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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

P. W. DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers :—

From R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepāk, 2nd July 1885, No. 507.

I have the honor to submit herewith the plan and estimate called for in G.O., No. 1455 W., dated the 23rd June 1885, for providing exhaust ventilators to the sewer at the back of the Telegraph office and Post office.

No. 1142 C.

Referred to the Public Department with advertence to No. 1455 W., dated 23rd June 1885.

(By Order.)

CHEPĀK,
4th July 1885.

(Signed) C. BOWEN, Major, R.E.,
Under Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

From P. V. LUKE, Esq., Chief Superintendent, Government Telegraphs, Madras Division, to the Under Secretary to Government, Public Department, dated Madras, 14th August 1885, No. 2527.

I have the honor to return the plan and estimate for ventilating shafts to the sewers on the west and south of the new Telegraph office building.

2. In my opinion the scheme will have only a very partial effect in remedying the evil complained of, since the main sewer on the east face is the principal offender, and the shafts to be erected will only be connected with side drains.

3. During the last two days the smell from the main sewer has been most offensive in the afternoon as I can myself testify.

No. 1529, Public.

Transferred to the Public Works Department. A committee will be appointed to report whether, in the present state of things, residence on the premises is prejudicial to health, and what is likely to be the effect of the proposed ventilating shafts.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
27th August 1885.

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Acting Under Secretary.

Read—the following G.O., dated 14th September 1885, No. 2151, Public :—

From P. V. LUKE, Esq., Chief Superintendent, Government Telegraphs, Madras Division, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 4th August 1885, No. 2339.

With reference to G.O., P.W.D., No. 1455 W., dated 23rd June, and Public Department, 2nd July 1885, Mis. No. 1502, I am desired by the Director-General of Telegraphs to ask the Madras Government to appoint a committee to examine the new Telegraph office, with the view of giving an opinion as to whether residence on the premises is prejudicial to health; and to request the matter may be considered, first, with reference to the present state of the evil and, secondly, after the ventilating shafts, for which the estimates are now with the Director-General, have been fitted.

Letter from the Surgeon-General, Madras, No. O.-393, dated 3rd September 1885.

Order—dated 14th September 1885, No. 2151, Public.

The Consulting Architect to Government.

The Vice-President, in charge of Public Works and Conservancy, Madras Municipality.

Dr. Porter.

" Sibthorpe.

" McNally.

The Government resolve to appoint a committee consisting of the officers noted in the margin, with the Sanitary Commissioner as President, to consider and report on the matter referred to in this letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. WILSON,
for Chief Secretary.

ORDER—dated 22nd September 1885, No. 2214 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Consulting Architect to Government, who will resubmit for sanction the plan and estimate for providing exhaust ventilators to the sewer at the back of the Post and Telegraph offices, if the same be approved by the committee.

2. The harbour intercepting sewer is stated to be the principal contributor to the evils complained of; but in G.O., No. 2012 W., dated 31st August 1885, the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, was directed to submit proposals for replacing the present intercepting sewer by one of larger dimensions. In preparing plans and estimates for the new sewer, the Superintendent will consult the Consulting Architect to Government and the Executive Engineer to the Madras Municipality as to whether, in providing for ventilators, anything can be done to mitigate the nuisance reported in these papers.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Consulting Architect to Government, with three enclosures.
" Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
" Public Department.
" Chief Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division.
" Postmaster-General.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of 1885 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 22nd.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 22nd Sept. 1885, No. 2214 W.

SEPTEMBER.

New Post and Telegraph Offices,
Madras

Orders on Proceedings in the Public Department appointing a committee to report whether residence on the premises is prejudicial to health owing to the nuisance arising from the sewer in the back of the buildings.

14TH SEPTEMBER 1885, No. 2151, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., dated 19th May 1885, Mis. No. 1168, Public.

Read—the following papers:—

From P. V. LUKE, Esq., Chief Superintendent, Government Telegraphs, Madras division, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 30th March 1885, No. 7981

I have the honor to ask that an officer, or, if necessary, a committee may be appointed to examine and report on the sanitary condition of the new Post and Telegraph office and its immediate surroundings, with a view to measures being taken to improve the drainage system and prevent the offensive smells which at present are of frequent occurrence.

