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Assistant Archaeological Superintendent for Epigraphy
Recording papers relating to the improvement
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Memo.

Nº. 1553 B-1

23.9.18

The A. A. S. for Epigraphy is requested to expedite his further report regarding the removal of his office to Kelley's garden promised in his telegram of the 23rd July 1918.

19.9.18.

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To the A. A. S. for Epigraphy.

(N. only)

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DEPARTMENT.

Received

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Registered

1918

Subject

Submitting that the agreement from the owner of the
"Kelley's garden" will be forwarded as ^{soon} as it is received.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

No. 574

Spare copies

Station Kilpauk, Madras, Dated the 26th September 1918.

From (Name) M.R. Ry. Rao Sahib H. Krishna Sastri Avl., B.A.,

(Designation) Assistant Archaeological Superintendent
for Epigraphy, Southern Circle.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

H O M E (Education) Department.

Stone House Hill, The Nilgiris.

Sir,

With reference to the Memo No. 1553 B-1, dated the 23rd instant, I beg to submit that the form of agreement promised by the owner of the "Kelley's Garden" is daily expected. The agreement approved by the Advocate General and adopted in the case of the "Jaya Ville" recently occupied by this office did not suit the owner of the "Kelley's Garden" who promised to submit a form of his own. As soon as it is received it will be forwarded to Government for acceptance.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. Krishna Sastri.

Asst. Archl. Super. for Epigraphy.

DEPARTMENT.

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Subject

Submitting that the land lord of Kelleys Gardens has not sent the lease-deed as promised and has failed to fit up building with fans, lights and telephone and reporting the damage done to records by rats.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

Spare copies

No. 53

Station Madras Dated the 5th February 1919.

From (Name) M.R.Ry. Rao Saheb H. Krishna Sastri Avergal, B.A.

(Designation) Assistant Archaeological Superintendent

for Epigraphy, Southern Circle.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

HOME (Education) Department.

Fort Saint George, Madras.

Sir,

In G.O.No. 880, Home (Education) dated the 4th July 1918 the Government finding the premises of 'Jaya Villa' closely surrounded by private houses, cooking rooms, etc, considered them quite unsuitable for the deposit of valuable records that are in my charge and therefore ordered the removal of my office to a more suitable building before the end of July 1918. I put myself immediately in communication with the Public Works Department to secure a building that would conveniently accommodate my office and be free from the risk of fire. Among the buildings that were examined, Kelleys-Gardens (in Kilpauk),

-2/-
Nila-Vilas (in Poonamallee High Road) and Humayun-Munzil and Fallow-Field (in Peters Road Royapettah) had sufficient space to contain the several record boxes of my office and to accommodate myself and the establishment. I had to give up all others and select Kelleys-Gardens for the reason that the cost of removing the complete office would be minimum in this case as it was within half a mile distance from Jaya Villa. Further it was promised by the land-lord Mr. Gulam Ali Sahib that he would immediately put it in thorough repair, which it badly required being a very old one, and that he would fit it with 5 electric fans and 20 lights within 4 months after my removal to it, i.e., from the 1st August 1918. As Mr. Gulam Ali refused to accept the lease-deed drawn up by the Government in the case of Jaya Villa, he was required to submit his own terms for the acceptance of Government and this he promised to do. The rent agreed upon was Rs. 225/- a month either for temporary or permanent periods and that in case his terms did not suit the Government, it was open to me to secure another building for the office. I wired to Government on the 23rd July 1918 on the selection of Kelleys-Gardens from 1st August 1918 on Rs. 225/- a month. At the same time, I promised to address Government intending to send the lease-deed of the land lord. Subsequently, I issued several reminders to Mr. Gulam Ali, -- two in August (Nos. 467/17-8-1918 and 502/30-8-1918), two in September (Nos. 565/24-9-1918 and 572/26-9-1918), one in October (No. 612/23-10-1918), two in November (Nos. 647/11-11-1918 and 661/18-11-1918), one in December (No. 740/30-12-1918) and one in January (No. 13/-10-1-1919), and have not been able to move him to submit his lease-deed. Meanwhile, I also intimated to Government in my letters Nos. 574/26-10-1918 and 613/25-10-1918 the trouble with the land-lord to accept the former lease-deed of Jaya-Villa and his delay in submitting his own terms.

