281 vr 6.2.85.
216 vr 27.1.85
2911 vr 21.11.84
2058 vr 15.11.84
1014 C. 15.5.84
533 vr 16.2.83.
307.8 vr 29.1.83.
17 vr 7.1.81.
2780 vr 2.12.80.
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~~The Hon: H. S. Sullivan~~

The Hon: J. W. Webster

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to our reference
states that his Dept
is not prepared to
take over charge of
all postal buildings
situated at stations
other than the head-
quarters of Divisions
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P. W. Dept. It is highly
lesirable that some
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the matter which is
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Postal buildings
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Govt perhaps some other suggestion for its determination can be made

For orders.

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Note. (3)

In January 1885 the S.E. II.C. enquired whether repairs to postal buildings were to be carried out by P.W.D. as Ch. Engrs: Circular No: 1014.C. d/ 14.6.84. and G.O. 17.W. d/ 17.1.81 appeared to contradict each other on the subject. In reply S.E. was informed that under the latter the maintenance of postal buildings specially devolved on the P.W.D.

2. In Feby 1885 the S.E. VI.C. Enquired whether the P.W.D. should undertake all repairs to postal buildings irrespective

of ~~the amount~~ their cost, or only repairs that would ~~cost above~~ entail an outlay Rs: 1000. The S.E. pointed out the inconvenience of carrying out petty repairs to postal buildings situated in out of the way localities and recommended that para 1597 of the P.W. Code should be carried out ~~so far as all~~ in the case of all postal works. were concerned.

3. The matter was referred to the Post master general Madras with the remark that the suggestion made by ~~Col. Mead~~ the S.E. that the more important postal buildings be placed in charge of the P.W.D. for repairs &c. and the maintenance of other petty post offices be attended to by the Postal Dept appeared to be one that wd. meet all difficulties.

In reply the P.M. General stated that he was unable to support the suggestion; as his subordinates had no knowledge of the work required and fraud would certainly result if repairs had to be carried out under the orders of the Postal authorities office -

4. In July 1885 the Director General of the Post Office of India addressed the P.M.G. Madras on the subject confirming that officer's opinion that the postal dept was singularly unfitted to undertake even petty repairs to postal buildings. He further stated that in all other postal circles repairs ~~are~~ were executed by the P.W.D. and he did not consider it advisable to make Madras an exception to the rule.

A communication was then addressed by this department to the D.G. proposing that the P.W.D. should have charge of and be responsible for the maintenance in proper repair of all postal buildings situated at head quarters of divisions and of sub divisions of the P.W.D. the postal dept carrying out all works in connection with the other scattered outlying buildings in the districts.

In reply the D.G. forwarded a copy of a list of postal buildings in the Madras Presy in charge of the P.W. Dept for maintenance and repairs, and enquired what alterations it was proposed to make in the list. The D.G. added that there would be no difficulty in arranging for petty repairs to buildings in charge of the P.W. Dept such as are described in Madras P.W. Code para 1156 being executed by the postal officers occupying those buildings. In reply

The D.G. was then furnished with a list of the postal buildings situated at P.W.D. headquarters stations with remark that it was proposed to hand over all other postal buildings entered in the list forwarded by him to the Postal Dept for maintenance and repairs, but the D.G. in reply stated that his dept was unable to undertake the responsibility and work proposed to be transferred to it.

6. all Supg Engrs were then called upon to report which of the postal buildings situated in their respective circles could be kept in repair by the P.W.D.

without undue in-convenience. and on receipt of their replies the D.G. was again addressed in June 1886 on the subject. He was informed that with the Exception of the Sixteen postal buildings named in the margin (copy in the margin) the P.W.D. would undertake the maintenance & repairs of all postal buildings in the Presidency. Of the sixteen named Eleven ~~were~~ are situated in out of the way localities one in a temporary division and four in Travancore territo

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a reply has now come to hand in which the D.G. "regrets to state" that his Dept is not in a position to undertake the responsibility for maintenance in proper repair of the buildings referred to.

In his communi-cation of the 7. Jany 86. D.G. stated he had every wish to meet the wishes of this Govt on the subject, but so far every suggestion has met with the same ill success so that the [illegible] matters is exactly in statu quo ante and the long correspondence has been productive of no good results.

It does not seem probable that a further proposal that repairs up to a certain figure shd. be carried out by the postal dept. wd. meet with any better success.

For orders.

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19.7.86.

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6. 22.7.86 [illegible]

D.W.