2. The two memorandums attached to this letter fully set forth the facts of the case.

ENCLOSURES.

MEMORANDUM by Chief Superintendent of Telegraphs.

The Telegraph department moved into the new building in March 1884, and the Postal department on 1st May following.

2. The occupiers of the building were frequently annoyed by offensive odours, but in the hope that they would ultimately cease, or at any rate be considerably mitigated, no steps were taken to bring the nuisance to the notice of the Municipal authorities till September 1884 when Mr. Dowson, the Officiating Superintendent of Telegraphs in charge of the Telegraph office, addressed the Vice-President of the Municipality pointing out the annoyance to which he and the other residents of the building were subjected, and asking whether remedial measures were possible.

3. The offensive smells occur at different times of the day and night, and may be described as follows:—

- (a) Smell occurring during the night or early morning and lasting from two to three hours when the wind is in a southerly direction.
- (b) Smell occurring about 3 A.M. and lasting about two hours.
- (c) Smell occurring during the day, duration variable and independent of the direction of the wind.

The contention is that (a) is caused by the opening of the main drain near the fort; (b) by the sewage which is pumped along the drain on the east front of the building; (c) by defective drainage in the neighbourhood of the building.

4. The Vice-President in his reply admitted the possibility of the main drain when open during rainfall and the sewer in front of the building being two of the sources of annoyance, and stated that the latter was being arched over to make it less offensive, but as regards the former the opening must continue indefinitely and that there was consequently no probability of its becoming innoxious till the new drainage works are complete which will not be for between one and two years.

5. The Vice-President further admitted that the offensive smells might be due to a ventilator on the North Beach road, and this ventilator he very kindly ordered to be closed.

6. From the date of the above correspondence to about the middle of January 1885 the occupiers of the building were comparatively free from annoyance owing, it is thought, to the abnormal rainfall, but since the latter date the odours have been as frequent and as offensive as before.

It has therefore been decided by the Postmaster-General and the Chief Superintendent, Madras division, that the time has come for a strong representation to the Government of Madras in the interest of those whose duties lie in the new Post and Telegraph office, and they are more confident that their course of action is the right one, because it coincides with that suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner to whom the case was, in the first instance, referred.

MEMORANDUM by Presidency Postmaster.

During one of his visits to the new Post-office building while it was yet under construction, the Presidency Postmaster noticed that the stench emanating from the iron grated opening in the sewer right in front of one of the gateways on the west of the building was exceedingly offensive, and he accordingly wrote to the President, Municipal Commission, on the 18th April 1884, to direct "such measures to be adopted as will put a stop to the nuisance." A reply was received on the 22nd idem from Mr. Jones, the Vice-President, promising that the matter should "receive attention and remedy if possible."

2. The Post office was removed into the new building on 1st May 1884, and, seeing that no steps were yet taken to remedy the evil, the attention of the President was drawn to the subject on the 9th idem.

3. In reply, the Vice-President wrote to say that the nuisance complained of arose from the water-closets in the Post office being connected with the public sewer for which no permission had been granted, and that he had addressed the Consulting Architect to Government on the subject. The Vice-President was informed, in reply, that the Post office portion of the building had no water-closets, and that the Presidency Postmaster presumed that the Vice-President referred to those on the Telegraph side.

4. No reply was received to this communication, but a few days afterwards it was observed that in place of closing the opening that this department objected to, another was made right in front of the gateway leading out from the Post office premises and not far from the clerks' tiffin room.

5. This action of the Municipal authorities was brought to the notice of the Consulting Architect to Government in view to his taking such steps as to have both the openings closed. Copies of these correspondence were sent to the Chief Superintendent of Telegraphs.

6. The Consulting Architect stated, in reply, that he had referred the matter to the Government for orders.

7. On the 27th July 1884, the Vice-President was again addressed by this office, informing him that not only the old opening complained of had not been closed, but that another had been opened in front of the clerks' tiffin rooms, causing thereby greater annoyance and inconvenience to the Post office officials. He was also informed in this letter that the water-closets he had referred to in his letter, No. 531, dated 14th May 1884, did not exist in the Post office and those in the Telegraph office had since been closed. But as the stench still continued he was requested to have the openings closed as early as possible or at least to have them removed higher up towards the north and the south.

