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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Read—the following letter from Brigadier-General R. C. Stewart, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 7th January 1886, No. 51 A:—

I have the honor, by order, to forward, for sanction and transfer to the Public Works Department for disposal, the estimates and plan below mentioned, which have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief. The plan and estimates have been countersigned—

> Estimates, amounting to Rs. 3,688, for constructing store-room, workshop, and latrine to be attached to the mules stables on the Pudupet maidan, Madras.

2. As the work is of a very urgent nature, the early sanction of Government is solicited.

No. 211, Military.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(By Order.)

Fort St. George, (Signed) A. R. Kenney-Herbert, Lieut.-Col.,
9th January 1886. Secretary to Government.

Order—dated 16th January 1886, No. 134 W., Public Works.

The estimates, aggregating Rs. 3,688, for constructing a store-room, workshop, and latrine, to be attached to the mules stables constructed on the Pudupet plain, Madras, are sanctioned as supplemental to the estimate of Rs. 11,360 sanctioned in G.O., No. 703 W., dated 20th March 1885. The total sanction for the work will now stand at Rs. 15,048, which is Rs. 403 in excess of the provision made for the purpose in the general estimate sanctioned in G.O., No. 600 W., dated 13th March 1885. The excess is small, and the Superintending Engineer should adopt measures to complete the work within the provision in the general estimate approved by the Government of India.

2. The current year's grant for the new post office, Madras, which includes provision for the mules stables, is Rs. 32,790.

3. The sanction accorded in paragraph 1 of these proceedings has been registered as Imperial, Civil Buildings, Roads and Services, No. 55 W. of 1885-86.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, with four enclosures.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with the general abstract estimate.
„ Consulting Architect to Government.
„ Military Department.

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Dated January, 16th.

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G.O., 16th Jan. 1886, No. 134 W.

JANUARY.

Mules Stables on the Pudupet Plain, Madras

Estimate for a store-room, workshop, and latrine at the —, sanctioned.

20th March 1885, No. 703 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers :—

From Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 26th August 1884, No. 1029 A :—

With reference to G.O. dated 27th June 1884, No. 1623 W., Public Works, I have the honor, by order, to forward, for sanction and transfer to the Public Works Department for disposal, the estimate, plan, &c., below-mentioned, which have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief. The plan and estimate have been countersigned.

1. Plan and estimate, amounting to Rs. 11,360, for constructing new mule stables for the transport branch, Commissariat Department, on the *Pudupet maidan, Madras.*

2. The plan and estimate have been approved by the Commissary-General.

No. 4165, Military.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

Ootacamund, 27th August 1884.
(Signed) A. R. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lieut.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

G.O., dated 14th March 1885, No. 1345, Military.

Order—dated 20th March 1885, No. 703 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 11,360, for constructing stables on the Pudupet plain, Madras, for mules of the transport branch, Commissariat Department, is sanctioned.

2. The work has been included in the general revised estimate for the combined post and telegraph office, Madras, sanctioned in G.O. No. 600 W., dated 13th March 1885, and funds will be provided for it under Postal, in the Imperial Other Services budget for 1885-86. In accordance with G.O. No. 1623 W., dated 27th June 1884, the stables will be constructed by the Executive Engineer, Presidency division, who will complete the work as speedily as possible, in order that the existing mule lines on the beach may be vacated without delay and handed over to the Consulting Architect to Government for conversion into service stables for the post office.

3. This sanction has been registered as Imperial Other Services No. 71 W. of 1884-85, and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, with four enclosures.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with duplicate abstract estimate.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 20th

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G.O., 20th March 1885, No. 703 W.

MARCH.

Mule Stables

Estimate, amounting to Rs. 11,360, for constructing — on the Pudupet plain, Madras, sanctioned with remarks.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following letter from R. B. BUCKLEY, Esq., Officiating under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Buildings), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 6th March 1885, No. 121 B.:—

In sanctioning the revised estimate, amounting to Rs. 6,89,679, for the completion of the combined post and telegraph office at Madras, received with your letter, No. 59 W., dated 8th January 1885, I am directed to state that the Government of India hopes that, in future, an endeavour will be made to submit similar projects in a more complete state in the first instance, as the gradual increase in the estimated ultimate cost of such undertakings owing, in a large measure, to the omission of items which might have been at first foreseen, is unsatisfactory in itself and embarrassing from a financial point of view.

2. The necessary provision for the completion* of the work will be made in the budget for 1885-86, the provisional grant made in No. 269 A.G., of 11th November 1884, for the post office at Calicut being cancelled.

	RS.
* Works	42,205
Establishment and Tools and Plant.	10,129

3. This sanction, which is in supersession of all previous sanctions, has been registered as No. 43 B. of 1884-85, and the estimate is returned.

Order—dated 13th March 1885, No. 600 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Consulting Architect to Government, with advertence to G.O., No. 58 W., dated 8th January 1885.

2. The attention of the Consulting Architect, and of all Superintending Engineers, is drawn to the remarks in the latter part of paragraph 1 of the foregoing letter from the Government of India.

3. The sanction accorded by the Government of India has been registered as Imperial, Other Services, No. 68 W. of 1884-85, and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Architect to Government, with estimate, &c.
To Superintending Engineers.
To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with duplicate abstract estimate.
" Postmaster-General.
" Chief Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division.

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Dated March, 188

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G.O., 13th March 1885, No. 600 W.

MARCH.

Combined Post and Telegraph Office at Madras

Orders on letter from the Government of India sanctioning with remarks revised estimate for —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads,
Civil Works.

Read—the following letter from R. B. BUCKLEY, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Buildings), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 1st October 1884, No. 368 B.:—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters noted in the margin, relative to the combined post and telegraph office at Madras.

