(1) Number of pages -46-
(2) Date of repair 16. 6. 87
(3) Initials of the Referencer

TAMIL NADU ARCHIVES

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Public-works DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 1034..W Press.
B.P. No. Mis.

Dated 5 - 4 - 1883 ~~198~~ .

Not to be folded or roughly handled.

Archives —I 10,006-9 80

1034
1-23

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

7th September 1881, No. 2,219 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 79. Telegrams from the Director-General of Telegraphs, dated 15th and 25th August and 1st September 1881.

No. 80. ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1881, No. 2,219 W.

THE Honorable the Governor in Council accepts the terms on which the telegraph line to Devála is to be erected, under the limited guarantee system, which is described as follows in the letter from the Director-General of Telegraphs, No. 745 C.G., dated 28th June 1881.

2. The Madras Government would guarantee—

(*a.*) Five per cent. per annum interest on the capital cost of the line, apparatus in, and first fitting up of, offices ;
(*b.*) Rs. 15 per annum per mile of wire for line maintenance ;
(*c.*) Twenty per cent. per annum on the cost of apparatus for wear and tear ;
(*d.*) A suitable rent free office building or the rent for one ;

the charges being estimated to amount, as stated by the Director-General of Telegraphs in his telegram of the 15th August, to Rs. 1,800 a year, in addition to free accommodation for the Telegraph Office.

3. Under this arrangement the whole cost of the office, including direction, supervision, accounts, establishment, stationery, &c., would fall on the Telegraph Department which *per contra* would retain any receipts in excess of (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*).

4. The Director-General of Telegraphs has already been requested to expedite the construction of the line, and the Commissioner of the Nílgiris has been asked to report what accommodation can be made available at Devála.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Director-General of Telegraphs.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.
" Public Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1881) Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The DIRECTOR-GENERAL
of TELEGRAPHS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 7th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 7th September 1881, No. 2,219 W.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 79-80.

Erection of Telegraph line to Devála.—Accepts the terms for the —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

12th September 1881, No. 2,254 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers :—

No. 92. From N. A. ROUPELL, Esq., Acting Commissioner, Nílgiris, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, —— September 1881, No. ——.

I HAVE the honor to state that prior to receipt of your official memorandum, No. 392 of the 18th idem, given cover to G.O., No. 1,929 W., of the 5th ultimo, I was in communication with Mr. R. Stanes, Honorary Secretary of the Nílgiri Planters' Association, regarding the accommodation required for a new telegraph office at Devála.

2. Mr. Stanes has forwarded to me with his letter of the 29th ultimo one from Messrs. Parry and Company, who are Agents for a large extent of property close to Devála, and adds, "meanwhile I am trying to get the use of some building for a temporary office."

3. Messrs. Parry and Company state :—"We fear there is no building there that would suit, but we are prepared to grant a site free on which Government can build, or some arrangement might be come to which would permit of our putting up the building and renting it to Government.

"We are anxious to do all we can to further the scheme, and any suggestions made by Government or the Association will have our attention."

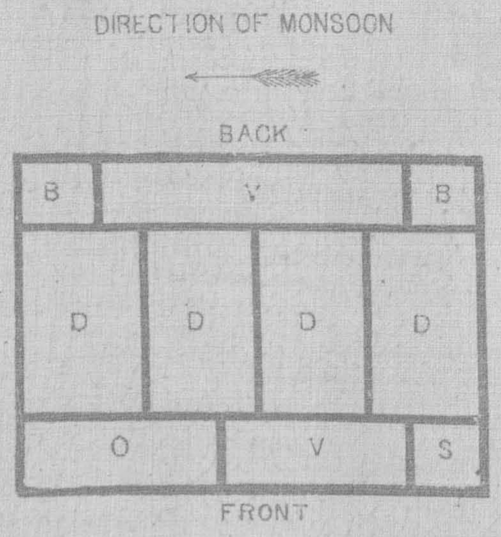
4. I have requested Mr. Stanes to furnish me with a sketch of the site which Messrs. Parry and Company will make over for a telegraph office, which, together with the further communication promised by him, will be submitted to Government with such remarks as may seem necessary.

No. 92-A. Telegram from Director-General of Telegraphs, Simla, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Ootacamund, dated 7th September 1881.