8. The Vice-President replied that he could "not close the ventilators as the gas must escape somewhere," and he also made the following remarks:—

"I however am informed that the smell is generally worst when the sea breeze blows, and this therefore probably forces the gas up the drain; I am now trying the effect of a door on the mouth of the drain, and I will be glad to hear in a day or two from you as to whether the smell still continues."

9. The Presidency Postmaster then addressed Mr. Arundel, the President, and in doing so reviewed the proceedings of the municipal authorities in this case from the very commencement, and concluded the letter with the following remarks:—

"Having laid all the facts of the case before you it is unnecessary for me to comment upon them. But I cannot help looking upon the whole proceedings of the municipal subordinates as provoking and obstructive. I complained of one opening opposite one of the gateways of the new building. The municipality opened another opposite the other gateway also. For years past the sewer existed, but there was no second opening. It looks because I complained of one they have given me two. I may be mistaken in my opinion of the municipal subordinates in this case, but the fact remains that a new ventilator has been opened in the place where none existed for years past, soon after I complained of the existence of the old ventilator."

10. A suggestion was also made in this letter for the President to visit the locality in person when the Presidency Postmaster would meet him to explain matters more fully.

11. Mr. Arundel invited Presidency Postmaster's attention to the Vice-President's letter, No. 887, and requested a reply to it before he would take any action in the matter.

12. He was informed that as the work promised had not even been taken on hand as yet, no reply could be given, and that the stench still continued and was so intense as to disturb people in their sleep on the third storey of the building.

13. The President wrote, in reply, that temporary door had been fitted to the sewer to prevent the escape of the gas, and that a permanent door would shortly be fixed near the sea which he hoped would complete the remedy. He also stated that there was some difficulty in closing the ventilators, but that if the nuisance should continue even after the arrangements, he would make inquiries as to whether the ventilators could not be closed.

14. As the nuisance still continued the President was informed of it and requested to have the ventilators closed.

15. This the President did.

Although these two ventilators have been closed yet the stench continues in other quarters of the building. The fact is that the building is surrounded by no less than seven openings in the sewer. Two of them (one to the west and the other to the south) appear to be ventilators, and the stench emanating from them is very powerful at times. There are also a large number of openings in the main drain running in front of the building from north to south. These openings and ventilators were, I believe, constructed some years ago when the ground now occupied by the Post office was not inhabited and not even much frequented, and now that the place is inhabited and officials of all grade numbering 165 in all work on the spot almost day and night I think it very desirable, nay, an absolute necessity, that the drain should be diverted to some other part of the town less inhabited and less frequented.

From G. T. MACKENZIE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 5th May 1885.

I return the letter of the Chief Superintendent of Telegraphs and its enclosures sent for remarks with your demi-official note of the 1st May.

2. The smell does not come from the main drain near the fort. That is opened only when there is heavy rainfall.

3. An intercepting sewer runs north and south along the beach from the fort to Ráyapuram passing in front of the Post and Telegraph office, and of all the other buildings. It cannot be diverted, and, if any plan can be suggested to carry away the gases from this and two other main sewers in Black Town, the Municipal executive will gladly adopt it.

4. A sewer which passed under the site of the Post and Telegraph office was diverted at the joint cost of Government and the Municipality and now passes round the west and south sides of that office into the intercepting sewer. It carries off the sewage of a low-lying portion of the town to the west of the Post-office and the gas escaped at the highest ventilators at the back of the Post-office until these were closed. The municipal officers would be glad to adopt any feasible method of ventilating this sewer without annoying the neighbourhood. Perhaps Boyle ventilators, carried up above the level of the roofs of the houses, might remedy the evil.

5. I would respectfully suggest that Mr. Jones, the Municipal Vice-President meet the Consulting Architect to Government and discuss the matter.

14TH SEPTEMBER 1885, No. 2151, PUBLIC.

Order—dated 19th May 1885, Mis. No. 1168, Public.

Communicated to the Public Works department, with a request that the Consulting Architect may be directed to meet Mr. Jones, the Municipal Engineer, as proposed by the President, and submit a report upon the subject.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works department, with papers,
in original, to be returned.
" President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.
Copy to the Chief Superintendent, Government Telegraphs.