No. 1867 W.,	dated	1st August 1884.	
„ 1964 W.,	„	11th	„ „
„ 2093 W.,	„	25th	„ „

2. The case appears to the Government of India to be rather complicated owing to the fact that the project has been dealt with in a somewhat disjointed manner. I am therefore to request that you will submit all particulars of the progress made on both buildings, of the total ultimate estimated cost (inclusive of the outlay required for the new Commissariat stables), and of the additional grant that may be required during the current year.

3. I am to point out that if the total cost of the project is estimated to exceed Rs. 6,66,090,* a revised estimate should be submitted for the sanction of the Government of India.

4. As it is desirable that the work, which has been in progress so long, should be completed without delay, the additional grant of Rs. 16,185,† applied for in the letter last quoted, is hereby allotted; but no further outlay on the buildings should be authorised without the previous sanction of the Government of India.

5. The plans and estimates received with your letter, No. 1964 W., dated 11th August, are returned.

	RS.
* Original sanction	6,05,536
Add 10 per cent.	60,554
Total ...	6,66,090

	RS.
† For works	13,000
For establishment	2,990
For tools and plant	195
	16,185

Order—dated 18th October 1884, No. 2555 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Consulting Architect to Government, who will submit as early as practicable the information called for in paragraph 2 of the foregoing letter from the Government of India.

2. The instructions in paragraph 3 should not be lost sight of.

3. The additional grant sanctioned in paragraph 4 is for work in progress on the telegraph portion of the buildings.

4. The plans and estimates, amounting to Rs. 15,510, for converting the Commissariat mule lines on the beach into stables for the Postal Department, are sanctioned for execution after completion of the proposed new mule lines on the Pudupet plain. The total amount of the estimate for the combined post and telegraph office will now stand at Rs. 6,47,854.

5. The sanction accorded in paragraph 4 of these proceedings has been registered as Imperial Other Services No. 59 W. of 1884-85, and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Architect to Government, with seven enclosures.
" Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with two duplicate abstract estimates.
" Postmaster-General.
" Chief Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division.
" Military Department.

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Dated October, 1884.

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G.O., 18th Oct. 1884, No. 2555 W.

OCTOBER.

Combined Post and Telegraph Office at Madras

Orders on letter from the Government of India calling for information in regard to the — and sanctioning an additional grant.

11th August 1884, No. 1964 W., Public Works.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Letter—from

Colonel J. SHAW-STEWART, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,
Public Works Department.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter, No. 1568 W., dated 21st June 1884, I am directed to forward, for the sanction of the Government of India, the accompanying plans and estimates, the latter amounting to Rs. 15,510, for converting certain existing buildings on the beach at Madras into stables for the Postal Department; the necessity for which was explained in my letter, No. 3334 W., dated 22nd November 1883.

2. The Government of India will observe from the proceedings of Government, No. 1261 W., dated 19th May 1884 (a copy of which accompanied my letter of the 21st June quoted above), that the question respecting the best practicable arrangements for the required stabling accommodation has engaged considerable attention; and that, after careful consideration of the various proposals which had been made, the Government decided that the conversion of the Commissariat mule stables, for which the present estimate provides, would be the most suitable, having regard both to convenience and economy.

3. Stabling for the Commissariat mules will have to be provided elsewhere, at an approximate cost, to the Post office, of Rs. 14,000. The detailed plans and estimates for these stables are now under preparation. When completed, they will be sanctioned for execution in advance of those for the Post office, as it is requisite that shelter should be provided for the mules before the existing stables on the beach can be made available.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

Ootacamund,
11th August 1884.

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Dated August, 11th.

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11th Aug. 1884, No. 1964 W.

AUGUST.

Post Office, Madras.

Plans and estimates for providing stables for the new —, forwarded for the sanction of the Government of India.

11TH AUGUST 1884, No. 1963 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following letter from Major J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., Officiating Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepak, 19th July 1884, No. 627 :—

3 Plans.
2 Detailed estimates.
2 Duplicate abstracts.
1 General abstract.
1 Specification.
1 Report.

With reference to paragraph 3 of Public Works G.O., No. 1261 W., dated 19th May 1884, I have the honor to submit three plans and two estimates, the latter aggregating Rs. 15,510, for altering and adding to the present Commissariat mules stables on the beach in order to turn them into service stables for the Postal Department.

2. The plans have been drawn up in communication with the Postmaster of Madras, who approves of them.

ORDER—dated 11th August 1884, No. 1963 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the plans and estimates be forwarded for the sanction of the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 1964 W., dated 11th August 1884.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Architect to Government.
„ Postmaster-General.

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Dated August, 11th.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 11th Aug. 1884, No. 1963 W.

AUGUST.

Post Office, Madras

Ordered that the plans and estimates for converting the Commissariat mules' stables on the beach into stables for the new —, be forwarded for the sanction of the Government of India.

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.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary 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.

Recd. Encl.

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.

21st June 1884, No. 1568 W., Public Works.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Letter—from
Colonel J. SHAW-STEWART, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

To
The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,
Public Works Department.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 226 B., dated 5th June 1884, again inquiring when the supplemental estimate for the stabling, &c., required for the new post office at Madras may be expected.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that the question of a site for the stabling has only recently been settled, and that the requisite plans and estimates are now under preparation by the Consulting Architect, who promises to submit them by the end of July or the middle of August next.

3. A copy of the Proceedings of this Government, No. 1261 W., dated 19th May 1884, on this subject, are forwarded herewith for information.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

Ootacamund,
21st June 1884.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 21st.

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21st June 1884, No. 1568 W.

JUNE.

New Post Office, Madras

The Government of India informed that the requisite plans and estimates for the stabling for the — are under preparation and will be shortly submitted.

