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Dated 14-6-1947.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Archaeology-Protected Ancient Monuments-The Tirumal Nayak's Palace,
Srivilliputhur-Retransfer to Public Works Department-Orders passed.

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Telegraphic Address :
Archæological Superintendent,
Mylapore (MADRAS).



No. RD-1/2646

Office of the Superintendent,
Archæological Survey of India,

Southern Circle,
Fort St. George,

Madras.9
Mylapore, the 9th December 1946.

FROM

T.N. Ramachandran, Esq., M.A.

Superintendent,
Archæological Survey of India,
Southern Circle,

Fort St. George, Madras.9.

TO

The Joint Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Subject :-

Conservation of Archaeological buildings by
the Madras Public Works Department.

SIR,

Ref:- Your endorsement No. 51268-C/45-1 Edn., dated
14-11-1945.

In accordance with your above endorsement, conservation work of all Central Archaeological buildings was taken over by this Department as from 1st April 1946, as conservation through the agency of the Public Works Department was in some cases found to militate against archaeological standards of preservation of ancient monuments in their pristine condition. To give only a few instances, the Dansberg castle at Tranquebar (Tanjore District), the fort at Gardikota (Cuddappah District), the Rajah Mahal at Chandragiri and the Mahal at Gurrankonda (Chittoor District) which are all protected monuments (vide the Government of Madras List of Protected Ancient Monuments in the Madras Presidency, 1945) were, without the knowledge of this Department, converted into inspection bungalows,

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when the Public Works Department were in charge of their conservation, and the necessary alterations and additions to make them suitable as inspection bungalows were effected. I have already referred to them in my conversation with you on 30-11-46 and 2-12-46.

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Another case has now come up, which I have to refer to Government for clarification. The Tirumalai Nayak's Palace, Srivilliputtur, which is a protected ancient monument (No. 354 of the List) was handed over by the Public Works Department to this Department on 17-10-46 for departmental conservation, in conformity with the P.W.D Government ^{Letter} Memo No. 2851, dated 7-11-45, which you endorsed to me in your reference quoted above. But the Executive Engineer, Ramnad Division, Madurai, now writes that the transfer of the above building was a mistake and requests a re-transfer of the monument to the Public Works Department so that they may carry out their own improvements and repairs to the building. (Copy enclosed). While this Department may agree to repairs in respect of a monument that will not prejudice the antiquity of the monument, we cannot allow any repairs which will clash with the principles of archaeological conservation. It is with a view to ensure this object that this Department has, since taking over the monuments, appointed its own Engineering staff of Conservation Assistants and Sub Overseers specially trained in archaeological conservation and posted them at various centres so that they may be able to look after the needs of the monuments personally.

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I therefore request that Government will kindly consider the question and clarify the position. I have only to add that if the Public Works Department should be allowed to carry out their repairs to archaeological monuments without any reference to us, many of the ancient monuments will sooner or later lose their antiquity by reason of accretions

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and alterations, and we may be obliged to delete such monuments from our list as being unworthy of being styled ancient monuments.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

SVR/

J. N. Ramachandran
Superintendent. 9.12.46
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Education and Public Health Department

Endorsement

Referred to the Chief Engineer
and Deputy
(Buildings) for remarks.
(B.O.)

To

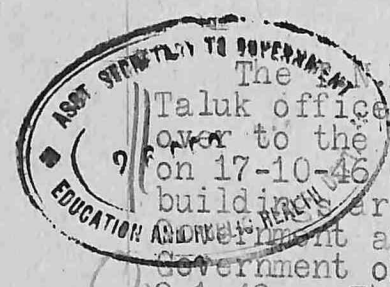
The Chief Engineer (Buildings and Office)

Assistant Secretary to Govt.
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Put up the 4.05 minutes in p 56, as per. Let
P.W.D see before a reference is sent to
Chief Engineer. 16/12/46

Copy of letter No. 3918.M., dated 26-11-46 from the Executive Engineer, Ramnad Division, Madura, to the Superintendent, Archseological Survey of India, Madras.

Subject: Improvements to strong room and sub-treasury at Srivilliputtur.



The T.N. Palace, Srivilliputtur, which is being used as the Taluk office and District Munsiff's Court was recently handed over to the Section officer, Pandyan Range of your Department on 17-10-46 by my Supervisor at Srivilliputtur. The above buildings are being used for the above purposes of the Provincial Government and therefore the building belongs to the Provincial Government on the principles laid down in G.O.No. 90-Rev. dated 8-1-42. The Collector of Ramnad has also approved of the proposal to classify the above buildings as belonging to Provincial Government.