YOUR nineteen words of 5th September 1881. Four rooms 16 by 12, besides bath and battery rooms in verandah, also latrine, cook-room and three servants' houses.

Note by the Chief Engineer.

FROM the telegram of the 7th instant from the Director-General of Telegraphs it would appear that a wooden building with shingle roof on a sufficiently high basement and with spaces arranged somewhat as roughly shown in the marginal plan could be easily run up.

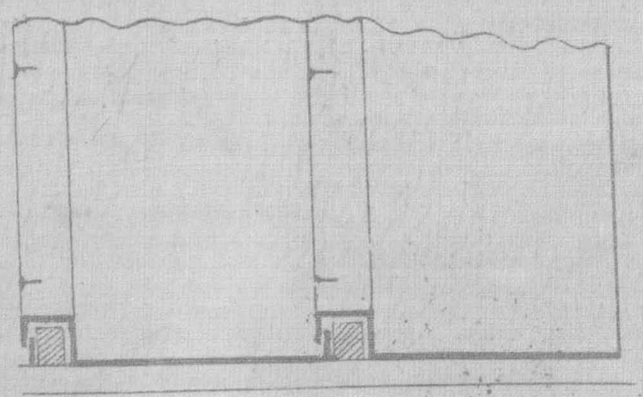


D D	Dwelling rooms, each ...	16′ × 12′
O	Office	20′ × 9′
B B	Bath, each	9′ × 9′
S	Store room	9′ × 9′

2. It is understood that Messrs. Arbuthnot and Company carry on the work of the late firm of Messrs. Massey and Company at Calicut, and if so probably they would be in a position to supply at short notice a building of this character, with cook-room and three servants' houses, each 8 or 9 feet square.

3. If not a building on the same plan could be run up quickly with mud walls and pent-roof, formed either of shingles or planks covered with continuous iron.

4. In using the latter the iron should be cut in strips, running from ridge to eave, on edge, as shown in the margin, being doubled up one inch, and the other as shown in the margin doubled over a 2-inch square batten, to which it is nailed or screwed.



9th September 1881. (Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

No. 93. ORDER THEREON, 12th September, 1881, No. 2,254 W.

THE Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, will take the earliest possible measures for the construction of a telegraph office at Devála on the site which it is understood will be handed over to him by the Commissioner of the Nílgiris.

2. As regards the character of the work he will be guided generally by the Note of the Chief Engineer, to whom a very early report with approximate estimate should be submitted.

3. If adequate supervision should not be forthcoming for the construction of the work by departmental agency, an arrangement should be early made with the President, Local Fund Board, to utilize the agency at his disposal for the purpose.

1034/3

4. Till the building has been constructed either temporary shelter of some kind must be run up or tents thatched in and used for the purpose.

5. The Superintending Engineer will at once report what temporary arrangements of this character can be speediest run up in case no shelter for the telegraph establishment, as it would appear, is immediately available.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.
" Director-General of Telegraphs.
" Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
" Financial Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1881) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
SECOND CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 12th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 12th September 1881, No. 2,254 W.

AUGUST.
Nos. 92-93.

Telegraph Office at Devála.—Orders issued for the construction of a —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

8th October 1881, No. 2474 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 34. From Colonel R. MURRAY, Director-General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 28th September 1881, No. 1383 C/G.

REFERRING to the orders of the Madras Government, No. 2254 W., dated 12th instant, for the construction of a Telegraph Office at Devála, I have the honor to request the favor of your issuing the necessary instructions to the Superintending Engineer to arrange the accommodation for the office according to the annexed sketch, instead of as shown in the papers which accompanied the orders above quoted.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1881, No. 2474 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, who will adopt the plan now sent by the Director-General of Telegraphs in supersession of that which accompanied G.O., No. 2254 W., dated 12th September 1881.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.
" Director-General of Telegraphs.
" Commissioner of Nilgiris.
" Financial Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1881) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
SECOND CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 8th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., *8th October 1881, No. 2474 W.*

OCTOBER.

Nos. 34-35.

Telegraph Office at Devála.—Letter from the Director-General of Telegraphs submitting a revised sketch showing the accommodation to be provided for the —, communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

10th December 1881, No. 3071 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 35. From Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 2nd December 1881, No. 528.