21st June 1884, No. 1567 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following letter from R. B. BUCKLEY, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Buildings), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 5th June 1884, No. 226 B. :—

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter, No. 497 W., dated 22nd February 1884, on the subject, I am directed to again inquire when the supplemental estimate for the stabling, &c., required for the new post office at Madras may be expected.

Order—dated 21st June 1884, No. 1567 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the following reply be sent :—

(Here enter No. 1568 W., dated 21st June 1884.)

(True Extract.)

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

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Govt. of 1884 Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June 21st,

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G.O., 21st June 1884, No. 1567 W

JUNE.

New Post Office, Madras

Ordered that the letter from the Governmen of India inquiring when the supplemental esti mate for the stabling, &c., required for the — may be expected, be replied to.

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

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers :—

Remarks of the Committee appointed under G.O., No. 3[illegible]64 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 188[illegible].

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 [illegible] 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,
29th January 1884.

(Signed) M. C. FURNELL, M.D., F.R.C.S.,
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, 50 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,
16th February 1884.

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
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,
18th February 1884.

(Signed) A. R. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lieut.-Col.,
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, Pallávaram 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.

Sheds for 206 bullocks, 100 carts, 23 trollies, 12 sick carts, 5 dhoolies.
1 Gram boiling shed.
1 Grass shed.
1 Guard room.
1 Gram soaking room.
1 Store room for grain.
1 do. for stock articles.
2 Drinking troughs.
Quarters for 17 petty officers, 173 attendants.

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.

No. 2112.

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 sites 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 28th 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 [illegible] 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.

Exd. A. Aubert.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1884) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 19th.

Recd. *Encl.*

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.

24th September 1885, No. 2233 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

Read—the following papers :—

From the Director-General of Telegraphs in India, dated 31st August 1885, No. 2790.
„ „ of the Post Office of India, dated 8th September 1885, No. 8258.
„ Commissioner of Salt and Abkári Revenue, „ 13th „ „ „ 9315.

Order—dated 24th September 1885, No. 2232 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the accompanying schedule, showing the probable requirements on account of Imperial Civil Buildings, Roads and Services for 1886-87, be forwarded to the Government of India.

2. The Superintending Engineers, III and IV Circles, will submit, at the earliest possible date, plans and estimates for the unsanctioned works included in the schedule.

3. The budget provision of Rs. 3,000 for the current official year under "Telegraph repairs" has been found inadequate, and in many instances Superintending Engineers have been asked to propose transfers of funds to meet urgent demands made under that head. An increased provision of Rs. 5,000 has therefore been made in the schedule for 1886-87.

(Here enter No. 2233 W., dated 24th September 1885.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Director-General of the Post Office in India.
„ „ of Telegraphs in India.
„ Superintending Engineer, III Circle.
„ „ „ IV „
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Revenue Department.

Endorsement—dated 24th September 1885, No. 2233 W., Public Works.

Forwarded.

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

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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1885) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 24th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 24th Sept. 1885, No. 2233 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Imperial Civil Buildings, Roads and Services

Forwarding schedule of requirements on account of — for 1886-87.

IMPERIAL. MADRAS PRESIDENCY.

CIVIL BUILDINGS, ROADS AND SERVICES.

ABSTRACT schedule of requirements for 1886-87.

Service heads.	ORIGINAL WORKS.					Repairs.	Total, Works and repairs.
	Major works			Minor works.	Total.		
	In progress.	Not commenced.	Total.				
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Civil Buildings	...	12,811	12,811	16,000	28,811	10,000	38,811
Communications	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	12,811	12,811	16,000	28,811	10,000	38,811
						Establishment ...	8,926
						Tools and Plant ...	388
						Suspense ...	...
						Grand Total ...	48,125

IMPERIAL.
CIVIL BUILDINGS, ROADS AND SERVICES.

MADRAS PRESIDENCY.

Detail schedule of requirements for Original Works and Repairs for 1886-87.

Head of classification.	Executive division and locality.		Item number.	Project and works.	Amount of sanctioned estimate.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Requirements for 1886-87. Major works. Works in progress.	New works.	Total.	Minor works.	Total original works.	Repairs.	Total works and repairs.	Remarks.
					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
				Civil Buildings.											
Postal ...	West Coast.	Calicut ...	1	New Post-office building ...	...	...	...	...	8,460	8,460	...	...	...	...	
Do. ...	Bellary ...	Anantapur.	2	Do. do	...	...	...	...	4,351	4,351	...	...	...	...	
				Total, Postal buildings ...	...	...	...	...	12,811	12,811	*10,000	22,811	5,000	27,811	
Telegraph.	Do. ...	...	...	Telegraph buildings ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,000	6,000	5,000	11,000	
				Total, Civil Buildings ...	...	...	...	...	12,811	12,811	16,000	28,811	10,000	38,811	
				Communications.—Nil.											
				Miscellaneous Public Improvements.—Nil.											
				Grand Total ...	...	...	...	...	12,811	12,811	16,000	28,811	10,000	38,811	

* Madras [illegible]

1st June 1886, No. 1382 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read—the following letter from Colonel E. [illegible]AUNCE, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 15th May 1886, No. 1040 B:—

I have the honor, by order, to forward, for sanction and transfer to the Public Works Department for disposal, the estimate, plan, &c., below-mentioned, which have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief. The plan and estimate have been countersigned:—

I. Plan.
II. Estimate, amounting to Rs. 820, for constructing a water-trough and laying on Red Hills water to it, for the new transport lines on the Pudupet plain.
III. Report and specification.