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2. As only the execution of conservation works relating to Central Archaeological buildings are to be handed over to your Department with reference to P.W.D Govt. Memo No. 2851.d/7-11-45 - Communicated with Chief Engineer's endorsement No. 5246-Wks, dated 7-3-46 the transfer of the above buildings to your department was a mistake.

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3. An estimate amounting to Rs 2640/- for extensions and improvements to strong room and sub Treasury at Srivilliputtur was sanctioned after obtaining the approval of Government in G.O.No. 2003, d/24-7-46 and it was also ordered to be executed during the current year. A grant of Rs 700/- has also been applied for, for the above work during the current year.

4. I therefore request you to please arrange to retransfer the T.N.Palace buildings at Srivilliputtur from Section Officer,

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Pandyan Range to the P.W.D Supervisor at Srivilliputtur at a very early date as this is a Provincial Building used for Provincial Government purposes so that arrangements may be made to carry out the above sanctioned improvements and to spend the grant during the current year.

/ True copy /

V. Duraisami
for Superintendent.

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Memo. No. 1467 C/47-1 D7-347 (5) PWD

Buildings - Ramnad Dt - Srivilliputtur -
protected ancient monument - Tirumalnayak
Palace - extensions & improvements -

Read: Ego. No. 2003 P.W. D 24.7.46

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The C.E. (Gt B & D) is requested
to carry out the work relating to the extensions
and improvements to the existing sub try,
strang room located in the Tirumalnayak
Palace, Srivilliputtur, sanctioned in the
Ego. cited above, in consultation with
the Supt. Archaeological Survey of India, so
that the antiquity of the monument is

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is preserved in accordance with the principles of
 Archaeological Conservation.

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✓ To Mr C.E. (3C B+D)
 ✓ Com. to S+P.H.
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67/16/3 R.D. 14/47 ⑥ Ex. P.H. Dept 9

1-b of No 75993C2/46 - From the Supdt, Archaeological Survey of India, Southern
 Circle, Letter No R.D. 1/246-d 9.12.46

Subject
 Archaeology - Protected Ancient Monument - The Tirumala
 Nayana's Palace, Srisaileputur - Retransfer to P.W.D.

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Exdt No 75993C2/46-2 Edn Dated 13.3.47

Referred to the C.E. (Building and Defence) for
 Remarks.

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 C.E. (Building &
 Defence)
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Colo. 79396/46 from the Sg. Q. Col. A. 2440/45 d. 17-12-46

Subject:

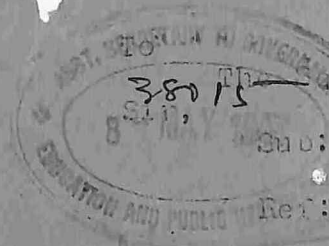
Stationery Dept - Audit Report for 1943-44.

Memo No.

With reference to item (5) of her letter read above, the Sg. Q. requests to state whether the amount of Rs 18-15-6 has been written off.

NO. 1429-Wke/47-1

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, P.W.D.,
General, Buildings and Defence,
Chennai, Madras.
Dated 29th April 1947.



To: Secretary to Government, Education & P.H. Dept.

Sub: Archaeology - Protected ancient monuments - The Tirumal Nayak's Palace - Srivilliputtur - Transfer to P.W.D.

Ref: Govt. Enrt. No. 75993-42/46-2 Edn. dated 13-3-1947 and Memo. No. 75993-C2-46-3 Edn. dated 11-4-47

As the Central Archaeological buildings only are to be transferred to the Archaeological Survey of India with reference to P.W.D. letter No. 2851 dated 7th November 1945 (copy enclosed) the transfer of the above mentioned buildings to the Archaeological Department effected on 17th October 1946 was not in order. The building belongs to the Madras Govt. and is used for Provincial purposes i.e. to accommodate the taluk office and District Munsiff's Court. As such it may please be arranged to be retransferred to the Madras P.W.D. and the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India informed that all improvements and repairs to the buildings will be carried out with due regard to the principles of Archaeological construction and conservation and in consultation with him (as directed in Government Memo. No. 1467-C/47-1 dated 7-3-1947 for execution of a work at the building & vide copy enclosed).

Enc:
Copies of each of the letter and the Memo. referred to.

D. V. Krishnamurthi
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for CHIEF ENGINEER, P.W.D.

ENCLOSURE.