The note by SAW is a complete précis of all the correspondence up to date.

The Post Office authorities will not undertake any responsibility in the matter of repairs & do not seem at all inclined to meet the wishes of the P.W.D.

19.7. 86

Note

Several S.Cs have raised the question as to whether repairs to postal buildings should be carried out by this or the Postal Departt. and it is advisable that the matter be definitely settled.

Code para 1597 says that "Postal and Telegraph Officers will themselves execute all repairs of those buildings which are not in charge of the Departt."

A list of postal buildings borne on the books of this

Resubmitted W.O. 9.8.86

Departt was prepared
and forwarded to
the Director General
of Post Offices India
with a suggestion that
all buildings except
those at Head Qrs
of Divn & Subdivn should
be repaired by this
Departt vide this
office No 1831 C9 12a Nov/85.
The Director General
has now replied in
his No 12886 dated
7th Jany/86 that
he cannot agree
to those proposals.
It does not appear
advisable in the
interests of Govt that
the offices in [illegible]

of this Depart^t
should be called
upon to prepare estimates
and carry out repairs
to petty buildings far
out of course of their
ordinary duties, & an
instance is given of the
S. E. 6^th where it would
take a subordinate
10 days to go & prepare
an estimate for a few
repairs.
At the same time there
are probably many
buildings that could
easily be looked after
by this Depart^t without
taking the members of
it far from where they
have to go in their
ordinary tours of Inspection,

It
would therefore perhaps
be well if the list
of postal buildings
in charge of this
Depart were revised,
all those petty buildings
which are in positions
far away (say over 20 miles)
from the ordinary units
of the Depart being
omitted; this was
suggested by the S. E. 6th
in the last para of
his letter No 660 M-d
11th Feby 85. Para 2
of letter No 7627 of
26th Aug/85 from Director General Post office also ~~[illegible]~~
suggests a revision of
the list.
S. E. 1 might therefore
be ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ be
sent list of the

Postal buildings
in their Circles &
asked to name
those which, without
undue inconvenience to
other works, can be
kept in repair by
this Depart.

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I. Circle

Aska
Berhampore
Bimlipatam
Chatrapur
Chicacole
Gopalpore
Ichapore
Narsapatnam
Parlakimidi
Parvatipur
Sompet
Vizagapatam
Bhadrachalam
Dumagudiem
Jaggayapet
Samalkot
Tuni

II. Circle

Bezvada
Kistna
Gudur
Kavali
Ramapatnam
Kistnapatam

III. Circle

Gooty
Nandyal
Peapully
Penukonda
Ramandrug
Cuddapah
Madanapalli
Rajampet

IV Circle

Jalarpet
Salem
Suramangalam
Vaniambadi
Yercaud.
Cherambadi
Gudalur
Karur
Kotagiri
Mettupalayam
Podanur
Tirupur
Wellington
Manantoddy
Vayitri
Devala
Ootacamund
Beypore
Cannanore
Malapuram
Palghat
Mangalore
Puttur

V. Circle

Mylapore
Bangalore
Amboor
Chittoor
Palmaner
Punganur
Renigunta
Vellore
Venkatagirikota
Chingleput
Pallavaram
Puduvayil
Sattevedu
Tiruvallur
Cuddalore
Tindivanam

VI. Circle

Kumbakonum
Mimissal
Tanjore
Tranquebar
Ammayanayakanur
Ramnad
Alleppy
Kottayam
Nagercoil
Palamcottah
Satur
Tenkasi
Virudupati
Srivaikuntham
Peermaad
Vasudevanallur.

The note by S. A. W. explains how matters stand-

Of all the postal buildings in the Presidency, -about 600- it is proposed that only 16 should be kept in repair by the postal department and though the Director General Post Office India stated in para 3 of his No. 7627 d/26th August 1885 that petty repairs to all postal buildings in charge of the Department can, without difficulty be executed by the postal officers occupying the building; he now in his letter just received (No. 5316 of 10th July 1886) declines to undertake the responsibility of maintaining in repair even the 16 buildings named.

These buildings are in very out of the way localities, and it will be most inconvenient for an Officer or Subordinate to have to superintend the repairs. In many cases it would occupy 10 days to go to the spot, prepare the estimate and

and return, and during that time the officer or subordinate would be miles from all the rest of his work. The cost ~~to~~ Government in Travelling allowance would be considerable and would probably in some cases exceed the cost of repairs.

