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600—7-5-95.

C. No.

FOR ORDERS.

JW
12/6/95

Order 19/6/95 No. 1053 Lm

The Government cannot accept the President's view that the work was not one which required the approval of the Sanitary Engineer ~~and concur with the latter officer that the large expenditure upon it was not injudicious~~.

2. The President ~~Taluq Board~~ will be informed that ~~their~~ his action in disregarding ~~Government~~ ~~order~~ G.O. dated 16th January 1891 (no 79 L) and the advice of the Sanitary Commissioner was irregular and ~~deserving of [illegible]~~ meets with the disapproval of Govt.

(from orders)

Cgt
13.VI.

15/6/95

To
The President Taluq Board Narsapur
Thro' President District Board Godavari

21/6/95

approval; this is admitted. The work has however been completed and there is apparently nothing more to be ~~said~~ done than to censure the Taluq Bd. As regards the matter of the latrine itself I am not at all sure that it is not really better and more likely to be freely used than one of the highly sanitary type latrines which Dr King is for ever driving at. These unless carefully looked after are a nuisance and in rural spots there is neither the labour nor the supervision which they require.

8/6/95.

Construction of a costly latrine on insanitary principles and without previous approval of the plans by the Narsapur Taluq Board

FOR ORDERS.

H. M.

4. C no 1414 L contains the District Board President's remarks on the Sanitary Engineer's reference. The President defends the Taluq Board but his arguments are somewhat contradictory. He first says that a mere enclosure of the kind in question is not a latrine and that therefore the plans did not require the Sanitary Engineer's sanction and secondly that it is a better latrine than the small masonry ones generally met with.

5. It is submitted that neither of these arguments will excuse the Taluq Board. In the first place the enclosure clearly is a latrine and the plans for it therefore required the approval of the Sanitary Engineer. In the second place, though it may be better than the old-fashioned latrines referred to by the President, it is not to be compared with the latrines constructed on sanitary principles which are now everywhere insisted on by Government and of which, according to the Sanitary Engineer, six could have been built with the money spent on this enclosure.

6. The Taluq Board's action therefore seems to deserve some notice.

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There is no doubt that the plan and estimate should have been submitted to the Sanitary Officers of Govt. for

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[G. / 25.]
600—7-5-95.

Land *Rev* DEPARTMENT.

C. Nos 813 L and 1414 L

FOR ORDERS.

Up to 1893-94 there was no latrine in the Narsapur Union but a piece of land called "Balagga's garden" 3½ acres in extent and covered with prickly pear was used for the purpose.

2. In that year the Taluq Board took the question of the construction of latrines into consideration and finally decided to ~~enclose~~ clear and enclose this piece of land for the purpose. They spent Rs 800 on it in 1893-94 and sanctioned the expenditure of Rs 1255 in 1894-95.

3. They did not submit the plans and estimates to the Sanitary Engineer for scrutiny nor did they stop the work when the Sanitary Commissioner pointed out to them that they should have done so and that the work was a useless one. Consequently, by the time the Sanitary Engineer was able to bring the matter to the notice of Government, the work had been completed. ~~at a cost of Rs [illegible]~~

C no 813 L

1895

Local Fund Department
Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 1414 L

From

The President

District Board, Godavari.

Dis No. 1082/DB of 95

Dated 14th May 1895
Despatched
Received 18 MAY. 95

C No. 813 L retd

Subject,

Returning, with remarks, Govt. Endorsement No. 487/28.3.95 on the Sanitary Engineer's letter No. 644/14.3.95 regarding the enclosing of a piece of land to serve as a latrine ~~for~~ in the Union of Narsapur.

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"with the rates allowed by the D.P.W. and "other officers in the Taluq. Thus you will "be pleased to observe that the expenditure "incurred is not at all disproportionate "to the quantity of work done." I am disposed to agree with him.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Sd) V. A. Brodie
President

For President, Dist. Bd.

Br. 11.5.

