

3. As Trevandrum is some 50 miles distant from the nearest part of the Tinnevely District, I have the honor to request your permission to my asking the Chief Engineer of the Travancore Government to furnish me with an Estimate for a new building and to his carrying out the work.

It is impossible for Mr Martin from his small Establishment to spare an Overseer to go to Trevandrum for this purpose.

4. It has, I believe, been ordered that this Department is to carry out repairs and construction of Postal Buildings, but I presume that this order cannot refer to the case of buildings at such a distance from British Territory.

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5. A somewhat similar case has occurred at Peermad which is also in Travancore Territory and separated from the British Territory by the Gudalur Ghaut.

The Postal Department has called upon me for an Estimate for a new British Post office to be erected at Peermad and I find it will be very difficult to have this attended to by the Establishment of the Madurai Division; while there is, I understand a Supervisor of the Travancore Public Works Department stationed in that neighbourhood.

I therefore ask permission to have this work also estimated for and carried out through the Chief Engineer, Travancore Government.

6. The only other arrangement that I can suggest is that a

special subordinate should
be appointed to carry out
these works one after the
other.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most obed^t serv^t

L. Beatty - Col. R.R.

Sup^r Engineer C.C.

J. H. C. No. 2549

From

The Sup^r Engineer
6 circle.

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The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

No. 50 T.N.

Dated 21st

Recd. 24th

} April 1882

Encls: 1.

Post offices at Trevan-
draun & Peermoad.

Requests instructions
regarding the construction
of—

No. 2492

Chief Engineer's Office
Trevandrum 14th April 1882

W. H. C.
17/4/82
To,

The Executive Engineer
Tirunelveli

Subject
Trevandrum Post
Office—

In reply to your letter No. 893
of the 14th ulto. on the subject of the
Trevandrum Post office Building, I
have the honor to inform you that, I
have made an inspection of the build-
ing and find it seriously cracked
in several places.

1. It is difficult to ascertain pre-
cisely the cause of these cracks but they
appear generally to be due to the very
bad material the walls of the building
are constructed with viz the ordinary
Trevandrum laterite.

3. I would be inclined to re-
commend the complete reconstruction
of the walls of the building in brickwork
but ~~laterite~~ ^{perhaps} to do so in the name of economy
I think perhaps the difficulty might
be overcome by removing the present
heavy roof covering of flat & pan tiles,
and substituting Mangalore tiles

I would recommend Coconut Cans, but that the slope of the roof is too small for them, the rise being equivalent to $\frac{1}{4}$ of the span. The trusses should be removed and looked to and large and stout sleepers inserted underneath their ends to distribute their weight over the walls.

I send you the accompanying original plan of the building with the position of the cracks marked in pencil. To be returned

Please let me know what you would wish done. I think it would be desirable for the Post office to be removed to another building till the repairs are completed, though I do not anticipate any actual collapse of the building, there is ^{however} some risk and the Postmaster is evidently nervous about the structure.

I have the honor to be

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

C. J. P. S.

Chief Engineer



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No 1039 W

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 27 April 1882

Read the following:—

Letter from the Sup^g Engineer, 6th Circle
No. 50 J. N. dated 21st April 1882.

The British Resident in Travancore will be asked whether the Travancore Government would have any objection to the work in question being carried out by their Chief Engineer.

To The Sup^g Engineer 6th Circle No 1040 W of 27 April 1882.

Recd 28/4/82.

To The British Resident in Travancore

Sir

In forwarding the accompanying copy of a letter from the Sup^g Engineer 6th Circle, I am directed to request that you will be good enough to ascertain whether

+ No 50 J. N. of 21 April 82.

whether the Travancore
Govt would have any
objection to their Chief
Engineer preparing
estimates for new post
office buildings at
Trevandrum and
Peermed, and this
undertaking the works
hereafter on the
estimates being
sanctioned.

Sept 28/1/82.

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