It seems hard to believe that the Officer in charge of a post office cannot arrange for getting such trifling repairs as white washing, turning tiles, plastering floor &c., being carried out; there are very few villages where a native maistry or other could not be found to take the work on petty contract.

Extensive repairs costing over Rs. 1,000 might be carried out by this Department. The Postal Department are evidently not inclined to meet the wishes of this Department and unless the matter be referred to the Govt. of India there appears to be no use in taking further steps.

20/7/86

C. 22.7.86 Returned Resubmitted 9.8.86

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Cno 5578
O.T.S. 119/7

Note by Drw

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It seems unavoidable to make a reference to India which may be accordingly drafted.

2.8.86

S.A.W.

No. 541 D d/ Aug 17/ 188 P. W. Dept.

To

The Secretary to the
Govt. of Bombay
P. W. Dept.

Sir,

I am directed to request the favour of information as to the practice in the Bombay Presidency with respect to the repair and maintenance of Postal buildings.

2. In this Presidency, the Postal Department

require the P.W. Dept. to execute building repairs of every description, however petty may be their nature; and it is found that inconvenience and unnecessary expense is frequently entailed by P.W. subordinates having to proceed to outlying stations to frame estimates for repairs, the cost of which may be less in amount than the subordinates' travelling expenses, while the subordinate himself has to be absent for several days from important work.

3. After some correspondence on the subject, it was proposed to the Director General of Post offices that the P.W. Dept. should have charge of all the more important postal buildings in the Presidency, while some sixteen buildings in out-of-the-way stations should be

kept in repair by the Postal Department; but that officer expressed his regret that his department was not in a position to undertake repairs of any kind, even to the small buildings mentioned.

4. From paras 74 & 76, Chap: IX of the Govt of India P.W. Code, Vol. I, it appears that the Govt of India recognise the liability of the Postal Department to retain charge of less important buildings, and this Government desire to address the Govt of India on the question; but before doing this, it is considered advisable to ascertain the practice in the Bombay Presidency.

5. I am therefore to enquire to what extent the Bombay P.W. Dept is responsible for the repair and maintenance of Post office buildings.

17.8.86

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No. 541 Dd Aug: 17. 1886

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Presidency Dn Contd. ×	Vellore √C	6400	..	..	32	..	..	November/72	—	
	Venkatagirikota. √C	1490	..	..	7	11	4	April 1883	16	As now given by the Ex. Engr. The increase is probably owing to the buildg. being repaired & strengthened during the year
The Hd. Quarters of the Chingleput Dn. is St. Thomas mount ×	Chingleput. √C	1632	..	..	12	3	..	January 1874	1.	
	Pallavaram. √C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		Building razed to the ground under orders of Government
	Puduroyel. √	1000	..	..	7	8	..	Not known		As now given by the Ex. Engr. The decrease is probably owing to the buildg. not being in such good condition as it was in the previous year.
	Sattevedu. √C	1000	..	..	7	8	..	March 1882	1.	The rent is extended as now given by the Ex. Engineer
	Tiruvallur. √C	1750	..	..	13	2	..	April 1876	22	Do. Do.
Calicut Division	Beypore √	3054	..	..	30	8	6	1866	..	
	Cannanore √ ×	3080	..	..	30	12	10	Not known	..	
	Malapuram. √	2500	..	..	25	..	..	September/67		
	Palghat. √	2400	..	..	24	..	..	Not known		
	Mangalore √ ×	1361.	10	3.	14	..	..	About July 1852		
	do. Post Masters quarters	2210	8	11	22	..	..			
	Puttur √	798	6	3	8	..	..	March/72		
Cuddalore Division × Hd. Quarters of S. Arcot Dn.	× Cuddalore √	4658	3	2	20	..	..	June 1876	1	Increase in valuation & rent due to addns & alterations made to the building during 1868
	Kumbakonum. √	4470	..	..	20	..	..	Octr 1879	3.	
	Minissal √	350	..	..	2	..	..	1857		
	Tanjore √	4581	3	5	27	8	..	March/71	3.	
	× Tindivanam. √	300	..	..	3	..	..	1850	—	
	× Tranquebar. √	500	..	..	3	..	..	1850	..	