With reference to G.O., No. 2474 W., dated 8th October 1881, I have the honor to forward plans and approximate estimate for the building ordered for the Telegraph Department at Devála, and request that the approval of Government may be obtained for what is being done and that funds may be allotted to the work.

2 Plans.
1 Detailed Estimate.
2 Abstracts.
1 Report.

2. I regret that, owing to the site not being fixed as yet, I fear there is no hope of the building being ready by the end of December 1881 as I hoped. Most of the wood work is ready now and if we had the site the work could be completed in a month or six weeks.

As you are aware the original site selected was not approved of, and Mr. Roupell, the Commissioner, in a letter, No. 20, dated 3rd November 1881, informed me that he was himself going to Devála to settle on and procure a site. I have not as yet heard that anything has been done.

No. 36. Order thereon, 10th December 1881, No. 3071 W.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 10,400, for constructing a Telegraph Office with out-houses at Devála in the Wynaad is sanctioned.

2. A separate application is being made to the Government of India for a re-appropriation of funds to provide for this and other works.

3. This sanction has been registered as Imperial, Other Services, No. 54 W. of 1881-82, and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

4. The very early attention of the Commissioner of the Nílgiris will be called to paragraph 2 of the Superintending Engineer's letter above read in regard to the delay in fixing a site.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, with five Enclosures.
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with duplicate Abstract Estimate.
„ Commissioner of the Nílgiris.
„ Director-General of Telegraphs.
„ Financial Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
Spare Copies.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1881) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FOURTH CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 10th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 10th December 1881, No. 3071 W.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 35-36.

Telegraph Office with out-houses at Devála, Wynaad.—Estimate, amounting to Rs. 10,400, for constructing a —, sanctioned.

1034/6

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

17th March 1882, No. 704 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following paper :—

No. 120. From Colonel R. MURRAY, Director-General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Calcutta, 11th March 1882, No. 5616 C/G.

WITH reference to Madras Government Resolution No. 3071 W. of the 10th December 1881, ordering that the sanction to the estimate for the Devála Telegraph Office buildings should be registered as "Imperial, Other Services," I have the honor to draw your attention to Madras Government Resolution No. 2219 W. of the 7th September 1881, from which you will observe that one of the terms accepted for the construction of the line is that the Madras Government should guarantee "a suitable rent free office building, or the rent of one."

2. Under these circumstances, I would submit that the cost of the building should be debited to a "Provincial" and not to an "Imperial" grant.

No. 121. ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1882, No. 704 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, and the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, who will alter the classification of the estimate sanctioned in G.O., No. 3071 W., dated 10th December 1881, to "Provincial Civil Buildings, Original Works."

2. The allotment of Rs. 10,000 from Imperial Funds sanctioned in G.O., No. 30 W., dated 6th January 1882, on account of this work will be surrendered to the Government of India, and a corresponding sum is appropriated from the Provincial Reserve.

3. The Superintending Engineer will include the amount required for expenditure next official year in his statement of demands under Provincial.

4. The sanction accorded in G.O., No. 3071 W., dated 10th December 1881, will now be registered as Provincial No. 138 W. of 1881-82, in supersession of Imperial No. 54 W. of the same year.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Director-General of Telegraphs.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1882) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FOURTH CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 17th.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 17th March 1882, No. 704 W.

MARCH.

Nos. 120-121.

Devála Telegraph Office buildings.—Letter from the Director-General of Telegraphs in India suggesting that the cost of the — should be debited to a "Provincial" and not to an "Imperial" grant, communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, and Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE 4TH CIRCLE,
Coimbatore, 24th July 1882.

No. 295

1088/7

From,
The Superintending Engineer,
Fourth Circle.

To, The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department

Sir,

I regret much to have to report the following serious defects in the New Telegraph Office at Devala which on the 6th July was inspected by Mr. Traill.

(1) A bad leak in the pantry from bad rivetting.

(2) Do in back verandah from the lower end of an upper sheet having been placed *below* the upper end of the lower sheet.

(3) Leaks from the iron sheeting

of the Verandah not being placed close to the main walls and there being no flashing to prevent leakage.