2. The above work is recommended by His Excellency as at present great difficulty is experienced for want of drinking-water for the cattle and for the sergeant in charge of the transport lines, the well water being brackish and unfit for drinking purposes.

No. 3003, Military.

Approved, and transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(By Order.)

Ootacamund,
17th May 1886.

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

Order—dated 1st June 1886, No. 1382 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 820, for constructing a water-trough and laying down pipes for the supply of Red Hills water to the mules' stables on the Pudupet plain at Madras, is sanctioned for execution when funds are available.

2. This sanction has been registered as Imperial, Ordinary, No. 7 W. of 1886-87, and classified as Military, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, with three enclosures.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with the abstract estimate for note and return to Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
„ Military Department.

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

Govt. of [1886] Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 18

Read

G.O., 1st June 1886, No. 1382 W.

JUNE.

Mules' Stables at Pudupet

Estimate of Rs. 820 for constructing a water trough and laying down pipes for the supply of Red Hills water to the Madras, sanctioned.

Note

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The mule stables on the Beach cost Rs: 14,645, and it was intended that a similar sum should be expended on the lines on the Pudupet plain out of the allotments for the new Post and Telegraph buildings. The amount has however, already been exceeded (vide G.O. No: 134 W. d 16 Jany 86) by Rs: 403.

The classification of the present estimate is correct.

F.B.
26.5.86.

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,

...racks and Buildings
Estimates.

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
OOTACAMUND, 15th Augt 1886.

No. 1644 B

From

THE QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I have the honor, by order, to forward for sanction and transfer to the Public Works Department for disposal, the estimate, plan, &c., belowmentioned which have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief. The plan and estimate have been countersigned.

I. Plan
II. Estimate amounting to Rs 80/ for constructing a water trough, and laying on Red Hills water to it for the new Transport Lines on the Pudupet Plain
III. Report and Specification

2. The above work is recommended by His Excellency as at present great difficulty is experienced for want of drinking water for the cattle and for the Sergeant in charge of the Transport Lines the well water being brackish and unfit for drinking purposes

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant

Colonel
Offg. Quarter Master General

P. Cir. No 134 W 16-1-86
D. ” 3895 W 23-12-85
” 3649 7-1-86
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G. ” 703 W 20-3-85
” 1464 W 11-5-84
” 2355 W 18-10-84
” 1963 W 18-10-84
” 1623 W 11-8-84
” 1454 W 27-6-84
” 1261 W 21-6-84
19-5-84

Pt. No. 384

Port of (1886) Madras

No.

From
The Quarter Master General

To
The Secretary to Government
Military Department

No. 1040 B

Dated 15
Recd. 17 May
Rptd. 26

Enclosures 6

Submits for sanction and transfer to the P.W.D. Estimate for constructing a water trough and laying on Red Hills water to it for the new lines (Transport) on the Pudupet plain

No. 3003 Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(By order)

A. Kenney Herbert
Lieut. Col.
Secretary to Govt.

Ootacamund
17 May 1886

P.W. 2715
26-5-86

No. 1382 W.

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B. & R.
Works

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

1st June 1886

READ the following

From the Quarter Master General, R. E. No. 1040 B d/ 15 May 1886.
Endorsement by the Military Dept. R. E. No. 3003 d/ 17 May 1886.

Note

This work was proposed originally as [illegible] for the [illegible] Stables [illegible] on the Pudupet Madras [illegible] Military [illegible]

The classification of this work as proposed [illegible]

The estimate amounting to Rs. 820, for constructing a water trough and laying down pipes for the supply of Red Hills water to the mules stables on the Pudupet plain at Madras, is sanctioned for execution when funds are available.

2. This sanction has been registered as Imperial Ordinary No. 7 W of 1886-87, and classified as Military Original Works.

26/5/86

To The Supdg. Engr. V Circle with 3 enclos.
” Examiner of P. W. Accts. with the abstract estimate for note & return to S. E. V
” Military Department.

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Govt. of Madras
PUBLIC WORKS

1 June 1382 W

Mules stables at Pudupet

Estimate of Rs 820 for constructing a water trough & laying down pipes for the supply of Red Hills water to the ___, Madras, Sanctioned

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G.O. 2037 Cap 3rd December/85

Memo

In G.O. No 1261 W of 19 May 1884, it was decided, with the concurrence of the Military Dept, that the existing mule stables on the beach near the Harbour should be made over to the Post Office, & that new stables for the mules should be ~~be~~ erected on the Pudupet plain. An estimate for the new stables amounting to Rs 11.360, was prepared by the P.W. Dept, & after approval by His Exy, the

Commiss in Chief, the
Commissary Genl. & the
Govt in the Mily Dept
was sanctioned in
G.O. No 708 of, dated
20th March 1885.

It is now reported
that the new stables
at Pudupet have
been completed for
some time, but that
the Commissariat dept
refuse to occupy them
until certain subsidiary
buildings, not provided
for in the sanctioned
estimate, have been
constructed _ It is
considered in the P.W. Dept
that the Commissary
General should have
fully made known
his requirements to

the Ex. Engr before he
finally approved the
estimate, & that the
interests of the Post
Office should not suffer
from the omission —
Until the mules have
been moved out of
the beach stables,
the work of converting
the latter into service
stables for the Post
Office cannot be
commenced, & the
inconvenience under
which the Postal
dept labours will
thus be prolonged.
At present the Govt.
are receiving no return
for the sum of Rs
11,920 expended on
the stables at Pudupet,
& the funds provided
in the Mily Budget

for the conversion of the beach stables remain locked up.

Orders have been issued for the ~~very~~ early provision of the additional buildings asked for by the Commy. General, but it is considered that in the meanwhile the Pudupet stables should be occupied. It will doubtless be practicable to adopt temporary expedients for the storage of harness, fodder, &c for which it is understood the subsidiary buildings are required.