G.O., dated 2nd July 1885, Mis. No. 1502, Public.

Read—the following G.O., dated 23rd June 1885, No. 1455 W., Public Works:—

Read—the following letter from R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., Consulting Architect to Government, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works department, dated 10th June 1885, No. 365:—

I have the honor to state that, in compliance with G.O., No. 1293 W., dated the 4th instant, I met Mr. Jones, Vice-President of the Municipality, on the evening of the 10th instant, at the Post and Telegraph office, for the purpose of discussing with him the measures to be adopted for preventing the offensive smells of which the inmates of the building complain.

2. There are two main sewers in proximity to the building, one running on the west and south side and the beach intercepting sewer which runs along the east face. Either or both of these are capable under certain conditions of wind and atmosphere of producing the unpleasant smells referred to, although in all probability the intercepting sewer is the great offender.

3. The sewer at the back of the building has three ventilating gratings through which the foul gases escape, and the intercepting sewer has openings at intervals all along the beach. The former may be dealt with by closing the ventilators and fixing a 12" pipe with an exhaust ventilator on each corner tower of the building. This would have the effect of discharging the gases above the level of the building.

4. With regard to the intercepting sewer, we are sorry to say we can suggest nothing. If at the time the building was being constructed a portion of one of the central towers had been expressly constructed as a ventilator to the intercepting sewer much good would have resulted, but any attempt to do such a thing now would be in the highest degree dangerous. If the openings in the intercepting sewer to windward of the building are closed, the gases will only assume a more noxious and concentrated form, to be eventually discharged on some unfortunates who will get more than their share of the evil. We regret extremely that we have nothing to suggest within the range of practicability.

5. Mr. Jones is under the impression that the ventilating shafts proposed for the sewer to the west and south of the building may from the considerable elevation at which they will discharge, cause a quantity of gas be drawn from the intercepting sewer of which the former sewer is a branch, and it would be well to wait and see whether this anticipation turns out to be a fact before any further measures in regard to the intercepting sewer are considered.

Order—dated 23rd June 1885, No. 1455 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Public department, with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1168, dated 19th May 1885, the enclosures of which are herewith returned.

14TH SEPTEMBER 1885, No. 2151, PUBLIC.

2. The Consulting Architect will submit an estimate for dealing with the sewer on the west face of the building in the manner proposed in paragraph 3 of his letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. BOWEN, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Public department, with four enclosures.

Order—dated 2nd July 1885, Mis. No. 1502, Public.

Communicated to the Postmaster-General and to the Chief Superintendent, Government Telegraphs.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Postmaster-General, Madras.

" Chief Superintendent, Government Telegraphs.
" President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

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The Vice-President in charge of Public Works and Conservancy,
Madras Municipality.

Dr. Porter.
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" McNally.

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(True Extract.)

To the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

" Members of the Committee.
" Public Works department.
" Chief Superintendent, Government Telegraphs, Madras.
" Postmaster-General.

Copy to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

for Chief Secretary.

G.O. No. 2214 Wap 22.7.85
 No. 1297 C at 29.7.85
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PUBLIC.

Comd. to officers of the
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 G.O., 14th September 1885, No. 2151.

SEPTEMBER.

New Telegraph Office.

Appointing a committee to consider and report
 on the question whether residence on the premises
 of the — is prejudicial to health, with reference
 to certain evils previously brought to notice.

O. 2/10/85
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To the Consulting Architect
 to Government.
 To the Superintendent
 Madras Harbour Works.
 To the Chief Superintendent
 of telegraphs
 Madras Division
 To the Postmaster General
 Madras.

Please substitute
 The enclosed ^{printed} copy of
 Public Department Order
 No. 2151 dated 14th Sep 1885
 is to be substituted for the
 Order bearing the same
 No. and date printed
 with G.O. No. 2214 W. dated
 22nd Sep 1885 P.W.D.
 By order

9/10/85
 By order of the Secretary to the Government

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No 1297C as 2a

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original copy which
should be attached
to our original
2214.W.

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asked that a S.C. of
this be attached to
each copy of our
2214.W.

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 of latter to orig. &
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I think this will
 be sufficient for
 all purposes -

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 that our order 2214 W
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Direct's Office,
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20th April 1885
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MEMORANDUM.