Post Master, Hydrabad	Hydrabad	9698	..	..	48	7	10	Correct date not ascertainable.		
Nellore Division	× Cuddapah. 3C	1500	..	..	5	..	..	May 1866	1	
	× Gudur 2C	1150	..	..	8	..	..	May 1877	14	
	Kavali 2C	2200	..	..	10	..	..	June 1881	1	
	× Madanapalli 3C	1000	..	..	3	12	..	March 1868	31	
	~~Mandavaram~~ Nandavaram. (a)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Transferred to P.W.D. on 20th February/84 (a) Handed over to the L. F. Deptt for use as a store house
	Rajampet 3C	1320	..	..	4	8	..	May 1882	15	
	× Ramapatnam 2C	500	..	..	3	..	..	June 1875	1	The Executive Engineer says "There appears to be some mistake in previous Valuation".
	Kistnapatam 2C	1800	..	..	8	..	..	Decr. 1883.	28	New building
Bangalore Division	French Rocks.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	The Post office was held in one of the rooms attached to the Military Barracks which was on the removal of the force from French Rocks put to auction by the Military Deptt. Hence the Post office is now held in a rented building
	Hunsur	400	..	..	5	..	..	October/73	—	
	Mysore	3100	..	..	20	..	..	do.		
	Jalarpet 1√C	430	..	..	2	13	10	Supposed to be in 1865		
	do. Sub Post masters quarters	565	..	..	3	12	3.	1865		
	× Salem. 1√C	3653.	..	..	22	13	..	1871		
	Saramangolam 1√C	1235	..	..	21	9	10	1861.		
	Vaniambadi 1√C	250	..	..	4	..	..	Supposed to be in 1849		
	Merca[illegible]	6114			2			[illegible]		[illegible]

Hd. Quarters of Presidency Dn. and of Bangalore Sub Division	Yercaud	1600	" "	10	10 8	1865		
Post Master, Bangalore	× Bangalore	38.827	" "	110	" "	March 1870	13.	
Coimbatore Division	Cherambadi	2568	" "	17	" "	June 1880	2	Value revised as now estimated by the Superintending Engineer
	Gudalur	4435	" "	30	" "	Not Known	"	
	Karur.	5071.	" "	34	" "	August/72	1.	Increase due to addition made to the building during the year 1883/84
	Kotagiri	4000	" "	27	" "	July 1881	1	
	Metthupalayam	1248	" "	8	" "	October 1873	20	
	Podanur	2313	" "	15	" "	1865		Supdg. Engr. informs that the present valuation was arrived at from actual measurements and rent calculated at 8 per cent thereon – the figures given for 1882/83 being merely approximate.
	Tirupur	1500	" "	10	" "	1865		
×	Wellington	7000	" "	47	" "	Not Known.		
	Manantoddy	6740	" "	45	" "	April 1867	1	Monthly rent revised as now estimated by Supdg. Engineer
×	Vayitri	5330	" "	36	" "	Jany 1869	–	Monthly rent revised as now estimated by Supdg. Engineer
	Devala	3087	" "	21	" "	Febry 1884	28	New building
	× Ootacamund.	24965	" "	166	" "	Septr 1883	12	New building
Presidency Division	Ambour	800	" "	4	" "	Supposed to be 1868		
	Chittoor	2240	" "	15	" "	October 1877	1.	
	Palmaner	1400	" "	10	" "	Septr 1881	1	
	Punganur.	1740	" "	9	" "	About April 1878	11	
	Renigunta	1716	8 3.	15	" "	Febry 1877	21.	

		1700	" "	1[illegible]	" "	April 1881	23.	
	+ Ramnad (⊗)	2857	14 3.	20	" "	June 1876	11	
Palamcottah Dn.	Alleppy (⊗)	1500	" "	10	" "	December/69	22	(⊗) The S.E. states that the buildings at the places marked thus ⊗ are not borne on the books of the P.W.D. as these stations are situated in the Zemindari & Travancore Circars
	Kottayam (⊗)	2302	" "	17	" "	Septr/80	1	
	Nagercoil	500	" "	5	" "	March/65	1	
	× Palamcottah	10.000	" "	60	" "	Not Known		
Streevalleputtur Sub Dn.	Satur	1800	" "	5	" "	Nov/73	16	
Thamadevi Sub Dn.	Tenkasi	2180	" "	16	" "	March/82	1	
	Virudupati	2550	" "	8	" "	July/75	27	
Tenkarai Sub Dn.	Srivaikuntham	2014	" "	10	" "	June 1883	1	
Louth or Periakulam Sub Dn.	Peermaad	1384	" "	9	" "	March/84	3.	New building
	Vasudevanallur	1276	" "	8	" "	Augt/83	17	Do.
S.E. 1st	Buildings occupied by Runners at Samalcotta.							
	Kananeram.	500	" "	" "		Not Known		
S.E. VI Vitrapundy Sub Dn.	Meenbasil	1420	" "	" "		In 1884.		
	Puttucottah	390						
Musiri Sub Dn.	Musiri	295						
		2502						

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POST OFFICE.