The matter is therefore remitted to

to the Military dept, for consideration & issue of such orders as may be necessary to secure ~~to induce the Commissariat dept~~ the vacating of the beach stables without further delay.

(By order)

3.12.85

To the Mily Dept — Despd

3/12/85

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G.O.^B 2575 W d/ 2-12-85
" 2218 W d/ 27-9-85
G.O.^R 703 W d/ 20-3-85
" 2555 W d/ 18-10-84
" 1964 W d/ 11-8-84
" 1963 W d/ do
" 1623 W d/ 27-6-84
" 1568 W d/ 21-6-84
" 1567 W d/ do
" 1261 W d/ 19-5-82

No. 2157 d/ 3-12-85
B W
R.K.

No. 7068.

Government of Madras.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort St. George, the 11th December 1885.

Read the following:

Memorandum from the Public Works Department No. 2037C dated 3rd December 1885.

From the Commissary General No. T.B./3066 dated 8th December 1885

In returning memorandum from the Public Works Department No. 2037C of 3rd Instant forwarded under your docket No. 8902 of the 4th idem, I have the honor to report as follows.

2. It will be remembered that in the first instance the construction of the Mule Stables on the Pudupet plain was entrusted to the consulting Architect to Government by Order of Government

1623W. Public Works of 27th June 1884.

3. On the 30th of the previous month I had written demi-officially to Major Morant giving him full information of all our requirements in order of urgency (copy enclosed) in which the harness and store rooms were duly entered.

4. The duty of constructing the mule stables was subsequently transferred to the Executive Engineer D.P.W. and I conclude that my memo was sent to him by Major Morant with the other papers connected with the work. All necessary information as to what was required seems therefore to have been given by this Department.

5. The total sum available was Rs 13,880. The stable being the
most

most expensive item was naturally commenced first. It cost 11,920 leaving the balance still available for the subsidiary buildings.

6. When I was called on by the Executive Engineer to receive over the stable I pointed out that the mere stable alone without the subsidiary buildings would be of no use to this Department. The 92 sets of harness and other gear together with the grain etc required for daily use, cannot be left out in the wet, and as money is available I begged that these buildings might be put in hand at once. Nothing has however been done though the necessity for these buildings was again urged on 8th September last.

7. Government will remember
the

the great opposition there was to the selection of this site for our cattle, and as it was ultimately granted to us, we feel bound to do our utmost to see that the place is kept scrupulously clean, but this is manifestly impossible if the mules and attendants are transferred before a latrine is built.

8. I find that the mule stables have already been taken over by the Transport Officer, but I trust that for the reasons given in para 6, Government will not insist on my transferring the mules till latrine accommodation and the requisite store rooms have been provided.

30th May 1884

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30th May 1884.

Dear Morant,

I send you roughly a memo of our requirements. Will you kindly see how much can be done for the money at our disposal viz 15,880.

I have lettered the items in the order of their urgency.

I think we agreed that the sheds might be of galvanized iron, with supports (pillars) of old rails.

Requirements for Transport Depôt

A

For mules & bullocks.

Open sheds aggregating 1226 ft long by 24 ft wide including eaves for double rows of animals with a 4 ft roadway down the centre (10 ft high at the lowest part of the eaves.

D

For ambulance carts.

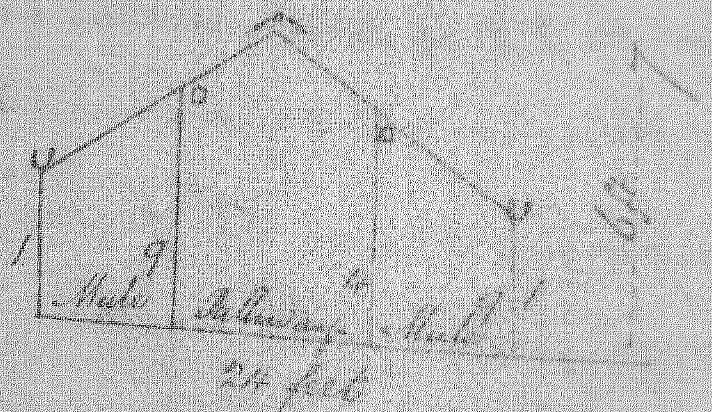
Open sheds 126 ft long by 12 ft broad, and 10 ft high at the lowest part of the eaves

Open shed 4 84 ft long by 12 ft broad and 6 ft high at the lowest part of the eaves. } C For Transport Carts & tackle

Closed harness and Store rooms 100 ft long by [illegible] ft broad with doors & windows &c. } B For Harness Stores.

Open ground shed 20x12 E

We think that the Cattle Sheds "A" might be built somewhat like the sketch below—



Corrugated iron roof
Railway iron pillars

Jno White
B/H F Hawkes Lt Col
Cy

Order

Order:- The Commissary General's Letter will be communicated to the Public Works Department with the remark that the occupation of the new cattle sheds will be ordered as soon as proper latrine accommodation has been permanently provided and Store rooms, Quarters etc, hired as a temporary arrangement.

(True Extract)
A Henry Herbert Lt Col.
Secretary to Government

To
The Public Works Deptt.
" " Commissary General
" " Qr Master General
" " Controller of Military Accounts

G No 2987 W d/12th Decr

B

Forwd to the S.E. V Circle and the Cong: Architect in continuation of G.O. No. 2875 W d/2nd Decr 1885.

2. The S.E. will explain why harness ~~and~~ store-rooms and a latrine were omitted in the preparation of the estimate sanctioned in G.O. No. 763 W d/20th March 1885.