Besides submitting again, that the land-lord has not submitted his lease-deed, for which it is not necessary to wait any longer; I have now to bring to the notice of Government that the building, where my office is now located is badly infested with bandycoots and rats which have already done considerable damage to impressions of inscriptions and books,

books, in spite of the best care taken by the watchman and attender. During the rains in October-November the terrace of the building leaked considerably.

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I request that the Government will be pleased to decide, under the circumstances detailed above, whether my office should continue to be in Kelleys-Gardens and if they should so decide to have it there, I request that out of the six months rent of Rs. 1,350/- that has accumulated so far, the building may be fitted with 5 electric fans for the hot weather which is fast approaching and provide for telephone connection at an early date as the want of it is seriously felt. Some good remedy must be found to drive or kill rats in order to secure the safety of the thousands of valuable records that are in the office.

4 In case the Government decide to terminate the location of the office in Kelleys-Gardens, I request that the House Property Agency, Madras or the Public Works Department, may be directed to secure a convenient building for the office, within the monthly rent of Rs. 250/- fixed in G.O.No. 970/23-7-1918. The new building to be selected may preferably be in Egmore or Puraswalkam, not far removed from the Egmore Railway Station, as most of my establishment are residing in those parts of the town. city?

I have the honour to be,

Sir, ..

Your most obedient servant,

H. Krishna Sastri.

Asstt. Archl. Supdt. for Epigraphy.

Krs
5.2.19

Home (Edy) Sept

la. 249 B

Memo. N. 249 B-1
15-2-19

With reference to his
letter no 53 of 5. 2. 19, the
Assistant Archaeological Superin-
tendent for Epigraphy is
requested to state whether he has
obtained from the owner of —
'Keller's Gardens' any written pro-
undertaking ~~to~~ to the effect that he
would fit the building with
electric fans and lights.

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13.2.19

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14.2.19 15/2/19

To ^{17.2.19}
The A.A.S. for Epigraphy
(q/t memo)

A.A.S. to be reminded after
a fortnight.

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POSTS TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICE.

This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting the



Charges to pay. As.



Handed in at (Office of Origin).

Date. Hour. Minus.

Service Instructions.

Words.

madras E 23 Ste 2/ Recd. here at 2/ H. 4.

TO madras Home ooty Stone House Hill.

398 arranged occupation Kelleys garden 225 from first august letter follows
Epigraphist

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text:

Cal Chand & Sons—1917—1,00,000 Bks. (Edn. I).

Home (Edn. I)

The A.A.S's latest may, it is subd., be awaited.

5-8-18.

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5-8-18

Regr. May be reminded.

T.K. 12-9-18. Yes.

C.R. 17-9-18.

Draft memo subd.

19-9-18

21/9/18 (vent before post)

(Unionists to have been subd. for pursal & review)

Home (Edn) Dept

Memorandum No. 1553/B-1, d/ 23-9-18

to 2027/B, from the A.A.S. for Epigraphy, 5th d/ 26th Sep. 1918.

For orders whether the agreement promised by the A.A.S. for Epigraphy may be omitted. If it is not received by the 20th Oct. 1918, the A.A.S. may be re-mentioned again.

Subject.

Occupation of the Kelly's garden by the office of the A.A.S. for Epigraphy.

The usual reminder

is Subd. below 309.18 for signature.

20.10.18.