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Requested for reference the under-mentioned papers:-

Twenty additional spare copies of
Public Dept Order No. 2151 dated 14th
September 1883 appointing a Committee
to report on certain points connected with
the new Telegraph office at Madras -

Government Office,
P.W. Department,

2nd October 1883

2nd Assistant

To

The Asst. in Charge Public Works Dept.
Madras

D.C.

It is not clear
from this order
who is to appoint
the committee.

AB

31/8/85

To W.

for orders.

I presume the appointment
of the Committee rests with you.
I think the Health Officer to the
Municipality, Dr. Stuart Davies, should
be one of the members.

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31.8.85

W

The Committee will be
appointed by the Public
Dept, & it is understood
that the Surgeon General
has been asked to represent

Ms. 17/10
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the names of medical officers
to form it - 22/4/85

If approved, orders
appointing the Committee
might be issued, -
When the Com. Asst.
can be instructed
to afford them any
information or assistance
for which they may
apply.

The Harbour inter-
cepting sewer is stated
to be the principal con-
tributor to the evils com-
plained of -

In framing plans
of the new intercepting
sewer which has been
ordered, the Asst. Harbour
Engineer might perhaps

be told to consult the
Com. Asst. & the Municipal
Engineer, in providing
for ventilators anything
can be done to mitigate
the evil now complained
of - Cu

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Pres. Public Dept. 2151
14.9.85

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For orders when in
it may be suggested
to the Public Health Dept.
by office note that the
C. A. to Govt. & the Gen. Secy.
Madras Municipality be
added to the Committee
to report on the sanitary
condition of the Port & Tel.
Offices -

The Committee will
doubtless require professional
assistance with the proposed
plans to enable
them to report on the
utility of the proposed
ventilating shafts -

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I have mentioned

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Forward

Has read the paper
in the subject. I am
of opinion that the
proposed up cast
ventilating shaft
will meet the need
the evil complained
of. As far as can be
hoped for without
some specific proof
a check as regards the
intercepting service which
appears to be the
chief source of the
complaint.

22.7.85



Under Secretary, Public Works
Madras Govt.

G.O. No. 1294
Dated 16th July 1885.

No. of Enclosures
Reply to No. dated

SUBJECT.

For joint remarks of P.W.D. &
the Local Govt. on the

A Plan of Estimate

for providing exhaust water
to the sewer at the

back of the Post Office
building at Madras

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P. W. D.

Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras.

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No. 507

From

The Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras.

To

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

By

Enclosures.

- 1 Specification
- 1 Estimate
- 1 Tracing

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herein the plan and Estimate called
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ventilators to the sewer at the
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Post Office.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedt. servant
W. Wislizen.
Consy. Archt. to Govt.

Ms. 17/10
2/10/85

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Roads and Buildings.

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No. 507

Dated 2nd July 1885

Forwards plan and
Estimate for Ventilators
- Post & Telegraph
Office x.

Referred

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No. 1142 4th July/83

Referred to the
Public Department,
with advice to
No. 1455⁺ May 23rd June
1885- / By order /

C. Hansen. Mayor RR
Under Secretary to Gov.
NY Dept

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No 2/85 No 1502 In Pub
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Refused to the Post
Master General & Chief Insp.
Govt. Telegraphs. for joint
remarks. with reference
to G.O. 2^d July 1885, No 1502 In

(By order)

J. W. M. M. M. M.
Asst. Under Secy.

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A B paper

Forwarding Plan and
estimate for providing
exhaust ventilators to the
Sewer at the back of
the Post & Telegraph Office

With Encls.

No 2527

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From

The Chief Superintendent
Government Telegraphs
Madras Division

To

The Under Secretary to
Madras Government
Public Department

Dated Madras, 14th August 1885.

Sir

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In my opinion the Scheme
will have only a very partial effect in
remedying the evil complained of. Since
the main Sewer on the East face is the
principal offender, and the Shafts to be
erected will only be connected with side
drains.

During the last two days
the smell from the main Sewer has
been

been most offensive in the afternoon
as I can myself testify.

R. M. Luke

Madras Division

W. K.

Reference on No. 3545 of 1885.

In replying the above should be quoted.



