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P-w. DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers :—

From Messrs. PARRY AND Co. and others, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 6th November 1883.

As we learn that there is a proposal before Government to convert the piece of land on the First Line Beach, now used by the Commissariat as a water-shed, and situated between the offices of Messrs. Parry and Company and the Scotch Mission, into a large stable for the use of the new Postal and Telegraphic offices, we, the undersigned, beg to enter our protest against the same as destructive, not only of the value of property, but of the health of a large portion of the neighbourhood.

We had, some years ago, only Kelly's chimney pouring out its contaminating abomination, a nuisance now somewhat mitigated but still a scandal; next came the storing of harbour work blocks, which were speedily utilized as a latrine by all the coolies about the place, and lastly was added the mule stables.

The result has been that the Scotch Mission has ceased to be available as a residence, and that the sea-breeze, instead of bringing health into the town, now enters contaminated, not only by the horrors of Kelly's chimney, but by the abominable exhalations from the mule stables and excreta deposited near the harbour blocks. Under these circumstances, we think, we do not ask too much when we desire that a large stable should not be placed in our midst to intensify the injury.

No. 2143, Public.

Referred to the Public Works Department for early remarks.

9th November 1883.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

From Major J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., Officiating Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 15th November 1883, No. 1033.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 2185 C., dated 13th November 1883, on Messrs. Parry and Company's letter (herewith returned), in which they protest against the proposal to convert the land near their office into a stable for the Post office, I have the honor to report that, in my humble opinion, there is good ground for the protest.

2. The enclosed tracing shows that the proposed site for the stables is on the Beach Road, facing the sea, and between Messrs. Parry's office and the Scotch Mission school. It has a frontage of 100 feet and is 185 feet deep, and would be a very suitable site for some Government office or public building. The ambulance stables are there now, but their nuisance is small compared to what the proposed Postal stables would cause.

3. In the event of your considering the proposed site objectionable, I have the honor to suggest another site for the Post office stables. A site might be acquired, marked A on the accompanying tracing. If forcibly acquired under the Act, I estimate it will probably require Rs. 25,000 to obtain it, as it holds some poor buildings. Failing this site, there is an unoccupied site, marked B, known as Mofuskhan's gardens, to acquire which in a similar way will, I estimate, cost Rs. 10,000. But B is 850 yards from the Post office while A is 100 yards.

4. If the stables be built on the present objected to site, Rs. 12,000 will have to be expended in re-erecting the ambulance stables and "Seven Wells" water-tank elsewhere. This expenditure will be saved as long as the ambulance stables are left where they are.

Memorandum by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 30th November 1883.

ORDER—dated 3rd December 1883, No. 3464 W., Public Works.

The Government accept the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, and resolve to refer the question of a site for the Post office stables to a Committee composed of the following officers:—

President.

The Sanitary Commissioner.

Members.

The Consulting Architect to Government.

The Presidency Postmaster (with the consent of the Postmaster-General).

2. The Committee will be requested to submit the result of their inquiries as early as practicable.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Public Department.
" Postmaster-General.
" Consulting Architect to Government.
" Military Department.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated December, 3rd.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 3rd Dec. 1883, No. 3464 W.

DECEMBER.

Post Office Stables

Appointing a Committee to select a site
for — at Madras.

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Madras 6 November 1883.

To
The Chief Secretary,
Government.

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We had some years ago only Kelly's Chimney pouring out its contaminating abomination, a nuisance now somewhat mitigated but still a scandal, next came the storing of Harbour Work Blocks, which were speedily utilised as a latrine by all the coolies about the place, and lastly

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We have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

James
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Have this paper sheet
be returned with report.

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be returned with reply

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No 2185C

Chepauk
13th Nov/83

P. W. C. No 99
Public (1883) Sept 10248

Forwarded to the
Consulting Architect to
Government, for any re-
marks he may wish to
offer -

Very early return requested

(Provision)

C. Unwin
By Ch. Engr W. D.

From

Messrs Parry & Co
and others

Recd 10/11/83 No.

Dated 6th 3 Nov/83

Received 7th

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Protesting against
the proposal to convert
the land situated between
Messrs Parry & Co and the
Scotch mission into a
stable for the use of the
new Postal & Telegraph
offices -

Forwarded

P. W. D.

Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
15th November 1883.

No. 1033

From

The Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras.

To

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

In,

Enclosures.

1 Tracing
1 Letter

With reference to your endorsement No 2185C
dated 13th November 1883 and Messrs Parry & Co's letter
(herewith returned) in which they protest against
the proposal to convert the land near their Office
into a stable for the Post Office I have the honor
to report that in my humble opinion there is good
ground for the protest.

2 The enclosed tracing shows that the proposed
site for the Stables on the Beach Road facing
the Sea and between Parry's Office and the Scotch
Mission School. It has a frontage of 100 feet and
is 100 feet deep, and would be a very suitable site
for some Government Office or public building.

The Ambulance stables are there now but their nuisance is small compared to what the proposed Postal stables would cause.