3. Immediate arrangements should be made by the S.E. for providing a latrine and temporary accommodation for the harness and stores; and the submission of the supplemental estimate called for in G.O. No. 2875 W d/2nd Decr 1885 should be expedited.

By maj

S.E. V Circle
C.A.
17/12/1885

No. 4087

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
V CIRCLE, ~~MADRAS~~,
Bangalore ~~Camp~~ 22nd Decemb 1885.

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
V CIRCLE,

TO

THE Chief Engineer
P. W. Deptt

SIR,

Enclosures.

In reference to para 3 in G. O. No. 2987 W dated 12th December 1885, I have the honor to report that the Commissary General has given his approval to the Estimate submitted for the latrine, store room and gram shed but that I shall be unable to commence the buildings in question until at least one month has elapsed after return to me of the plans and estimates as sanctioned by Government for the plans

have

sent to be submitted to the
President Madras Muni-
cipal Commission for his appro-
val one month before actual
commencement is made.

The Commissary General
has informed me that he has
sent the plans & estimates to the
Brigadier General Commanding
Eastern District for his appro-
val.

The report called for in para
2 of the above G.O. will be sent
after a few days.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant

B W Hunter
Col R.E.
Offg Supg Engr
E. Circle

No 20 W of 5th Jany 1886

Ro The Supt Engineer makes no reference to the feasibility of providing temporary latrine & store accommodation for the Mule lines, pending construction of permanent buildings vide para 3 of his No 4087 of 12th Decr 1885.

Immediate report should be submitted on this point.

When the plans & estimates are ultimately submitted to the President of the Municipality, there is nothing to prevent the Supt Engr pointing out the urgent need for the buildings, & making request for very early approval & return of the documents

15/12/85

S. E. V Circle

4-1-86

P. W. C. No 11 25

From

The Superintending Engineer,

V Circle,

To

The Chief Engineer,

P.W.D.

Dated 22d } December 1885.

Recd. 24 }

Enclosures.

B No. 20 W 5-1-86

No. 4087

Mule Stables on the Pedupett Plain — Reports that the latrine, store room &c for the — cannot be commenced until at least one month has lapsed after the return of plans & estimates &c.

No. 14

Madras D. P. W.

Executive Engrs Office

Madras 7th January 1885

From

The Executive Engineer 3rd

Presidency Divn

To

The Superintg Engineer

5 Circle

Sir,

In reference to G.O. No 20 W dated 5 January 1886, I have the honor to report that although a temporary latrine can be made at once none has as yet been commenced because of the daily expectation of receiving sanction to plans & estimate for the permanent latrine which Commissary General informed me had been approved by him materials for which have been collected on the site: a temporary latrine of bamboo mats is now being made. Temporary accommodation for the harness is not being provided because the Commissary General informed me on site of the work on the 14th Ultimo he did not want any thing but the old racks taken out of the beach Stables fixed to the pillars and this is being done.

Temporary accommodation for Stores is being provided by matting in a portion of the Stables.

This work has been somewhat delayed owing to dilatoriness on the part of the Supervisor during the Xmas holidays.

I believe this work will be ready for use on the 15th Instant.

I have the honor &c

(Sd) J H Burton Lt RE
Executive Engr
Presidency Dn

No 4187

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer P. W. Department, with reference to G. O. No 208 dated 5th January 1885.

[illegible] Lindsay [illegible]
Col RE
Superintg Engr
5 Circle

Chepauk
8th January
1886.

Communicated in continuation of G.O. No. 64 W4 7th January 1886, to the Military dept, with remark that the estimates for the permanent buildings referred to have not yet reached the P.W. Dept.

11/1/86

11.1.86

Mily. Dept.
S.E. I Circle

From
The Superintending Engineer
1st Circle
To
The Chief Engineer
P.W. Department

Dated 8th
Recd 9th January 1886

No. 4187

Construction of Latrine & Store rooms at the Pudupett Maidan —

Forwards copy of a letter from the Executive Engineer Presidency Division reporting on the —

[illegible]

No. 2068 D.

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Chepâk, 11th September 1885.

OFFICE NOTE.

From D.W.

To C.A.

Please report if any provision of funds is necessary during 1886-87 for the Combined Post and Telegraph Office at Madras.

The information is required for inclusion in the schedule of funds required for 1886-87 on account of Postal and Telegraph works to be submitted to the Govt. of India.

Cd.

No. 892 D.W.
D.W. 11.9.85

No provision of funds is necessary during 1886-87 for the Combined Post & Telegraph [illegible] under the [illegible] and Supt's Quarters unfinished at the end of 1885-86.

C. A.

14 Sep. 85

No. 2218 W. d/ 22nd Sept/85

17.9.85

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No 2218 W

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT,

UNDER date the 22nd Sept/85

READ the following

Office Note from the Consulting Architect to Govt. H. E. No. 892 d/ 14th September 1885

Recorded.

2. If the Mule Stables and the Superintendent's quarters, referred to by the Consulting Architect are not completed before 31st March 1886, the work may be brought forward in the statement of demands on account of incomplete works due six weeks after the expiry of the current official year.

17.9.85

18.9.85

Despd 22/9

To The ~~[illegible]~~ Architect to Govt.

No. 2218 dated 22 Sept/85

Recd. 8579.
d. 17.9.85

No. 4103

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Bangalore V CIRCLE, ~~MADRAS~~,
~~Camp~~, 31st December 1885.

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
V CIRCLE,

TO

THE Chief Engineer,
P.W. Department.

SIR,

Enclosures.

In reference to G. O. No. 2987 W dated 12th December 1885 paragraph 2, I have the honor to explain that the "harness rooms and latrines" were omitted from the estimate sanctioned in G. O. No. 703 W dated 20th March 1885 under the following circumstances.