Copy of P.W.D. Memo. No. 1467-C/47-1 dated 7th March 1947

Sub: Buildings - Tirumal District - Srivilliputtur - Protected ancient monument - Tirumalnayak Palace - Extensions and improvements.
Ref: G.O. No. 2003 P.W. dated 24th July 1947

The Chief Engineer (General, Buildings and Defence) is requested to carry out the work relating to the extensions and improvements to the existing sub-treasury strong room located in the Tirumalnayak Palace, Srivilliputtur sanctioned in the G.O. cited above in consultation with the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India so that the antiquity of the monuments is preserved in accordance with the principles of archaeological conservation.

D. V. Krishnamurthi
Asst. Secretary to Government.

To
The Chief Engineer (General, Buildings and Defence)
Copy to the Edn. & P.H. Dept.

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Copy of letter No. Ms. 2851 dated 7th November 1945 from the Secretary, to the Govt. of Madras, P.W.D. to the Secretary to the Govt. of India, Dept. of E.H. Health and Lands, New Delhi.

Sub: Transfer of conservation work relating to Central Archaeological buildings in the provinces to the Archaeological Survey of India
Ref: From the Govt. of India, Dept. of E.H. Health and Lands letter No. D. 20-Ar(c)45 dated the 13th August 1945

I am directed to state that this Government have no objection to the proposal to transfer the execution of conservation work of Central Archaeological buildings in this province from the Provincial Public Works Department to the Archaeological Survey of India from 31st March 1946.

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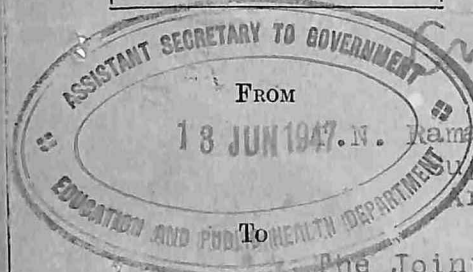
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Telegraphic Address :
Archaeological Superintendent.
Madras 9.
Telephone : 2152.

No. RD/1 or 310/1754

Archaeological Survey of India,
Southern Circle,
Fort St. George, Madras 9.

Dated.....7th June,.....1947.



FROM

18 JUN 1947. N. Ramachandran Esq., M.A.,
Superintendent,

Archaeological Survey of India;

The Joint Secretary to Government
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, MADRAS-9.

Subject:- Conservation of Archaeological Buildings by
the Madras P.W.D.

REF: This office No. RD-1/2646 dated 9-12-46.
Sir, -----

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May I request the favour of an early reply to my reference quoted above, as the Executive Engineer, Ramnad Division, Madura, is pressing for a settlement of the question of repairs to the Tirumal Naik's palace at Srivilliputtur, which is one of the protected ancient monuments, and which is being used by the Madras Government for housing the Taluk Office and the District Munsif's court.

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J. N. Ramachandran
SUPERINTENDENT.

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Archaeology - Protected Ancient Monuments - The
Jinnal Nayak's Palace, Srivilliputhur - ^{Ref} Transfer to
P.W.D. - Orders Passed

By:-

no. 75993 C/46 - From the Supdt. Arch. Survey of India, Southern Circle

M.R.D - 1/2646 dt 9.12.46

no. 38018 C/47 - From the C.E., P.W.D. (Cil Building & Defence)

no. 1429 - Wks/47-1 dt 27.4.47

Order 1243 Edn dated 14.6.47

of protected Ancient
Monuments in the
Province 1945

The Jinnal Nayak's Palace, Srivilliputhur,
a protected ancient monument (no. 3549 in list) which
was handed over to the Archaeological Department with
Reference ^{to} the P.W.D. ^{to} ~~order~~ ^{letter} no. 2851 dated 7.11.45
will be retransferred to the Public Works Department as the
original transfer was not in order accordance with the order.
The C.E., P.W.D. (Cil Building and Defence)
[P.T.O.]

he P. V. D. shall
with, however, consult the Supdt. Archaeological Survey of India,
before carrying out any repairs, improvements and extensions
to the building ^{to ensure} that the antiquity of the ^{protected} monument
is preserved in accordance with the principles of
archaeological conservation.

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To
✓ The C.E. P.W.D. (Civil Buildings
and Defence)
✓ The Supdt., Arch. Survey of India,
Southern circle, F.S.G.