3. In the event of your considering the proposed site objectionable I have the honor to suggest another site for the Post office stables. A site might be acquired marked A on the accompanying tracing. If forcibly acquired under the Act, I estimate it will probably require Rs 25,000 to obtain it as it holds some poor buildings. Failing this site there is an unoccupied site marked B known as Mapuskhani Gardens to acquire which in a similar way will I estimate cost Rs 10,000. But B is 800 yards from the Post office while A is 100 yards.

4. If the stables be built on the present objected to site Rs 12,000 will have to be expended in erecting the Ambulance stables and "seven walls" Water Tank elsewhere. This expenditure will be saved as long as the Ambulance Stables are

are left where they are.

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your most obedt. servant.

John Morant Major R.E.

Offg. Comdg. Archt. to Govt. of India

No 24298 Chepauk
C.A. 17th Nov/83

With reference to your memo
to please let me know how you
arrange at Rs. 12000 as the amount
required for re-erecting the Ambulance
stables. The sanctioned estimate
is only Rs. 5380.

No. 1046

D. W.

The site protested against contains
not only the Ambulance Stables, but
also a large reservoir of water from
the "Seven wells" which feeds the
Fort. The Divisional General in
agreeing to give up the site did so
on the condition that the Ambulance
Stables be re-erected elsewhere.

The Executive Engineer, Presidency
Division insists that the Reservoir
should also be replaced by another.

Cost of re-erecting Ambulance
Stables... 5380.

Cost of - do - Cistern - 6620

Total Rs 12,000

G. A.
17/11/83 - C. A.

No. 982 C.A. 18.5.83

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P. W. D.

Roads and Buildings.

From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No. 1033

Dated 16 November 1883

Received

No. of ENCLOSURES. do

Subject.

Regarding the protest against
site for Post Office Stables.

GOVT.
OF MADRAS. 188

P. W.
DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Chepauk,

29th Novth 1883.

OFFICE NOTE.

To W.

Post Office Stables.

A site is required for these
building, and in May last
it was proposed to take over
for the purpose the plot of
ground on North Road adjoining
Messrs Parry & Co's premises, now
utilized for Ambulance sheds &
stables & in part a store yard
of the Engineer's Presidency.

The Commissioner of the
to give up their ground if proper
accommodation was provided.
in line thereof alongside the
mule stables on beach. For this
purpose an estimate of Rs. 5540
was prepared & received approval.

In the yard of the Engineer's
Division, there is a large cistern
of "seven wells" water which had
to be taken down & rebuilt
when at a cost of some Rs. 6000.

The estimate for the new stables
has not yet been submitted.

However Messrs Parry & Co & the
occupants of Offices in the vicinity

have now protested most strongly
against our utilizing this site
in the manner proposed.

Consulting Architect considers there
is good ground for the objections
raised, and proposes two alternative
sites. One of these will probably
cost Rs. 25,000, the other, less
convenient to some more remote, will
cost probably Rs. 10,000.

On the other hand there will be
saved Rs. 12,000 the cost of new
ambulance stables & of new cistern.

I on this objection to major
bursant's proposals that we abandon
the first site selected on account
of its proximity to the office of
Messrs Parry & Co & others, but
hope the nuisance done in the
midst of a probably crowded
locality.

The question is not one of
selection. Whichever way we turn
there will be objections.

C.A. points out that the site
near Parry & Co's will be a very
suitable one for any future Public
Building. This seems a strong point
against erecting the stables there.

C.A.W.

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I this morning inspected,
with the C.A., the various
sites which have been suggested
for the P.O. Stables.

The objections raised against
the site near Parry & Co's office
is I think valid, — but it
is by no means easy to name
a site free from objection.

So many points require to be
considered in the matter that
I think it would be advisable
to appoint a Committee to
report on the most suitable
site for the stables. Such
Committee might be composed of
the Sanitary Commissioner
as President, and the C.A.
and Postmaster of Madras
as members.

Please have necessary
disposal drafted accordingly
— also the necessary reply
to the Chief Secretary
Reference W. 2143.
9-11-83.

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30-11-83

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P.W.D.

Memorandum by the Ch. Engr. P.W.D.

The Chief Engineer
having, in company with
the Consulting Architect
to Govt., inspected the
various sites which have
been suggested for the
Post Office Stables,
is of opinion that
the objections raised
against the site be-
tween Messrs Parry &
Co's office & the Grant
School are valid, but
that it is by no means
easy to name a site
free from objection.

So many points
require to be considered
in the matter that

have now published most strongly 21 A. F. ...

The undersigned would
recommend ~~the~~
the appointment of a
Committee to report on
the most suitable site
for the Stables - Such
Committee might be
composed of the Sanitary
Commissioner as President
& the Consulting Architect
the President
& Portmaster as members.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 3rd Dec 1883

Read the following

From Messrs Parry & Co. dated 6 Nov 1883.
Sd/- Public Works No 2143 79 - - -
From the Comr. Amst. to Govt - 10330 15 - - -
Memo for the Ch. Engr. P.W.D. dated 30 - - -

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The Presiding Postmaster
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To the Public Dept

Post Master Genl

Comm. Agric. & Mech. Inds.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

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