The late Captain Hamilton R.E. whilst acting as Executive Engineer Presidency Division received direct from Lieut Colonel Morant R.E. on the 16th July 1884 the papers mentioned in G. O. No. 1623 W dated 27 June 1884 with Colonel Magrath's letter of 30th May 1884.

On the 5th July 1884 G. O. No. 1623 W of 27th

June 1884 was forwarded to the Actg Superintending Engineer in the usual course.

On the 6th July 1884 I left Madras for England on 3 months Privilege leave and heard nothing further concerning the Mule Stables until April [illegible]. In August 1884 however Captain Hamilton submitted the above mentioned estimate which provided for only about 1/4th of the stables noted as "A" in Colonel Magrath's letter because, as I am aware, the estimated cost of 1/4th would absorb all the funds which were, at the time supposed to be available.

At any rate this estimate for 1/4th of A containing the remark that it had been prepared in consultation with the Commissariat Department, was approved by the Commissary General in August 1884 without observation, and eventually sanctioned by Government in G.O. No 709 W dated 20th [illegible] 1885.

Colonel

Colonel Prendergast ordered on 1st April 1885 a certain alteration to the slope of the roof as designed by Captain Hamilton – this caused an increase to the estimate of Rs 560.–

The building measuring 293' x 27' 6" was commenced on 16th April 1885 and as already reported is now finished.

I fail to see how Colonel Hawkes can think* that the work and the estimates have not been dealt with, according to the directions received from his own Department, for instance, the letter of 30th May 1884 called for provision of the following buildings, and this letter is quoted in support of his complaint –

*he received a 2nd in October 1885.

A Open shed 122'6 x 24

B Closed harness and Store rooms 100 x 12

C Open shed 484 x 12

D " " 126 x 12

E " Gramshed 20 x 12

"lettered in the order of urgency" as Colonel Magrath wrote – Captain Hamilton prominently showed by his plan that only $\frac{1}{4}$ of A was estimated for.

Further I would point out ~~that~~ on reference to the above list of Commissariat requirements that there is

(1) No mention of any latrine

(2) that no closed harness room "B" is now wanted by the Commisst. Department

N.B. When I submitted an estimate in October 1885 for a closed harness room I was then told no such room was wanted.

(3) that an open gram shed is not now required but a closed one and is transposed in order of urgency from E to A and

(4) that 933 lineal feet of shed A still remains to be built.

I would ask therefore that Colonel Magrath's letter of 30th May 1884 may be formally cancelled by the Commissariat Department as it has al[illegible] caused m[illegible]

to

to prepare estimates which are not required and is most misleading — it in no way represents the present requirements of the Commissariat Department.

As to para 5 of Commissary General's letter T/B 3066 dated 2nd December 1885, I can only say that on 1st April 1885 (when the Superintending Engineer forwarded to the Presidency Division the sanctioned estimate) Colonel Prendergast was not aware that the sum of Rs 13,880 was available for the Mule lines generally — on the contrary until receipt of G.O. No 2875 dated 2nd December 1885 no notification of funds other than Rs 11,360 being available has reached either the Supdg. Engrs Office or the Presidency Division Office.

I will add that the plans and estimates for a "latrine", a "closed gram shed", and a "closed store room" as now approved by the Com[illegible]sary General passed out of my hands on 1st December 1885 that arrangements for collecting materials for these buildings were made before the Xmas holidays and that a commencement can be made upon the buildings after receipt of the sanctioned plans - and on approval of these plans by the President Madras Municipality.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant
W H Burton Coll R.E.
Offg. Deputy Engineer
5 Circle

P.W. Ch 16

Communicated to the Military Dept with reference to order in that dept No 7068 dated 4th December 1885

Ths. C.
7/1/86

7.1.86

From
The Supdg Engineer
Fifth Circle

To
The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department

Dated 31 Dec 1885.
Received 2-1-86

No 4103

Mule Stables at Pier depot - Furnishes explanation as to the omission from the Sanctioned Estimate of provision for harness rooms, latrines, &c for the do.

With order

Mily Dept
S.E. V Circle

Despd 8.1.86

P. W. D.

Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
26th November 1885.

No. 1246

From
The Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras,

To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Dept.

Sir,

Enclosure.

I have the honor to bring the following matter to your notice. It was decided in G.O. No. 1261 W dated the 19th May 1884 that the existing Mule stables on the Beach near the Harbour should be made over to the Post and Telegraph office and that new Mule stables should be erected on the Poodoopet Maidan an Estimate amounting to Rs 11,920 submitted by the Superintending Engineer 5th circle for building the new Mule stables on the maidan and sanctioned. And an Estimate for converting the existing Mule stables into Horse stables and also for building a Superintendent's house amounting to Rs 15,510 was submitted by the Consulting Architect and sanctioned. The sum of both Estimates aggregating Rs 27,430/- was provided for in the Budget allotment of the Post and Telegraph office.

The Mule stables on the Poodoopet Maidan have been completed for some time but the Commissary General. Transport department refuses to move in until certain subsidiary buildings not provided for in the Estimate prepared by ~~the~~ Superintending Engineer are completed. Until the mules are moved out I cannot commence the conversion of the existing stables.

I bring this matter to your notice in order to enquire whether under the circumstances I should relinquish the Budget allotment. I should explain that funds to the extent of Rs 2,725 are still available for expenditure on the Poodoopet Maidan stables as the full value of the Beach stables was allowed in the Budget. I have stated this fact to Col. Burton.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obdt. servant

R Chisholm

Consg. Archt. to Govt.

Cost of Beach Stables 14645.0.0
Estimate for Mule Stds Poodoopet 11920.0.0
Difference 2725.0.0

Chepauk
30th Nov/85

No 27222 D

To C.A.