By 21.10.18. A 22/10

At 3-5 of

to 249B, from the A.A.S. for Epigraphy, No 53 d/ 5-2-19

Please see the notes connected with Geo-no. 880, Home (Edn) d/ 4-7-18, which give a full account of the circumstances under which the office of the A.A.S. for Epigraphy was ordered to be removed from 'Jaya Villa', the place of its former occupation to a more suitable building. In pursuance of the orders in the above Geo., the A.A.S., in consultation with the Pro. selected 'Kelly's Gardens' as the most suitable of the buildings that were

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Vide telegram at p. 17

Vide pp 9-14 of

Geo. no 1154, Hanel (Edm)

4.11.16 (2)

para 1 of the A.A.S's

letter - p. 4 cf

para 3 of the A.A.S's

letter - p. 5 cf

para 4 ibid - p. 5 cf.

were then available, for accommodating his office and has been occupying it from the 1st August, 1918. The A.A.S. now brings to notice that the owner of 'Kelley's Gardens' has neither accepted the terms of the lease deed approved by Govt in the case of 'Jaya Villa', nor sent the draft lease deed promised by him, in spite of several reminders, ^{and} that he has not provided the building with electric lights and fans, ~~and that the necessary repairs to the buildings have not been carried out~~. He also complains that the building is infested with bandy coots and rats which have done considerable damage to the records in the office and requests that it may be fitted with electric fans and provided with telephone connection the expenses being met from the six months' rent due to the landlord, which has not yet been paid, or that another more convenient building may be secured, preferably in Egmore or Purasawalkum, for accommodating his office.

2. It does not seem ^{advised} ~~desirable~~ to spend the amount of the rent due to the landlord of the present building, fitting the building with electric fans

para 3 of the A.A.S's
letter - p. 5 of

para 2 of the
A.A.S's letter - p. 4 of.

para 4 ibid - p. 5 of

and providing it with telephone call
as suggested by the A.A.S., with the
consent of the landlord, nor does it
appear likely that the landlord was
~~providing it with electric installation~~
provide it with electric installation
in the near future. Moreover, he
has not yet submitted the lease
deed promised by him. In the
circumstances, it does not seem
^{desirable} ~~advisable~~ that the office of the
A.A.S. should continue to remain
in 'Kelley's Gardens'. ^{It is for consideration}
~~whether~~ ~~that~~ the P.W.D. may be requested
select a more suitable building
in the localities suggested by the
A.A.S.

11.2.19.

11.2.19.

The roof is leaking: there are
other inconveniences: & the
landlord does not appear
to be an easy man to
deal with. We may have
to give up Kelley's gardens, if we
can help it, ~~as~~ but cannot, in
view of the difficulties we experienced
on the last occasion, precipitate
the removal until we have
a better place.

accept the A.H. proposal to spend the accumulated rent on improvements to the building, especially knowing ^{as we do} the ~~character~~ ^{character} of the landlord.

There is separately going round a file about the ~~disposal~~ future disposal of the Engineering College buildings after the removal of the College to Guindy about September next. According to the original arrangement, the Dir^l of Archaeology is to find accommodation for his office in the Eng^g. College building. It has been proposed in E.S. that it would be better if the A.A.S. for Epigraphy could also be accommodated in the same building. The P. W.D. may have to consider the proposal. If this is feasible, or if the A.A.S. for Epigraphy can take up the place ~~now~~ that may be reserved for the Archaeological Dir^l in the Eng. College, the present difficulty will be solved. There is urgent need for accommodation for the Epigraphist's office & in view of the nature of the materials gathered in the office & of the necessity for their safety it will be high

(File Separately)
Sub^d

Clearing him out
to be in a rented
place.

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advisable to settle for this office a permanent place as early as possible.

3 P. W. D. may be asked to consider this proposal. Until a decision is arrived at on this, Kelly's fenders will have obviously to be kept up for the Epigraphical office.

Q
12/2/19

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In reply to a reminder the A.A.S. says that most of the repairs have been completed. So pretty the question of leakage is settled. The immediate point is provision of electric fans.

The A.A.S. refers to a promise by the law firm; is it on paper?