No. 5314

In any further correspondence on this subject, the No. and date of this letter should be quoted.

Simla the 10 July 1886.

FROM

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE POST OFFICE OF INDIA,

TO,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2286C, date 25th June, furnishing me with a list of 16 places situated in the districts margina nated and enquiring whether the Post offic department is prepared to take the enti charge of the postal buildings at those places.

Berhampore
Chittoor
Tanjore
Madura
Palamcottah
Cochin
Trivandram.

2. In reply, I regret to state tha for the reasons given in my letter of o 7th January No. 12.886, my departmen is not in a position to undertake the responsibility for maintenance in

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proper repair of the buildings referred to.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt. Servt.,

P. Hynes

for Director General.

No 2286C. 15. 6. 86
No 295C. 22. 1. 86
" 1831C. 12. 11. 83
" 2469D. 30. 10. 83
" 2422D. 24. 10. 83
" 2036D. 8. 9. 83
A. No 1883W. 14. 8. 83
" 281W. 6. 2. 83
G.O. 216W. 27. 1. 83
B. No 2911W. 21. 11. 84
" 2858W. 15. 11. 84
No 1014C. 15. 5. 84
B. No 533W. 16. 2. 83
" 307-308W. 29. 1. 83
G.O. 17W. 7. 1. 81
" 2780W. 2. 12. 80
" 2779W. 2. 12. 80

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Rd 17/7/86

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
29 OCT 86
P.W. DEPARTMENT

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No 1576 of 1886
Public Works Department
Bombay Castle, 23 October /86

To,

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras.
Public Works Department

Sir,

With reference to your No 541D, dated 17th August 1886, enquiring to what extent this Department is responsible for the repair of Post Office buildings, I am directed to state that the same general rule applies to Postal as to other buildings, that is, only buildings valued at over Rs 1000/- are in the charge of this Department for repair. All the more important Postal buildings, which are the property of Government, are accordingly repaired by this Department. These buildings are generally situated in places of some importance, or on main lines of communication, and the department has no difficulty in dealing

with

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with them, and the repairs are generally carried out without deputing a Subordinate specially for the duty.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Under Secy. to Govt.

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S.H.

Circ. 1. 11. 86. R 3.11.86

No.

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India, P.W. Dept.

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SIR,

I am directed to submit for the orders of the Government of India the following remarks on the subject of repairs to postal buildings in this Presidency.

2. In February 1885, the Suptg Engineer VI Circle inquired whether the P.W. Dept. should undertake all repairs to postal buildings irrespective of their cost, or only repairs that would entail an outlay above Rs 1000/-. The Suptg Engineer pointed out the inconvenience of carrying out petty repairs to postal buildings situated in out of the

way localities, and recommended that para 1597 of the Madras P.W. Code should be carried out in the case of all postal works.

3. The matter was referred to the Postmaster General, Madras, with the remark that the suggestion made by the Supdg Engineer, that the more important postal buildings be placed in charge of the P.W. Department for repairs, &ca, and the maintenance of other petty post offices be attended to by the Postal Department, appeared to be one that would meet all difficulties. In reply, the Postmaster General stated that he was unable to support the suggestion, as his subordinates had no knowledge of the work required, and fraud would certainly result if repairs had to be carried out under the orders of the Postal authorities.

4. In July 1885, the Director General of the Post office of India, addressed the Postmaster General, Madras, on the subject; confirming that officer's opinion that the Postal Department was singularly unfitted to undertake even petty repairs to postal buildings. He further stated that, in all other postal circles, repairs were executed by the P.W. Department; and he did not consider it advisable to make Madras an exception to the rule. A communication was then addressed by this Department to the Director General, proposing that the P.W. Dept should have charge of and be responsible for the maintenance in proper repair of all postal buildings situated at head quarters of divisions and subdivisions of the P.W. Department, the Postal Department carrying out all works in connection with the other scattered outlying buildings in the districts.