(4) Planking of Walls not carried up to the iron of the roof.

(5) Floors of the rooms of the main building 2 and 3 inches below level, the Verandah floor and back Verandah laid with a slope inwards instead of outwards.

(6) Tiles of building under-burnt those on the Western Verandah having already nearly all crumbled away.

(7) Doors and Windows badly fitted and most of them stuck with paint. 1034/8

(8) Glazed windows not cleaned but left with putty marks and streaks of paint.

(9) Asphalt flooring in 3 rooms very roughly laid.

(10) Kitchen not provided with steps.

2. This work was sanctioned in G. O No. 3071 W dated 10th December 1891 the building which is of Wood was prepared under Major Fraser's superintendence at Calicut and carted up to Devala where it was erected the work being in charge of Corporal Slaney who had no

no other work to do from February to May, the work was last inspected by Major Fraser at the end of March and was completed in May.

3. Corporal Slaney a young 1st Class Overseer was placed in charge of the work by Major Fraser. I was not aware that this had been done until Corporal Slaney had taken charge. I did not approve of the arrangement but it was too late to have it altered. I however pointed out to Major Fraser the necessity for him to leave full instructions regarding the work.

I

4. I consider that there can be no excuse for Corporal Slaney as regards items 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 and but little as regards No. 3 and 9. Items No. 3 and 4 ought to have been arranged for by the Executive Engineer.

I have called on Corporal Slaney for explanation regarding the bad work and will forward it as soon as received with my recommendations.

5. I regret that owing to the state of the road between Ootacamund and Devala the Executive Engineer has not been able yet to send out any

any one to correct items No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 which are emergent but I hope he will soon be able to do so.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obt. Servant

Lt. Col. R.E.
Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle.

P. W. C. No 5317

From
The Supg Engineer
4th Circle

To
The Chief Engr.
P. W. Departt.
Madras

No 295

Dated 24th }
Despd 24th } July /82
Recd [illegible] }

6014 Edf. 4th Sept 1882

Telegraph office at Devalah -

Reports certain serious defects in the construction of the —

C.A.W.
Await report promised in para. 4. of No 3564 of [illegible] letter.
26.7.82 27.7.82

D.C.I 51.7

(1)

No 228

Chittore
25th July 1882

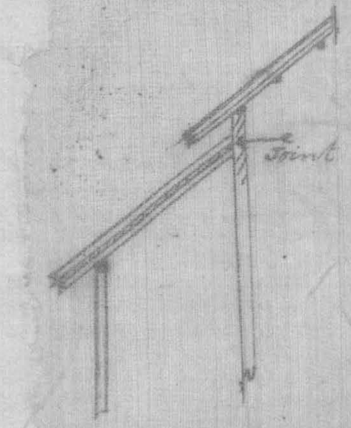
To

The Superintending Engineer
4th Circle

Sir

Availing myself of the opportunity you have been so kind as to afford me in your Memo No $\frac{395}{N.A.}$ I beg to submit the following explanation of the defects reported in the Telegraph Office at Devalla referring to the Report para by para:—

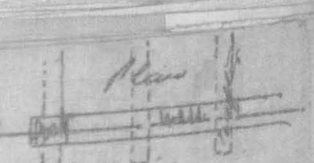
Paras 1 & 2. I beg to state with reference to these two Paras that the greater part of the Corrugated iron sheets were sent to me from Calicut ready rivetted, and the bad workmanship occurred there. I regret that the iron sheet referred to in Para 2 was not detected by me

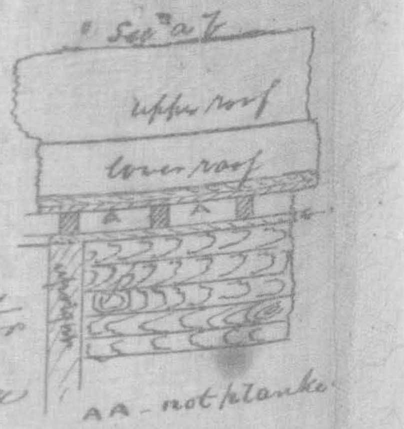


Para 3. The iron sheets were placed as close to the boards as they possibly could be. This would not however ensure perfect contact of the whole end of the sheet with the planking, as the latter were slightly warped from exposure to the sun, and the end of the iron sheet is not a perfect square with its length. No flashing was provided for this nor was any sent me from Calicut. The marginal sketch shews the position of this joint.