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13/2/19

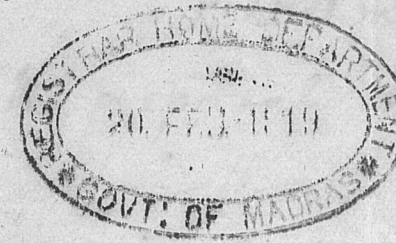
There is no information in the office as to whether the A.A.S. obtained a written undertaking from the owner of 'Kelly's Garden' in regard to the provision of electric fans and lights. The A.A.S. may be requested to furnish the information.

2. A draft memo. is submitted.

E

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D.O. no. 82



Office of the A.A.S. for Epigraphy, Madras

19th February 1919.

Dear Sir,

With reference ^{to} the Memorandum No. 249 B-1,
Home (Education) Department, dated the 15th February
1919, I beg to enclose copies of two letters received
from Mr. Ghulam Ali Sahib, the owner of "Kelley's Gar-
dens" on the subject of fitting the building with elec-
tric fans and lights.

Yours sincerely,

H. Krishna Rao

Asstt. Archl. Supdt. for Epigraphy.

To

The Secretary to Government of Madras,

Home (Education) Department, Fort St. George,
Madras.

Enc. 6 No. 82
19.2.19.

Copy of letter dated the 20th July 1918 from Mr. Gulam Ali Sahib to the Assistant Archaeological Superintendent for Epigraphy, Madras.

With reference to your D.O. No. 390 of the 19th instant, I write to state that the white washing and sundry repairs will be undertaken now so as to enable you to remove into the house on or before the 1st August but the repairs outside the building, coach house, oiling the doors etc. and the electric installation Viz., 5 fans and 20 lights will be taken in hand after your removal and will require about 4 months for completion as every thing is so dear just now. After the completion of this work the rent will be Rs. 250/- only and until then, I shall charge you Rs. 200/- Kindly let me know at once if you agree so that I may begin the sundry repairs from Monday. I shall call over to your office as requested on receipt of your reply to this letter. I further beg to request you to let me know for the number of years you require the lease. Please reply through the bearer.

(True copy)

H. Krishna Sastri.

Asstt. Archl. Supdt. for Epigraphy

7-9-13

Copy of letter dated 23rd July 1918 from Mr. Ghulam Ali Sahib to the Assistant Archaeological Superintendent for Epigraphy, Madras.

I am in receipt of your letter No. 397 of the 22nd instant. I have already given orders for whitewashing and the sundry repairs and the work must have begun from yesterday.

I note that you will pay Rs. 225/- from 1st August 1918 and that when the other repairs and electric installation are completed the same rent will be formally fixed and continued. I shall send you a copy of our terms on which we let our houses to ~~one~~ ^{our} European tenants and if you approve of them and undertake to execute the necessary lease the whole work will be completed within four months from 1st August as suggested by you.

(True Copy)

H. Krishna Sastri.

Asstt. Archl. Supdt. for Epigraphy.

*On
12-9*

But you were
receiving Rs 225
all the while even without
expecting
any of the improvements

Hane (Edw) Sept

Mr. 8-9 nf

Vide telegram on
p. 1 nf

Keep Please
Read some
26/2/14

Ex m.
Please keep oc. of
27.2.19

The A.A.S. has submitted copies of letters received by him from the landlord of 'Kelley's Garden', which go to show that the latter agreed to provide the building with electric fans and lights within four months from the 1st August, 1918, the date when the A.A.S. removed his office to that building.

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Home (Edn.) DEPARTMENT.

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Govt. of Madras.

Home (Edn.) Department.

D.O.No.361 B-1.

Fort, 26-2-1919.

Dear Mr. Sastryar,

With reference to the correspondence ending
with your demi-official^{no. 82} dated 19-2-19 regarding the
improvement to "Kelleys garden" I am desired to say
that the Secretary would like to talk to you about
the matter on any office day between 12 & 4.

Yours sincerely,
C. Ramamuja Achariyar.

Depd. 27.2.19
M.R.Ry., Rao Sahib
H. Krishna Sastryar Avl.,
Asstt. Archaeological Supdt. for Epigraphy,
Kelleys gardens,
Madras.