5. In reply, the Director General forwarded a copy of a list of postal buildings in the Madras Presidency in charge of the P.W. Dept.

for maintenance and repairs, and inquired what alterations it was proposed to make in the list. The Director General added that there would be no difficulty in arranging for petty repairs to buildings in charge of the P. W. Dept, such as are described in para 1156 of the Madras P. W. Code, being executed by the postal officers occupying those buildings. The Director General was accordingly furnished with a list of the postal buildings situated at P. W. Dept head quarter stations, with the remark that it was proposed to hand over all other postal buildings entered in the list forwarded by him to the Postal Department for maintenance and repairs; but, in reply, he stated that his Department was unable to undertake the responsibility and work proposed to be transferred to it.

6. All Supdg Engineers were then called upon to report which of the postal buildings situated in their respective circles could be kept in repair by the P. W. Department without undue inconvenience; and on receipt of their replies the Director General was again addressed, in June 1886, on the subject. He was informed that, with the exception of sixteen postal buildings named in the margin×, the P. W. Dept would undertake the maintenance and repairs of all postal buildings in the Presidency. Of the sixteen named, eleven are situated in out of the way localities, one in a temporary division, and four in Travancore territory.

× Sompet.
Venkatagiri Kotai
Mimisal.
Patukota
Ammayanayakanur
Ramnad.
Satur
Tenkasi
Virudupati
Srivaikunthan
Vasudevanallur.
Sivakasi.
Alleppey
Kottayam
Nagercoil.
Peermaad

In his No 5314 dated 10th July 1886, the Director General however expressed regret that his department was not in a position to undertake the responsibility for maintaining in proper repair the buildings referred to.

7. In a previous communication, the Director General stated that he had every wish to meet the wishes of the Madras Govt on the subject, but it will be seen, from the foregoing précis of the correspondence

which has taken place, that all suggestions made by this Department have been rejected as impracticable. In these circumstances, and as the matter is one of considerable importance, I am directed to submit it with the following remarks for the orders of the Govt of India.

8. The Govt of India will readily understand that considerable inconvenience is caused when an upper subordinate has to be sent to one of the outlying insignificant villages where a post office happens to be situated. In certain cases, the man so sent has to be away from his legitimate duties for a week or ten days to prepare the estimate, which after all will probably amount to only a few rupees for trifling repairs. The State is thus put to the expense of the man's travelling allowances, and during his absence the works in his charge necessarily suffer.

9. In accordance with para 74, Chapter IX, of the Govt of India P.W. Code, Volume I, the P.W. Dept is to have charge of all buildings or works of the Postal and Telegraph Departments which for any reason it may be thought desirable by the Director General the P.W. officers should maintain; and in such cases the buildings are to be repaired by the P.W. officers. By para 75, the Director General is authorised to call upon the P.W. Dept at any time for the execution of necessary repairs, which are to be carried out by the Executive Engineer if he concurs in their propriety; but para 76 lays down that the Postal and Telegraph officers will themselves execute all repairs of those buildings which are not in charge of the P.W. Dept.

10. From the information already afforded, it will be seen that the Director General is of opinion that his department is not in a position to undertake the responsibility for maintenance in proper repair of even the small postal buildings in out of the way places in this Presidency; — although, from the tenor of the paras of the Govt of India Code quoted, it does not seem to have

been contemplated that all postal buildings should be in charge of the P.W. Department, but that those of less importance should be maintained by Postal authorities.

11. In these circumstances, I am directed to submit for consideration the undermentioned alternative proposals, in view to the question under discussion being definitely and satisfactorily settled:—

(1). That all postal buildings situated at head quarters of Divisions and Sub Divisions of the Madras P.W. Dept be in charge of the P.W. Dept, the Postal Dept having entire charge of all other scattered outlying buildings in the Districts; or

(2) That all repairs to postal buildings costing Rs 1,000/- and upwards be carried out by the Public Works Department, all other repairs being executed by the Postal authorities.—

12. I am to solicit the early orders of the Govt of India on the subject.—

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Most obedient servant,

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Secretary to Govt.—

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Note for the Hon'ble Member

This draft was first circulated in August last, but the Honorable Mr. Sullivan, in a note attached to the file, considered that before addressing the Govt of India it would be well to ascertain the practice that prevails in the Bombay Presidency in regard to the carrying out of repairs to postal buildings.

This was accordingly done, and the reply from the

the Govt of Bombay is now circulated. It seems clear that in Bombay the Postal Dept carries out repairs to buildings of minor importance, and there appears to be no reason why a similar practice should not be introduced in this Presidency.

At present all repairs to postal buildings are carried out by this Dept, and, in many cases, with considerable inconvenience as pointed out i the corresponden which is circulated.

A paragrap has been added t the draft pointi out the system which obtains i Bombay.

With these remarks the draf letter to India i recirculated for approval.