Para 4. The planking of the Verandah walls terminates at the bottom of the rafters and no planking was intended above this according to the plan. The rafters rest on cross pieces supported on uprights and there is nothing above

above these cross pieces to fasten planking to The marginal sketch shews the portion not planked.





Paras 5 and 9. I was at Gudaloor attending to some work at the Post Office when the Verandah floors were being finished. The Telegraph Master who had very uncomfortable accomadation in a hallow and was suffering from fever shifted into the office before the Asphalte floor had sufficiently hardened to bear the weight of heavy articles placed on or dragged over it and I had orders to hand over the building as soon as possible. The man who did this work was paid at a rate much below that in the district. On my return from Gudaloor I found the verandah floors sloping inwards but had this rectified and the Telegraph Master who also noticed these defects was satisfied that they had been remidied before taking over the building from me. In raising the Verandah floor on the inner side the level of the floor of the Main Building rooms fell below that of the former—

Para 6. There were three kilns of tiles burnt at Devalla for this work. In one of these I found nearly $\frac{1}{3}$ of the tiles underburnt and had them placed aside. They must have been however surreptitiously taken to the work and utilized during my absence at Gudaloor. The other tiles were well burnt and to the best of my judgement good. The manufacture and roofing with these tiles was given on petty Contract to a native (at 10 Per Cent less than the Estimate Amount) and as he is probably still at Devalla

or

or in Wynaad and with permission I will engage an agent at Devalla at my own cost to see that this man remedies this defect. 1824/12

Para 7. The doors and windows were properly fitted and painted with 3 coats Purple Brown color as per Specification for this work. The Monsoon had set in just before I left Devalla and it is probable that with the wet weather they have had there, that the paint was not quite dry when this report was made. This Office was constructed during the hottest part of the year, and the doors and windows were from 2 to 3 weeks on the way from Calicut: so that the damp at Devalla must have swelled the wood pretty considerably. In a few cases double leaved doors have been placed in close proximity to a partition wall so that one of the leaves could not be turned back further than the partition but this was according to the plan.—

Para 8. The Telegraph Master undertook to clean the glasses of windows &c as there was not a very great number of them and I accepted his offer when tendered, more especially as it was not safe to undertake the work till the paint was dry as in many cases a ladder would have to be placed against the planks which would leave marks and the difference in the color of the window and wall painting might cause [illegible]ly daubing of work.

Para 9. See Para 5

Para 10. No steps were sent to me from Calicut for the Cook house or any of the out offices. I drew the Executive Engineers attention to this during one of his inspections and he ordered me to put up Earthen ramps

a

A Small Stone Step was Eventually placed in front of the Cookhouse it was preferred to the Earthen ramp by the telegraph people. With reference to para 3 I omitted to state that possibly the projecting Eaves were considered a Sufficient protection for the joint from the rain

In Conclusion I beg to state that this was my first work in the Department that I was thrown on my own resources and unable to get the advice of more experienced hands in the Department that I had to deal with a demoralized and indifferent lot of workmen (who had been Employed by the gold mining Companies and allowed to do pretty nearly what they liked) and required Constant looking after. During the feverish months labor was scarce as numbers had left the District. I had it amongst my work people too and to Crown matters took it myself when I had almost finished my work — and I must make this my plea for allowing bad tiles to be used or rather not detecting them when they had been used as also not detecting the Iron sheet referred to in Para 2

I trust therefore that this explanation will prove thus far Satisfactory as to induce you to interpret my Conduct while in Charge of this work somewhat more favourably and I beg that I may be allowed to Shew that my time Spent at Devalla has gained me Sufficient experience to Enable me to discharge the duties pertaining to larger and more Onerous Charges

I beg to Remain
Sir
Your Humble And Obedient
Servant
H Slaney
Overseer D.P.W.

Executive Engineer's Office
Nilgiri Division
Camp Coimbatore 19/8/82.

1024/18

No. 24.