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Home (Edn) No. 443 B
D.O. 104. B. 3.3.0
Office of the A.S. for Epigraphy.
Madras, 1st March 1919
Dear Mr. Ramanujam Achar,
With re-

ference to D.O.No. 361 B-1, dated the
27th ultimo, I shall call on the Se-
cretary on Monday the 3rd instant at
12 noon, in connection with the lease
of my office building.

Yours sincerely,

K. Krishna Sastri.

To
The Registrar,
Home (Edn) Dept. Madras.

Home (Edn) Dept

For orders whether Mr Krishna Sastri
may be reminded. If so, the draft so.
below is for approval:—

Dear Mr. Sastriyar,

with

reference to the correspondence ending with
your D.O. No 104, dated the 1st March, 1919,
on the subject of the improvement of
'Kelley's Garden', I ~~am desirous to ask you~~
~~turn~~ when you propose to call on the
Secretary.

22.3.19

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

To

MR R. Rao Sahib H. Krishna
Sastrigal Avl
Asst. Archaeological Supdt
for Epigraphy.
'Kelley's Garden', Kilpauk.

Mr. Krishna Sastrigal called here
to see the Secretary on the 24th
inst. He had a talk with the
Secretary on the matter. I
understood him to say that
he would arrange with the
house owner himself about
the questions he referred to you.
I shall be glad to take no action on the
present Comm. *[Signature]*

24.3.19
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Mr. Kusmaiah said that there
was no trouble now with rats and
that he would arrange with the farmer

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May 31/9
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H.A.S for Geography
Reading papers.
relating to the improve-
ment of the building
occupied by the
office of the
A

R 913
23/10/1918

Department.

Education Branch.

D. No. 613
24-10-18

REMINDER.



REPLY.

To

The Asst. Arch. Supdt. for
Epigraphy

The Secretary to Government of
Madras, Home (education) Department,
Fort Saint George, Madras.

The undersigned ~~has the honour to invite~~
is directed to invite
invites

attention to the communication noted in the

Memo No. 1553/B-1, dated 23-9-18 margin and to
request that

this reminder may be returned at once with
information as to—

- (1) the stage at which the matter now is,
- (2) the date by which a reply may be expected and
- (3) the circumstances which have caused the delay.

2. It is requested that the reply to this
reminder may be sent not later than

Sir,
The owner of "Kelley's Gardens"
Mr. Gulam Ali Sahib, Triplicane, has
been unnecessarily delaying the execu-
tion of the lease. When this office
occupied this building on 1st August
1918 on the strength of a letter from
him that he would let the building for
Rs. 225/-, per mensem, he made us un-
derstand that he would draw up his own
terms of the lease and send it up for
the approval of Government. He delayed
doing this even after a number of re-
minders were sent to him on the 17th
August, 30th August; 24th September and
26th September. When last he was re-
quested to appear in person with the
terms of the lease he came and told me
that his brother was absent and that he
would settle everything after the return
of the Government offices from Ootaca-
mund about the 15th of this
month. I reminded him again yesterday

Office Home (Ed.) Dept. Signature.
Station Fort St. George. Designation.
Dated 20-10-18.

21.10.18

SUBJECT.

Leased deed relating
Kelly's garden.

the members of his family and himself are down
with fever and that he would go to the
office as soon as he is able to move about.

2. Most of the repairs to the building
are completed and the electric installation
is being arranged for. Under the circum-
stances a reply on the subject will be sent
as soon as Mr. Ghulam Ali Sahib sends his
draft lease for approval.

H. Krishna Sastri

Asstt. Archl. Supdt. for
Epigraphy.

Madras,

24-10-1918.

H. Krishna Sastri
(Sd.)

Lodged.

2. The A.A.S. will again
be recommended on 1.12.18

6.11.18
6.11.18
7.11.18

When given for copying
When copied
When examined
When signed

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READ AGAIN G.O. No.
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DATED

CURRENT No.

ENCLOSURES TO C. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT WITH LITTO.

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ORIGINAL.

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