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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.  
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper:—

Office Note from the Officiating Consulting Architect to Government, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 21st June 1884, No. 469.

Paragraph 2 of Public Works G.O., No. 1261 W., dated 19th May 1884, directs.

“The Consulting Architect will, in communication with the Commissary-General, frame the estimates for new mule stables.”

In obedience with this I placed myself in communication with the Commissary-General, and obtained from him and other sources nearly all the requisite information for framing the estimate, which is almost complete. But this work is foreign to all my other work and this office has, as a rule, no dealings with the Military Department. If this office carries out the above order and builds the lines they will by and bye have to be added to and extended in the usual routine by the Presidency Engineer's Department. Under these circumstances it occurred to me to consult Colonel Burton, R.E., who kindly informs me he has no objection to undertake the work. I beg, therefore, permission to transfer all the papers connected with the commissariat mule lines to Colonel Burton, R.E., for disposal by his office.

(Signed) J. L. L. MORANT, Major, R.E.,  
Officiating Consulting Architect to Government.

ORDER—dated 27th June 1884, No. 1623 W., Public Works.

The proposal to intrust to the Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, the construction of the new mule stables on the Pudupet maidan is approved. The cost will, however, be charged in transfer against the new Post Office.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Architect to Government.  
" Superintending Engineer, V Circle.  
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.  
" Military Department.

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Dated June, 27th.

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G.O., 27th June 1884, No. 1623 W.

JUNE.

New Mule Stables

The construction of the — on the Pudupet maidan, Madras, intrusted to the Executive Engineer, Presidency Division; the cost, however, being charged in transfer against the new Post Office.

19TH MAY 1884, No. 1261 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.  
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers:—

Remarks of the Committee appointed under G.O., No. 3464 W., Public Works, dated 3rd December 1883.

In pursuance of G.O., dated 3rd December 1883, No. 3464 W., Public Works, the committee therein nominated met on 21st January 1884.

The different sites alluded to in the Consulting Architect's letter were inspected,

viz.:—

1. The proposed site on beach road near Messrs. Parry and Co's office.
2. The site marked A.
3. The site marked B known as Mofuskhan's gardens, and C close to Post and Telegraph offices.
4. The present mule stables.

The committee are of opinion that Messrs. Parry and Co's objection to having a stable located just under their office and the neighbouring school is a valid one and should, if possible, be respected.

The site marked A is, on inquiry, found likely to entail a much greater outlay than the amount mentioned in the Consulting Architect's letter, viz., Rs. 25,000; it would more nearly approach 75,000.

But a small piece of ground not alluded to in the paper, close by the Post office marked C might be acquired for (Rs. 3,000 ?) and on it suitable stables might be erected for the officials only. The stabling for the service horses to be placed on the piece of ground called Mofuskhan's garden. The two would cost, including building, about Rs. 47,000.

Then there remains the present mule stables which come under consideration because the Executive Engineer, a member, informs the committee that he is in want of space for 500 mules, and that it will be necessary considerably to enlarge the present building. As Messrs. Parry and Co. already object to the comparatively small establishment, their objection to 500 would, of course, be much stronger. It will probably therefore be necessary presently to erect stables for mules in some other locality, and the present stables would have either to be pulled down or utilized in some other way. Why not convert them at once into stables for the Post office? The cost would be, including accommodation for the horses and carriages of officials, about Rs. 22,000, a probable saving of Rs. 25,000 to Government and their proximity to the Post office makes the site a desirable one.

Convenience and economy are on the side of converting the present mules stables into Post office stables. Against this it is urged that as the Harbour and Port of Madras become developed it is not probable that stables will be allowed to occupy such a site, the land will be wanted for more important buildings. This is a point Government would probably be able to decide better than the present committee.

The choice seems therefore to lie between Mofuskhan's garden and the present mule lines. In Appendices X and Y attached are given the approximate cost of each site, and a tracing showing the different localities accompanies this report.