From,
The Executive Engineer
Nilgiri Division

To,
The Superintending Engineer.
IV Circle

Sir,

Enclo. 1 letter

In returning your Endorsement No. $\frac{503}{W.C}$ of the 29th Ultimo on Corporal Slaney's letter No. 228 dated 25th Idem, I have the honor to inform you that no Inspection Report (form A) appears to have been submitted by the Overseer during the time he was employed at Devala.

2. From the Journals received from him, it is found that he visited Gudalur

on 10th February /82 for preparing a requisition for clearing jungle at the Gudalur Post office.

on 11th Do. Returned from Gudalur to Devala

on 29th April /82 visited Gudalur for measuring the work done to the Post office

On

on 30 April }
& 1st May/82 } halted at Gudalur for
measuring the work done to the
Post office.

On 2d May/82 returned from Gudalur to
Devala.

I have &c.

(Signed) C. C. Rawson Captain R.E.
Executive Engineer,
Nilgiri Division.

No. 353.

Encls. 1

True Copy - Forwarded to the Chief Engineer as promised in para 4 of this office letter No. 295 dated 24th July /82.

The Executive Engineer on a reference made to him reports that Corporal Slaney's Journals show that he was at Devala except as follows.

10th February/82 - visited Gudalur
11 — Do — returned to Devala
29th April/82 - visited Gudalur.
30th — Do }
1st May/82 } Halted at Gudalur
2d May/82 - Returned to Devala.

As this is the case it is to be regretted that he should have pleaded absence from Devala as an excuse for bad work.

2 There is no record of Corporal Slaney having brought any of the defects to the notice of the Executive Engineer or that he made any attempt to correct faults in small details as he ought to have done.

1037/14

The Supg: Engineer considers that this young Overseer's explanation is most unsatisfactory and his conduct cannot be passed over. He has no wish however for this young man's prospects to be permanently injured and therefore does not recommend reduction at present. He requests that under para 296 C of the Code that the following may be entered in his Service book.

or para 864?

"Seriously reprimanded for allowing bad work in the Devala Telegraph office and warned that should he allow similar work again in any building or work, without bringing it to notice he will be reduced."

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt servant

Coimbatore
22d Augt 1882.

W.R. Reid Lt: Col: R.E.
Supg: Engineer IV Circle

G.O. 2254 W d/ 12/9/81
" 2474 W d/ 8/10/81
" 3071 W d/ 10/12/81
" 684 E d/ 4/9/82

with S.E.'s recommendation

E
22.8.82

Approved

C.E. No. 5367/5709
28/8/82

Att

No 684 Ed/ 4th Sept 1882

On the Superintending Engr's recommendation, the Chief Engr is disposed to deal leniently with Overseer Slaney's unsatisfactory supervision of the work to the Devala Telegraph office: the first which the overseer has undertaken and agrees to his being reprimanded on the present occasion as suggested by the S.E.

(By Order)

Sd/ Ross Thompson
S.M.O. C.R.

Ag Dy Chf. Engr. P.W.D.

S.E. Fourth Circle
[illegible] Sept 24
only 2578.

From,
The Supg. Engineer
4th Circle -

Dated 22 } August 1882.
Rd 9/..

No. 684 E d/ 4th Sept 1882

No. 353.

Enclo: 1

Telegraph Office, Devala — Forwards in original Corporal Slaney's letter explaining the defects reported in the ~~work~~ of—

with [illegible]
684 Ed [illegible]

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 114.

Read—the following letter from Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Camp, Arcot, 10th November 1882, No. 476:—

One Detailed Estimate.
" Abstract "
" Comparative Statement.
" Report, and
" Specification.

With reference to this office letter No. 295 of 24th July 1882 and subsequent correspondence, I have the honor to forward a revised estimate for Devalah Telegraph Office, amounting to Rs. 13,776; and as the expenditure to end of last year amounted to Rs. 10,252 the balance required for completing the building in this year is Rs. 3,524.

2. The original estimate of the work, amounting to Rs. 10,400, was sanctioned in G.O., No. 3071 W., of 10th December 1881. The work was transferred from Imperial to Provincial in G.O., No. 704 W., of 17th March 1882.