J. Hastie Colone
Secretary to Govt
P. W.

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~~Hon'ble Mr Webster~~

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No: 2925 Wd/ 6th November 188

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

From the Suptg. Engineer VI Circle. H. E. No: 660 M. D. d/11th February 1885
Chief Engineer's memorandum. No: 475C d/9th March 1885.
From the Postmaster General, Madras No: 15329 d/26th March 1885
Chief Engineer's memorandum No: 1082C d/ 20th June 1885
From the Postmaster General, Madras, No: 3358 d/23rd June 1885.
——— Do ——— Do ——— No: 4208 d/13th July 1885.
Letter to the Director General of Post Office of India. No: 1885 Wd/14th August 1885.
From the ——— Do ——— No: 7627 d/26th August 1885.
Office note to the Examiner of P. W. Accounts. No: 2036 D d/8th September 1885.
— Do — from ——— Do ——— No: 438 d/9th September 1885
— Do — from ——— Do ——— No: 604 d/28th October 1885
— Do — from ——— Do ——— No: 618 d/ 3rd November 1885
Letter to the Director General of Post Office of India No: 1831C d/12th November 1885
From the ——— Do ——— No: 11793 d/9th December 1885.
From the ——— Do ——— No: 12,886 d/7th January 1886.
Chief Engineer's memorandum No: 295C d/22nd January 1886.
From the Suptg. Engineer VI Circle. No: 1705 T. J. d/28th January 1886.
——— II Circle - No: 362 G. L. d/18th February 1886.
——— IV Circle - No: 69 d/4th March 1886.
——— III Circle - No: 2438 d/13th March 1886.
——— V Circle - No: 5228 d/22nd March 1886.
——— I Circle - No: 84 G. L. d/4th June 1886.
Letter to the Director General of Post Office of India - No: 2286C d/25th June 1886.
From the ——— Do ——— No: 5314 d/10th July 1886.
Letter to the Govt of Bombay . . . . . . " 541 B d/ 19. 10. 86
Letter from the ——— do . . . . . . " 1506 A d/ 23. 10. 86

Ordered that the following letter be addressed to the Govt. of India

H. E. No: 2925 Wd/ 6th Nov/86

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India
P. W. Department.

Sir,

I am directed to submit for the orders of the Govt. of India the following remarks on the subject of repairs

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repairs to postal buildings in this Presidency.

2. In February 1885, the Supdg. Engr. VI Circle inquired whether the P. W. Department should undertake all repairs to postal buildings irrespective of their cost, or only repairs that would entail an outlay above Rs. 1,000. The Supdg. Engineer pointed out the inconvenience of carrying out petty repairs to postal buildings situated in out of the way localities, and recommended that para 1597 of the Madras P. W. Code should be carried out in the case of all postal works.

3. The matter was referred to the Postmaster General, Madras, with the remark that the suggestion made by the Supdg. Engineer, that the more important postal buildings be placed in charge of the P. W. D. for repairs, &ca, and the maintenance of other petty post offices be attended to by the Postal Department, appeared to be one that would meet all difficulties. In reply, the Postmaster General stated that he was unable to support the suggestion, as his subordinates had no knowledge of the work required, and fraud would certainly result if repairs had to be carried out under the orders of the

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Postal authorities.

4. In July 1885, the Director General of the Post Office of India addressed the Postmaster General, Madras, on the subject, confirming that officer's opinion that the Postal Department was singularly unfitted to undertake even petty repairs to postal buildings. He further stated that, in all other postal circles, repairs were executed by the P. W. Department; and he did not consider it advisable to make Madras an exception to the rule. A communication was then addressed by this Department to the Director General, proposing that the P. W. D. should have charge of and be responsible for the maintenance in proper repair of all postal buildings situated at head-quarters of Divisions and of sub-divisions of the P. W. D., the Postal Department carrying out all works in connection with the other scattered outlying buildings in the districts.

5. In reply, the Director General forwarded a copy of a list of postal buildings in the Madras Presidency in charge of the P. W. Department for maintenance and repairs, and inquired what alterations it was proposed to

make in the list. The Director General added that there would be no difficulty in arranging for petty repairs to buildings in charge of the P. W. Department, such as are described in para 1156 of the Madras P. W. Code, being executed by the postal officers occupying those buildings. ~~Accordingly~~ The Director General was ~~then~~ accordingly furnished with a list of the postal buildings situated at P. W. D headquarter stations, with the remark that it was proposed to hand over all other postal buildings entered in the list forwarded by him to the Postal Department for maintenance and repairs; but, ~~the Director General~~ in reply he stated that his Department was unable to undertake the responsibility and work proposed to be transferred to it.