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of the Sanitary Board, Madras. So far as I can see, it is not a latrine at all strictly speaking but what the union has done is to clear and enclose a piece of waste land long used as a latrine and to divide it into compartments for separate use by men and women (vide plan of the project enclosed for perusal and favour of return). This is not perhaps a very decent kind of latrine but I am not sure that it is not a healthier one than the small masonry latrines generally met with which often ~~smell~~ smell abominably. The much larger area probably more than compensates for the flooring not being impermeable &c,

3. The expenditure incurred on the work appears no doubt to be a large sum but the President of the Taluq Board explains the same as follows:—

"Altogether 435¼ Cyds of brick walls were "built at a total cost of Rs 1,824-6-1. "The rate per C.yd would thus come to "only Rs 4-3-1. This rate is considered "not at all excessive when compared with

The estimate amounted to Rs 2054. Presumably the balance was spent on clearing prickly pear—

GODAVARI DISTRICT.

Dis: No. 1082/DB of 95

BOARD OFFICE 14-5-1895.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 1414 L

FROM V. A. Brodie Esquire
President
District Board, Godavari

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Madras.

SIR,

In returning herewith Government endorsement No 487/28.3.95 on the Sanitary Engineer's letter No 644/14.3.95 regarding the enclosing of a piece of land to serve as a latrine for the union of Narsapur, I have the honour to state that letter No 9/22.2.95 from the President, Taluq Board, Narsapur, a copy of which is enclosed in the Sanitary Engineer's letter under reference, explains fully the circumstances under which the work in question was undertaken. The Taluq Board President also reports that every officer that inspected the work was convinced of its necessity and usefulness.

2. Merely building a wall is not I think a Sanitary work requiring the sanction of

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TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY

From

The Sanitary Engineer
to Government

To

The Chief Secretary to Govt
Local & Munl. Dept.

No 644
15 MAR 1895

Dated 14th
Despd 15th
Recd.
} March 1895

Encs. 2

Subject

Submitting for the notice of Government papers relating to the enclosing of a piece of land to serve as a latrine for the union of Narsapur as a large amount of money has been uselessly expended on the work

(With Encls.)

No. 487 of 28-3-95

Read
31/3

Referred to the President, District Board, Godavari for report.

(By order)
W Francis
Ag Assistant Secretary

COLLECTOR
31 MAR 95
GODAVARI.

V.R.
26/3/95

Fort St George }
27th March 1895 }

To

The President, Dt. Bd., Godavari

S.E./6 22-8-93—1,000.

No. 644

Government of Madras.
Office of Sanitary Engineer,
Fort St. George, 14th March 1895.

From

J. A. JONES, Esq., mem. inst. c.e., f.r.s.e.,
Sanitary Engineer to Government,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Local & Municipal Department

Sir,

I have the honor to send for the information of Government copy of a letter from the President, Taluk Board, Narsapur, and my proceedings thereon. The matter would seem to require some notice by Government as apparently a large amount of money has been uselessly expended.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obdt. Servt.

for Sany. Engr. to Govt.

Enclosure No. 2 to letter No. 644 of 1895

1895

From

The Asst. Sanitary Engineer
to Government

To

The President, Taluq Board,
Narsapur

No. 643

Dated 14th March 1895

2/893-L-95

Subject

Disapproving of the plan and estimate for enclosing a piece of land to serve as a latrine for the union of Narsapur.

consideration though no doubt necessary for the purpose of decency. An expenditure of Rs 800 has already been made on the same work in the previous year. The total expenditure will thus be about Rs 2,000. When compared with results this large expenditure must be considered most injudicious. For the sum of Rs 2000 about six latrines of correct design could have been erected and these probably would have sufficed for the union.

The Sanitary Engineer cannot approve of the proposals made.

'True Extract'

(sd) Hormusji Nowroji

Asst: Sany: Engr: to Govt

To

The President, Taluq Board, Narasapur
(with 1 plan, 1 estimate & 1 report
by the Dt Medical & Sanitary Officer
returned) thro. the Presdt. Dt. Bd.
Godavary

(True Copy)

Assᵗ: Sany Engineer

have pointed out to the President of the District Board, and through him to the President of the Narasapur Taluk and the Chairman of the Narasapur Union, that the work has been undertaken without the previous approval of the Sanitary Engineer, and suggested that the work should be stopped and the necessary reference made to the Sanitary Engineer. Under these circumstances the Taluq Board now seeks the approval of the Sanitary Engineer to the work, but the work is in progress and has not been stopped as suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner. The action of the President of the Taluk Board and the Chairman of the union in allowing the work to proceed is regrettable because the mere enclosure of a piece of land does not contribute constitute a latrine. The most essential features of a latrine are that it should have an impermeable floor with arrangements for the lodgment separately of the urine and the solid matter; the enclosure of the latrine is a secondary

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Government of Madras

Sanitary Engineering Department

Proceedings of the Sanitary Engineer No 643
dated 14th March 1895

Read letter No 9 of 22d February 1895 from the President Taluq Board, Narasapur forwarding for approval an estimate amounting to Rs 1255 for enclosing an open piece of land which serves the purpose of a latrine for the union of Narasapur.