MADRAS, (Signed) M. C. FURNELL, M.D., F.R.C.S.,  
29th January 1884. Sanitary Commissioner.  
( „ ) J. L. L. MORANT, Major, R.E.,  
Offg. Consulting Architect.  
( „ ) S. SULLEN,  
Presidency Postmaster.

As there appears to be no probability of Government allowing any large extension of the present mules stables now capable of containing 75 mules, &c., and as the Commissariat and Quartermaster-General's Departments require much larger accommodation so as to contain in addition to the above, 144 bullocks, 59 carts, 4 dhoolies, 20 trollies, 169 cattle attendants and families, 1 gram boiling shed and other buildings, I am of opinion there is no choice in the matter but for these mule stables to be either pulled down, or handed over to the Post office authorities for whose purposes they are apparently very suitable and can be adapted.

The early selection of a new site for Commissariat cattle lines elsewhere will then be necessary.

(Signed) W. H. BURTON, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,  
Executive Engineer, Presidency Division.

No. 375 C., Public Works.

Referred to the Military Department, for favor of information whether His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Government have any objection to the proposal to convert the mule lines on the beach into Post office stables.

CHEPÂK, (Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,  
16th February 1884. Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 791, Military.

Referred to the Commissary-General for report through His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief (Quartermaster-General's Department).

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE, (Signed) A. R. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lieut.-Col.,  
18th February 1884. Offg. Secretary to Government.

From Colonel B. H. W. MAGRATH, Commissary-General, to the Quartermaster-General, Ootacamund, dated Madras, 28th March 1884, No. 7926.

The committee appointed in G.O., No. 3464 of 3rd December 1883, to select a site for the Post office stables at Madras advocate the conversion of the present mule lines for that purpose, on the grounds of economy and convenience, and as their recommendation will probably meet with the approval of Government, I have the honor to enclose, for submission to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, a sketch of some Government land on which I believe it would, from every point of view, be most advantageous to locate the transport establishment of this district.

2. For many years this question has been cropping up but no definite solution has ever been arrived at.

3. Originally it was intended to make lines for all the cattle and their attendants at Washermanpettah: plans and estimates were prepared by the Public Works Department, but that fell through.

4. Subsequently Government sanctioned the erection of the present mule lines, and it was intended to concentrate all the transport in the same place: this scheme has also fallen through.

5. Nothing can be more unsatisfactory than the state of affairs now; the draught bullocks with their carts and attendants are at Washermanpettah where the transport officer cannot exercise a proper supervision over them; the mules are on the beach, but their attendants live two miles away; the non-commissioned officer who should superintend the feeding of all the cattle daily cannot do so as the two lines are so far apart; the bullocks have on an average to go three miles to their work and after their work is over have to return the same distance, thus entailing much additional labor which the cattle should be spared; it is impossible to comply promptly with emergent requisitions the cattle lines being so far away from indenting officers; in fact, there can be no method, no supervision and no economy, as long as the transport cattle are kept where they are.

6. His Excellency will see by a reference to the plan that the land required by this department for mule, bullock and attendant lines is but a small corner, the alienation of which for this purpose cannot injuriously interfere with any one.

7. The situation is very central and in every respect the best available in Madras; it is a mile closer to the Fort than Washermanpettah, and nearly five miles closer to the Bakery, St. Thomas' Mount, Pallavaram and Poonamallee; it is further from the Commissariat stores where transport cattle have a good deal of work, but even this one drawback will cease if my suggestion of moving the office of the Executive Commissariat officer, Madras, into the Fort is carried out.

8. I trust His Excellency will be pleased to apply to Government for this land and that he will be good enough to use his influence to have the lines erected as soon as possible.

From Colonel B. H. W. MAGRATH, Commissary-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 21st February 1884, No. 2662 T.B. (through the Quartermaster-General).