6. All Supty: Engineers were then called upon to report which of the postal buildings situated in their respective Circles could be kept in repair by the P. W. D. without undue inconvenience; and on receipt of their replies the Director General was again addressed in June 1886, on the subject. He was informed that, with the exception of sixteen postal buildings × named in the margin, the P. W. D. would undertake the maintenance and repairs of all postal buildings in the Presidency. Of the sixteen named, eleven are situated in out of the way localities, one in a temporary division, and four in Travancore territory.

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Ramnad
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Srivaikuntham
Vasudevanallur
Sivakasi
Alleppey
Kottayam
Nagercoil
Peermaad

In his No: 5314 dated 10th July 1886, the Director General however expressed regret~~s~~ ~~to~~ ~~state~~ that his department was ~~is~~ not in a position to undertake the responsibility for maintai~~ning~~ in proper repair ~~of~~ the buildings referred to.

7. ~~Although~~ In a previous communication, the Director General stated that he had every wish to meet the wishes of the Madras Govt. on the subject; but it will be seen, from the foregoing précis of the correspondence ~~that~~ which has taken place, that all suggestions made by this Department have been rejected as impracticable ~~refused by the Director General~~. In these circumstances, and as the matter is one of considerable importance, I am directed to submit it with the following remarks for the orders of the Govt. of India.

8. The Govt. of India will readily understand that considerable inconvenience is caused when an upper subordinate has to be sent to

one of the outlying insignificant villages where a post office happens to be situated. In certain cases the man so sent has to be away from his legitimate duties for a week or ten days to prepare the estimate, which after all will probably amount to only a few rupees for trifling repairs. The State is thus put to the expense of the man's ~~pay and~~ travelling allowances, and during his absence the works in his charge necessarily suffer.

9. In accordance with para 74 Chap. VI of the Govt. of India P. W. Code, Volume I, the P. W. D. is to have charge of all buildings or works of the Postal and Telegraph Departments which for any reason it may be thought desirable by the Director General the P. W. Officers should maintain; and in such cases the buildings are to be repaired by the P. W. Officers. By para 75, the Director General is authorised to call upon the P. W. Department at any time for the execution of necessary repairs, which are to be carried out by the Executive Engineer if he concurs in their propriety; but para 76 lays down that the Postal and Telegraph officers will themselves execute all repairs of those buildings which are not in charge of the P. W. Department.

10. ~~But~~ From the information already afforded, it will be seen that the Director General is of opinion that his department is not in a position to undertake the responsibility for maintenance in proper repair of even the small postal buildings situated in out of the way places in this Presidency; ~~From~~ although, from the tenor of the paras of the Govt. of India Code quoted, it does not seem to have been contemplated that all postal buildings should be in charge of the P. W. D., but that those of lesser importance should be maintained by Postal authorities.

11. In reply to a reference on the subject the Govt of Bombay has intimated that only buildings valued at over Rs: 1000 are in charge of their P. W. D. for repair and that such buildings are generally situated in places of some importance or on main lines of communication so that the dept has no difficulty in dealing with them and the repairs are generally carried out without deputing a subordinate specially for the duty.

12. In these circumstances, I am directed to submit for consideration ~~the undermentioned alternative proposals, in view to the question under discussion being definitely and satisfactorily settled:~~ the proposal

~~(1).~~ That all postal buildings situated at head-quarters of

Divisions and Sub-Divisions of the Madras P. W. D. be in charge of the P. W. Department, the Postal Department having entire charge of all other scattered outlying buildings in the Districts; ~~or~~

~~(2) That all repairs to postal buildings costing Rs. 1000 and upwards be carried out by the P. W. D., all other repairs being executed by the Postal authorities.~~

1~~2~~. I am to solicit the early orders of the Govt. of India on the subject. in view to the question under discussion being definitely and satisfactorily settled.

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It is proposed to omit the alternative proposal as the adoption of the Bombay system of repairing all buildings valued at over Rs: 1000 would probably not relieve the Madras P. W. D. at all. and to ask that only repairs costing over Rs: 1000 should be carried out by P. W. D. would probably be asking too much.

For orders.

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I would present the draft [illegible] of Mr Allen [illegible] agree to Revision

The Bombay plan [illegible] perhaps the best — having regard to general interests & not the convenience of one dept only

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