Are the subsidiary buildings rendered necessary by the removal of the mules from the beach to Poodupet, or are they additional units required by the Commissariat Dept, but not fairly chargeable to the estimate for the Post Office. An early reply requested — W

30.11.85

Public Works Department.

From
The Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras

To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Dept

No. 1246

Dated 26th November 1885
Received

No. of Enclosures.

Subject.

Allotment for the New mule stables.

Office Note.

From
The Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras

To

No. 12

Chepauk, 1st December 1885

The subsidiary buildings are not rendered necessary by the removal of the mules from the Beach to Poodoopet. They are claimed by the Commissariat Department because they actually exist in the Beach stable.

The Commissariat Department say the Beach Stables afford an area of 9810 superficial feet and part of this is used for Harness, fodder &c., whereas the Poodoopet Stables are merely open sheds which afford only 7980 superficial feet.

The Beach Stables cost Rs 14,645 and the Poodoopett Sheds Rs 11920. It would appear to be reasonable to expend on the Poodoopett Sheds as much as was spent on the Beach Stables. This sum considering the character of the two buildings ought to provide a greater area of accommodation at Poodoopett.

Consulting Architect to Govt.
B. No. 2879 [illegible]

Communicated to the Supt Engineer V Circle who will without delay submit a supplemental estimate for the additional buildings required at Poodoopett, the work being meanwhile pushed on as rapid as possible.

2. The question of assigning funds provided for the work on the Beach stables will be considered on receipt of the estimate now called for.

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Public Works Department, 188 -8 .

Current No. [illegible]
Letter No. [illegible]
Dated the [illegible]
From the [illegible]

Note of Remarks.

[illegible] estimate to provide for [illegible] Stable room, [illegible] shed, [illegible] Extension [illegible] to the Horse Stables [illegible] — the estimate amounts to Rs 3682; [illegible] shed Rs 2200, [illegible] Rs 130, and Latrine Rs 35.

2. [illegible] the masonry of the buildings [illegible] the bricks [illegible] of the [illegible] stone [illegible] sheds [illegible] Mangalore tiles. [illegible] concrete [illegible] polished [illegible] of the stone [illegible]

Took site and [illegible] of [illegible]
from three — the [illegible] of the
latrine [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]
3 [illegible] and estimate
have been carefully prepared
the [illegible] of the [illegible]
are correct. The estimate
& the [illegible] and estimate have
been countersigned by the
Qr. Mr. General, and have
been approved in the Military
Department.

Recommended for sanction

[illegible]
5/1/86

5th January /86
[illegible]

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Ootacamund, 7th January 1886

Barracks and Buildings Estimates.

No. 51 A.

From

THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor, by order, to forward for sanction and transfer to the Public Works Department for disposal, the estimate, plan, ~~&c.~~, below-mentioned which have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief. The plan and estimate have been countersigned.

Estimates amounting to Rs. 3686/- for constructing Store Room, Work Shop and Latrine to be attached to the Mule Stables on the Pudupet Maidan, Madras.

2. As the work is of a very urgent nature the early sanction of Government is solicited.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obdt. Servant

D. J. S. McLeod Major,
Dy. Qr. Mr. Genl.

1704 W a/ 11-8-84
2555 W a/ 18-10-84
1963 W a/ 18-8-84
1623 W a/ 27-6-84
1568 W a/ 21-6-84
1567 W a/ 21-6-84
1261 W a/ 19-5-84

No. 211. Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(Signed)

A. Kenney Herbert Lieut.-Col.
Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George
9th January 1886

16 W a/ 14-1-86
64 W a/ 7-1-86
20 W a/ 5-1-86
2987 W a/ 12-12-85
2037 C a/ 3-12-85
2875 W a/ 2-12-85
2218 W a/ 22-9-85
600 W a/ 13-3-85
59 W a/ 8-1-85
229 W a/ 28-1-85
349 W a/ 16-2-85

380 W a/ 16-2-85
3159 W a/ 27-12-84
703 W a/ 20-3-85

Military (1886) Department.

No. 165.

From
The Quartermaster General,

To
The Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

No. 51.A.

Dated 7th January
Recd.

12 Enclosures.

Forwards Estimates for certain additions to the mule stables Pudupet Maidan, Madras.

Public Works Department.

No. 139 W.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 16th January 1886.

Read the following

From the Quarter Master General. H. E. No. 51 A d/ 7th January 1886.
Endorsement by the Military Department. H. E. No. 211 d/ 9th January 1886.

The estimates, aggregating Rs. 3,688, for constructing a store room, workshop, and latrine, to be attached to the mules stables constructed on the Pudupet plain, Madras, are sanctioned as supplemental to the estimate of Rs. 11,360 sanctioned in G. O. No. 703 W dated 20th March 1885. The total sanction for the work will now stand at Rs. 15,048, which is Rs 403 in excess of the provision ~~Rs~~ made for the purposes in the general estimate sanctioned in G. O. No. 600 W dated 13th March 1885. The excess is small, and the Supdg. Engineer should adopt measures to complete the work within the provision in the general estimate approved by the Govt. of India.

2. The current year's grant for the New Post Office, Madras, which

includes provision for the water stalls, is Rs 32,778.

3. The sanction accorded in para 1 of these proceedings has been registered as Imperial Civil Buildings, Roads and Services, No. 85 A of 1885-86.

J.M.
19-1-86

Present Soon

J — B/A 14/1/86

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To

The Supdg. Engr. I Circle with pencil

" Examiner of P.W. Accounts with the general abstract estimate

" Consg. Architect to Govt.

" Military Department

Sanitary Department.

Dec 25-1886

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