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#1 of 5993/2/46 - From the Supdt. Archaeological Survey of India,
Southern circle, F.S.G. Dated 24.7.46.
Subject: 'A' at Tirumal Nayaka's Palace, Sririlliputur - Extension and improvements to
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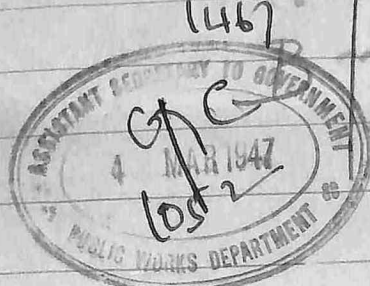
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In G.O. No. 20030.W.D. 24.7.46, the Govt. approved an expan-
-sion of Rs 2650/- on extension and improvements to the existing
-Sub-treasury strong room at Sririlliputur. Planned to be
-executed during the c.t. year. This is located in the Tirumal
Nayaka's Palace, Sririlliputur, which is a protected ancient
monument. With ref. to L. 2851 P.W.D. 7.11.45, this building was
handed over to the Archaeological Dept by the P.W.D. on 17.10.46
for conservation. With ref. to the G.O. quoted above, the E.E. Remond
Division, Madras, ^{was} ~~clerk~~ ^{the} return of the building to the P.W.D.
for carrying out the extension and improvements to the existing
-Sub-treasury strong room and the Supdt. Archaeological Survey
of India, Southern circle, has referred the matter to Govt. for
clarification. The contention of the Supdt. Archaeological Survey of
India is that repairs to archaeological monuments should
be carried out in consultation with him so that such repairs
may not prejudice the antiquity of the monument and
clash with the principles of archaeological conservation.
Instructions to the P.W.D. to consult the Supdt. Archaeological
Survey of India, in carrying out the extension and improvements
to the existing sub-treasury strong room at Sririlliputur
would appear to be all that is necessary at present in this case.

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The question whether the transfer of the Tirumal Nayaka's Palace
Srilliputur, to the Supdt. Archaeological Survey of India with
ref. to (V) was a mistake as contended by the E.E. Remond
may be examined separately.

2. P.W.D. may be requested to issue necessary
instructions with ref. to 'A' above. A draft C.O. to the
C.E. (Buildings and Defence) with ref. to 'B' above is submitted
It may issue after perusal by P.W.D.



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3-3-47 P.V.D

P.W.D.

EPH note at p1 above may be perused.
with reference to 'A' on p1 ante, a draft
memo to C.E. (G. B. D.) is submitted for
approval. After issue the file may be
returned to EPH for issue of this sub.

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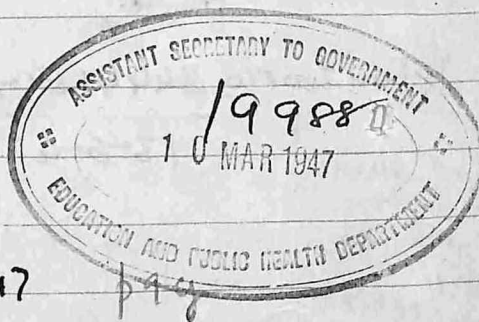
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② Issued vide pp 7-8 of

P.W.D. no. 1467/47-2
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The draft Edb below may now issue.

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Cp. 38015 C2/H7 - From the C.E. P.W.D. (Gd. Buildings & Defence)

M. 1429-Wks/47-1 dated 29.4.47 11-12 of

Please see the letter from the C.E. P.W.D. (Gd. Buildings
and Defence) on p13 c.f. The C.E. has now reported that the
transfer of the building to the Archaeological Dept was a mistake
and requires its retransfer to the P.W.D. He has also stated that
all improvements and repairs to the buildings will be carried
out with due regard to the principles of Archaeological conservation

and in consultation with the Supdt. Archaeological Survey
of India.

2. The Supdt's request (vide portion marked 'x' on p2 c.f.)

has been agreed to by the C.E. Hence the building in

question may be retransferred to the P.W.D. A draft
order is submitted for approval. P.W.D. may see the
case before issue.

28/5/47 Slt (air) P.W.D.

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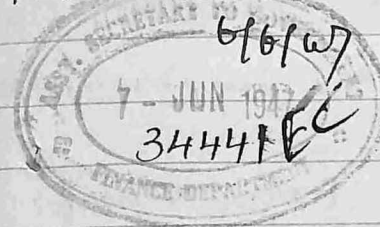
P.W.D. (C)
Perused.

The draft order may be accepted
and the file passed on to Finance Dept.

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and the case returned to EPH.

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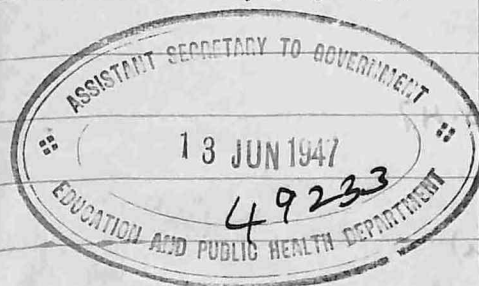
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The draft order below may be perused

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