In returning the proceedings of a committee appointed to select a site for the stables of the new Post office, referred for report under your endorsement, No. 791, dated 18th February 1884, I have the honor to state, with reference to the proposal therein made, that, with the following provisos, there is no objection to the present mule stables being surrendered for that purpose.

2. In appendix Y, it is estimated that a sum of Rs. 14,000 would be sufficient to erect similar mule stables elsewhere. This estimate will require confirmation when the new site has been selected.

3. An estimate of about Rs. 81,770 has been sanctioned by Government for the erection of stables and quarters for animals and attendants as per margin, and plans have been submitted by the Chief Engineer, and approved of by this office, for their construction; the site of the new mule lines should therefore be chosen so as to admit of the proposed additions being carried out when funds are allotted. The committee have been misinformed that extra accommodation is required for 500 more mules; such is not the case.

4. The present mule stables cannot be given up until the proposed stables in their stead have been actually built upon an approved site. For if they were given up now there would be no shelter for the mules while new stables were under construction, and it is more than likely that there would be considerable delay in even allotting funds for the purpose.

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Forwarded, with the suggestion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief that, whatever amount may be required for new stabling for mules of the transport department be provided from funds which are available from the grant for the Post office buildings, the present mule stabling in the beach being made over for Post office purposes when the new ones are completed.

2. The cost of acquiring a site for the new mule stables, &c., should likewise be met from the grant for the Post office buildings, the site originally set apart for these stables being now required for Post office purposes.

3. A letter, No. 7926, dated 23th instant, from the Commissary-General on the subject of a site for the new stabling, &c., is herewith forwarded for the consideration of Government.

(By Order.)

Ootacamund,  
1st April 1884.

(Signed) R. C. STEWART, Brigadier-General,  
Quartermaster-General.

## No. 1685, Military.

Transferred to the Public Works Department and the referred papers returned.

The Government in the Military Department have no objection to the arrangement, provided the expenditure already incurred on the present mule stables be written back to Military.

2. The site proposed by the Commissary-General for cover for the whole of the Military transport located at Madras is approved.

(By Order.)

Fort St. George,  
8th April 1884.

(Signed) A. R. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lieut.-Col.,  
Offg. Secretary to Government.

From W. R. CORNISH, Esq., F.R.C.S., C.I.E., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 7th May 1884, No. O-47.

With reference to your letter, No. 86 E., dated the 5th instant, I have the honor to inform you that in my opinion the site proposed for the erection of stables for the Commissariat mules on the Pudupet maidan will not inconvenience the new ophthalmic hospital, if arrangements are made for proper conservancy.

2. The plan is herewith returned as requested.

ORDER—dated 19th May 1884, No. 1261 W., Public Works.

After careful consideration of the various proposals which have been made for providing the requisite stabling accommodation in connection with the new Post office at Madras, the Government are of opinion that the present Commissariat mule stables on the beach should be availed of, other accommodation being provided from Postal funds for the Commissariat mules on the Pudupet maidan the property of Government. The Surgeon-General is of opinion that the proposed site on the Pudupet plain will be unobjectionable so far as the new ophthalmic hospital in the same locality is concerned, provided arrangements are made for proper conservancy.

2. The Consulting Architect to Government will now, in communication with the Commissary-General, frame the requisite estimates for new mule stables, the cost of which should be added to separate estimates which should be drawn up for adapting the existing mule stables for Postal purposes.

3. The new mule stables should first be taken in hand, and, on their completion, the stables on the beach will be vacated and the requisite alterations to them carried out.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,  
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

to the Consulting Architect to Government, with plans and estimates.  
" Superintending Engineer, V Circle.  
" Military Department.  
" Financial  
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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Dated May, 19th.

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G.O., 19th May 1884, No. 1261 W.

MAY.

Stables

Estimates called for for adapting the present Commissariat mule stables on the beach as — for the new Post office, Madras; and for building fresh ones for the mules on the Pudupet maidan.

G. O. No 1261 W. 27/19 May 1884

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21 June 1884  
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