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[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving the action of Mr. Bourne in having closed the entire Museum and library to the public and in having removed all books from the central bays on the "lower" side of the library, as the tower is in danger of collapse.

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2. H. S. the Governor

Order

H.M.

We may approve what
D. Bourne has done

J. R. 8/3/97

Yes. I inspected the place on
Sunday, saw D. Bourne &
Mr. Harris to whom I ordered
the Museum to be closed, &
this report was made

H.M.

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Order No 151 of 15-3-97.
The action of the ag. Supdt.

is approved.

(from orders)

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To

The Supdt. H. M. 8. M. - 940) Dec 15/3/97

From
A. G. Bourne Esq. D. Sc. F.R.S.
Ag. Superintendent
Government Museum
Madras

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
MUSEUM
No. 216-8
1897-1898

Dated 8th March 1897

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SUBJECT.

Stating that the Museum
and Commemorative Library
are closed to the public
on the recommendation
of the Chief Engineer send-
ing the orders of Govern-
ment and that it
will not be desirable at
present to remove any
portion of the Museum
Collection etc.

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Very urgent

Office of the Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras,
No. 5314. Chepauk, 6th March 1897.

Copy of a communication from the
Chief Engineer P.W. Department,
Madras to the Consulting Architect
to Government, No. 1275c dated 6th
March 1897.

As a result of his inspection of
the Connemara Public buildings
this morning, the undersigned has
the honour to observe that though
he cannot say definitely that the
tower is in immediate danger of
collapsing still there are signs that
the materials are crushing and he
is therefore of opinion that it would
be safer to prohibit the use of the
buildings on either side till further
orders and till the question of
taking down the tower has been
decided.

2. The undersigned also requests
that the tower may at once be

lightened as much as possible.

(Sd) D. McNeil Campbell, Col. R.
Chief Engineer.

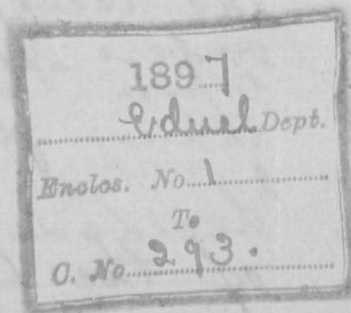
Forwarded to the Superintendent
Government Museum, Madras, for
early attention and action.

(Sd) G. J. Harris.
Consulting Architect
to Govt.

(True copy)

A. G. Bourne

Ag. Superintendent
Government Museum.



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No. 216

CURRENT No. 293.

GOVERNMENT MUSEUM,

Pantheon Road, Egmore,

Madras, 8th March 1897.

From A. G. Bourne Esq. D. Sc. F.R.S.
~~EDGAR THURSTON, Esq.~~

Ag. SUPERINTENDENT,

Government Museum,

Madras,

To

The Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Departments

SIR,

With reference to the letter from
G. J. Harris Esq. a copy of which is
enclosed and which I received on
Saturday evening I have the honour
to report that I consulted Col.
Campbell on Sunday morning as
to the interpretation to be put upon
his phrase "buildings on either side"
and at his recommendation I closed
the entire museum and library
to the public and have ordered
that it shall remain closed pending
the receipt of orders from Government
upon the subject.

2. I have further at the request
of the Consulting Architect removed
all books from the four central
bays on the "tower" side of the

library and have informed the
Hon. Secretary of the Literary Society
that that portion of the building
must be considered as unsafe for
the present.

3. I conferred with the Consult-
ing Architect as to the desirability
of removing any portion of the
Museum Collections and we agreed
that it would not be desirable to
do so at present.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

A. G. R. [Signature]

Ag. Superintendent
Government Museum.

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