Public DEPARTMENT.

22/4
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Read the following from the Chief Supdt.:

Govt. Telegraphs, Madras Division, dated
14th August 1885, No. 2527.

No. 159

Transferred to the Public Works Depart-
= ment. A Committee will be ap-
= pointed to report whether, in the present
state of things, residence on the premises
is prejudicial to health and what is like-
= ly to be the effect of the proposed
ventilating shafts.

(By Order)

Coty
27 Aug/85

M. M. M.
As. Under Secretary

To
The P. W. Dept.

B. No 1298 W. 4. 6. 85
 " 1155 W. 23. 6. 85
 No 1142 C. 4. 7. 85
 " 1297 C. 29. 7. 85

July 7597

No 31/4/13

No 7 (1/13)

Order on
 (9867)12 regarding the
 intercepting lines in
 connection with the Harbour
 lines to day of
 31-8-85

Order on
 31-8-85

Re-submitted to 31-8-85
 P.S. 108/8. R. 22/9. 85

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Public Department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

22/19

Read the following

Letter from the Chief Superintendent,
 Government Telegraphs, Madras
 Division, dated 4th August 1885, No. 2339.

With reference to G. O. P. W. D. No. 1455
 W. dated 23rd June and Public Department
 2nd July 1885, No. 1502 (mis) I am desired
 by the Director General of Telegraphs to
 ask the Madras Government to ap-
 -point a Committee to examine the New
 Telegraph Office with the view of giving an
 opinion as to whether residence on the
 premises is prejudicial to health; and
 to request the matter may be considered
 first with reference to the present state
 of the civil and Secondly after the venti-
 -lating shafts, for which the estimates
 are now with the Director General, have
 been filled.

Letter from the Surgeon General, Madras,
No. 7393, dated 3rd September 1885.

Order thereon, 14th Sept 1885.

The Government resolve to appoint
a Committee consisting of ~~Dr. Porter~~,
of the officers noted in the margin
~~McNally~~, and ~~Sibthorpe~~, with the
Sanitary Commissioner as President,
to consider and report on the matter
referred to in this letter.

(True Extract.)

The Committee
appointed to Enquire
The Vice President
in charge of Public
works & Sanitation
Madras Municipality
Dr. Porter
" Sibthorpe
" McNally

W. H. L. S.
for Chief Secretary.

To

The P. W. Dept.

(Certificate for the purpose of the Public Works Department)

15-6004. 13.3.85

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Recd 21. Sept 1885.



Agd 6/9/9.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

N^o 22145

22nd Sept 1885

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 22nd Sept 1885

Read the following

From the Comr. Arct. & Fort. No 507 d 2. 7. 85.
Ch. Supt. of Tel. M. D. - 2527 d 14. 8. 85.
Encl^d from Public Dept - 1529 d 27. 8. 85.
Proc. Public Works - 2151 d 14. 9. 85.

Communicated to
the Comr. Arct. & Fort.,
who will resubmit for
sanction the plan submitted
for providing exhaust
ventilation to the sewer
at the back of the Post
& Telegraph offices, if
the same be approved
by the Committee.

2. The Harbour inter-
cepting sewer is stated to
be

be the principal contributor
to the evils complained
of; but, in L.O. No 2012W
dated 31 August 1885, the
Supt. Madras Harbour
Works was directed to
submit proposals for
replacing the present
intercepting sewer by
one of larger dimensions.
In preparing plans &
estimates for the new
sewer, the Supt will
consult the Comy. Asst
to Govt. & the Ga. Engr.
to the Madras Municipality
as to whether, in providing
for ventilators, anything
can be done to mitigate
the nuisance reported
in these papers -

W
10.9.85
C.A.
21.8.85

C. A. Govt.
with 3 enclos.
Supt. M. H. Works
Public Dept.
Ch. Insp. & Secy. to
Port Master General -

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Govt. of 1885 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Order

Recd.

Encl.

22/9
Recd - 5-15-85

G.O. 22 65 1885, No. 2214

New Post & Telegraph
Office Madras

Orders in Pro in the latter
Sept. appointing a Com-
mittee to report on the
suitability of whether
residence in the premises
is prejudicial to health,
to bring to the nuisance
arising from the sewer
in the back of the buildings.

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