3. All that is now wanted is sanction to the revised estimate. Funds to meet this year's expenditure will probably be available shortly by surrenders anticipated on works in the North Arcot Division.

No. 115.

Order—dated 18th November 1882, No. 3056 W., Public Works.

The revised estimate, amounting to Rs. 13,776, for erecting a planked Telegraph Office with out-houses at Devalah in the Nílgiri Division, is sanctioned.

2. The excess, Rs. 3,376, over the original estimate for Rs. 10,400, sanctioned in G.O., No. 3071 W., dated 10th December 1881, is explained in the comparative statement and report which accompany the Superintending Engineer's letter read above.

3. Rs. 10,252 have been spent on this work up to end of last year, leaving a balance of Rs. 3,524 to be provided for. The Superintending Engineer will submit for early sanction an application, in the usual form, for transfer of funds at his disposal to meet the expenditure that will be incurred during the current official year.

4. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 162 W. of 1882-83 and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works. It cancels Provincial No. 138 W. of 1881-82.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, with four enclosures.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with Abstract Estimate.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1882} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 18th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 18th Nov. 1882, No. 3056 W.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 114-115.

Telegraph Office at Devalah.

The revised estimate amounting to Rs. 13,776 for erecting a planked —, sanctioned.

R. No. 656 of 29.11.82

Reference to Madras P. W. Code.
Chapter IX.—Para. 1137.

No. 1386 D of 28th Novr/82

To C

This should come through you.

27.11.82

D. W.

Recd 1.12.82

No. 727 D/30.11.82
Enc One

To
W.

Herewith returned duly endorsed.

C
30/11

G.O. 3071 W 10.12.82
" 704 A.W 17.3.82
" 3056 W 18.11.82

30/11

29 NOV 82
EXAMINER P. W. ACCOUNTS

W. C. No. 8014
~~8780~~

P. W. D. MADRAS.
Form No. M 46.

Branch Roads & Buildings
Class of Division North arcot & Nilgiri
Division Provincial
Fund Provincial

Application for a Re-appropriation of Budget Grants.

No. 488 dated 23d Novr/82

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer P.W. Department for sanction if approved.

F. Beatty. Col. R.E.
Supg. Engr. IV circle

No. 3244 W dated 8th Decr/82

Sanctioned and ~~Registered in this Office as~~ the balance of unused Rs 1326 credited to the Reserve with Government under Civil Buildings Original Works.
~~No. dated~~

7.12.82

D. W.

S. E. Fifth Circle w. desp. 9-12-82 per P.S.M. for note & return

CH 7/12

APPLICATION TO THE Chief Engineer P.W.D. FOR A RE-APPROPRIATION OF BUDGET GRANT.

PROPOSED NEW GRANT.

Departmental and Service Head.	Item No. of Budget.	Works.	Amount of Estimate.	Outlay to end of previous year.	Original grant for current year.	Existing grant for current year.	Proposed increase.	Grant as now proposed.
			RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Provincial Service Original Work Civil Buildings		Telegraph office at Devalah	13776	10252	..	..	(b) 3524	3524

PROPOSED REDUCTION.

Departmental and Service Head.	Item No. of Budget.	Works.	Amount of Estimate.	Outlay to end of previous year.	Original grant for current year.	Existing grant for current year.	Proposed reduction.	Amount at which grant for work will stand after reduction.
			RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Provincial Service Original Works Civil Buildings	1	Altering and Improving the Taluq Cutcherry at Chendraghery	4850	..	4850	4850	(a)	

EXPLANATION OF NECESSITY FOR RE-APPROPRIATION.

(a) Work ordered to be stopped pending a decision as to locating the Cutcherry in the Palace. Vide Chief Engineer's No 1369C of 19 July 1882.
(b) Rs 3524 are required for completing Devalah Telegraph Office Vide this Office letter No 476 of [illegible]

J. Beatty. Col. R.E.
Signature.
Executive Engineer [illegible]

Endorsement No 60
dated 30th November/82

102

The transfer proposed may be sanctioned by the Local Government —

O. C. Gordon

Examiner P.W. Accts

Mu
30/11

G.H.
30/11

No. 6913.

1034/19

From

The Chief Superintendent
Government Telegraphs
Madras Division

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Madras.

Madras the 9th of March 1883.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the building supplied under the guarantee for a telegraph Office at Devala leaked so badly during last monsoon as to be hardly habitable.

2 This was reported to the Executive Engineer Nilgiri Division in July last but owing to the heavy rains and bad state of the roads he was then unable to do any thing in the matter.

3 In September I personally visited Devala in company with the Executive Engineer and he there gave the orders for the necessary repairs.

4. On the 24th January last I brought to the notice of the Executive Engineer that nothing had yet been done and on the 30th of

that month he replied that a revised Estimate was recently sanctioned and that the work has been given out on Contract -

5 Up to date I am informed that the repairs have not been commenced - The monsoon is approaching, when the Signallers will again be unable to live in the building and valuable instruments will be exposed to damage - I shall be much obliged if you will give orders for the building to be put in thorough repair without delay -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt Servant

J. V. Luke
Chief Superintendent
Government Telegraphs
Madras Division

J.J.

Madras
12th March/83

No. 585 C

Referred to the Superintending Engr. 4 Circle for early attention and report.

R. W. Lankey
Col. R.E.
Chief Engineer P.W. Deptt.

No. 158
R.I.

L. B.
D/ 12d March/83

To The Supty. Engr. 4 Circle
in original to be returned.

P.W.C. No. 2133

From

The Chief Superintendent
of Telegraphs
Madras Division

13 MAR 83
P.W.D.

Lxe. 1/134/83
S.E. IV

To The Secretary
to Government
P.W.D.

Dated 9 March/83.

Reco. 10/3/83 No. 6913

2777/E

Index No.

Abstract

Precis.

Requests to give orders, for the Tel. Building at Devala, to be put in thorough repair, without delay owing to the approach of monsoon

Referred

No. 441

Nilgiri Division Office
Ootacamund 28 March 1883

1024/21

From

The Executive Engineer
Nilgiri Division

To

The Superintending Engineer
4th Circle

Sir,

With reference to your No. 48 C/W.I. of the 22nd Instant I have the honor to state that the work of repairs to the Telegraph building at Devalah has been given out on Contract to Mr. H. V. Ryan who ordered the necessary tiles, paints, &c some time ago and is in hopes of completing the work by the close of the official year.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt.

Appd.

Executive Engineer Nilgiri Dn.

31 MAR 83

From

The Executive Engineer

Nilgiri Division

Case 1/134/83
5 C II

P.W. [illegible]
1119/83

No. 441

Dated 28-3-83

Received

Enclosures 0

Devalah Telegraph Office — informs him that the work of repairs to the — has been given out on contract to Mr H. V. Ryan who ordered the tiles paints &c some time ago and he hopes of completing the work by the close of the official year.

Supg. Engineer's Office 4th Circle,
Coimbatore 31st March 1883,

No. 134

1034/22

From,

The Superintending Engineer,
Fourth Circle.

To,

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department.

Sir,

Enclosures
2
1 Original letter No: 441 of 28-3-83
1 Endorsement No. 585 C of 12-3-83 (Returned)

With reference to your endorsement No. 585 C of 12th instant I have the honor to forward for your information a letter from the Executive Engineer, Nilgiri Division; and to state that from the enquiries I have made I have reason to believe that the contractor who has in hand the repairs of the Devalah Telegraph building is a reliable person, and will not fail to complete them at the earliest possible date. I have, however, requested the Executive Engineer to urge him to make all the haste he can.

I

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obt. Servant

L. Beatty · Colonel R.E
Supg. Engineer 4th Circle

2254 W + 12.9.81.
2474 W 8.10.81
3091 W 10.12.81
304 W. 17.3.82
684 E - 4-9.82
3056 W. 18.11.82
3244 W. 8.12.82

11.4.30 BIII ✓

From
The Supg. Engineer,
Fourth Circle.

1754 W

No. 1034 W d/5th April/83

No. 1034 W d/5-4-83

Recorded

J 2/4

Rtt
2/4/83

Dated 31st
Despd. Do. } March 1883.

No. 134

Enc: 2.

Devala Telegraph Office

States that the Executive Engineer has been requested to hasten the completion of the —— as early as possible

With order
Settd. in Receipt Regr.