Resolution

In the letter read above the President of the Taluq Board requests approval of an estimate amounting to Rs 1255 for enclosing an open piece of land, which now serves the purpose of a latrine. It is gathered from the letter that the work is now in progress. While the materials for the work were being collected, but before the actual erection of the wall was commenced the Sanitary Commissioner appears to

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Enclosure No 1 to letter No. 644 of 1895.

1895

From

The President, Taluq Board,
Narsapur

To

The Sanitary Engineer
with the Govt of Madras

Thro: the Vice President, District Board,
Godavari

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No 9 mis

Dated 22d February 1895.

Subject

Submitting for approval plans & estimate for enclosing a piece of land to serve as a latrine for the union of Narsapur with reasons for not doing so till now.

latrine on two sides has been levelled down by the contractor. Hence it is evident that the people sitting in the latrine which has been entirely denuded of any plant or shrub are eggregiously exposed to the gaze of the passengers on the road, and are also a source of nuisance to such passengers.

Especially the exposure of the poor females who resort to the latrine in no small numbers is most scandalising to the senses, and demands, I believe, immediate remedial measures.

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Under these circumstances I request that you will be so good as to approve of the design & to return the plans & estimates herewith sent.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obdt. Servt.
Sd/ C. Sivayya
President

(True copy)

Asst. Sany. Engr. to Govt.

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spent by him, and also because as I have said there is no other place nor mode to make suitable provision for a latrine.

Lastly, I have, counting upon your anticipated approval complied with the Chairman's request and permitted him to let the work be proceeded with. I have done so for two reasons.

(1) the work if delayed would not be completed before the close of the official year and if not so completed cannot be paid for. The present budget provision will lapse, and it cannot now be said whether the Board will be able to make any provision from the next year's budget.

(2) and the latrine is used by more than half of the town. A much frequented road passes close by the latrine and I have already said that the nominal sandy elevation enclosing the latrine

from a sanitary point of view.

In his letter above, the Sanitary Commissioner also objects to the work on the ground of costliness. But I believe that the circumstances I have already set forth explain away this objection. Hence so far as I can see, the work is one that is sure to meet with your approval, and would have been so approved by you had the plans & estimates been originally submitted to you. The plans & estimates for Rs 1,255 are therefore now forwarded for your approval and early return and I request that even if there should still be any small objection, which I hope will not be, the same may be overlooked and the work be sanctioned, because, you see, to give up the latrine at this stage would mean a sheer waste of about Rs 800 spent last year and would further place the Board under the necessity of compensating the contractor for the amount already

spent

from a sanitary point of view, and happily the information in this direction is found to be favorable. The latrine was inspected once in March 1894 and again in September 1894 by the District Surgeon. I enclose extracts of the notes made by him on both occasions regarding this latrine. From these extracts you will observe that the District Surgeon speaks well of the town in general, and does not, in enumerating the few defects, speak of the latrine as a defect, but on the other hand speaks with distinct satisfaction of the latrine and its walling was a positive improvement. Further the Chairman tells me that the District Surgeon spoke to him approving of the latrine & the work. The Board's opinion coupled with the District Surgeon's opinion must, I think, satisfy you that the latrine labors under no objection

from

Board's sanction, the Chairman got the contract duly executed, and the contractor in his turn at once pulled down the nominal sandy elevation enclosing the remaining two sides in question and purchased materials &c for the erection of brick wall. It was while the matter was at this stage that the Sanitary Commissioner's letter above was received by me through the President, District Board. The Commissioner's letter was communicated to the Chairman who is also the Hospital assistant of the place, and the latter while regretting his omission to have previously obtained your sanction has very strongly represented to me the necessity of allowing the work to proceed. I have myself inspected the site and fully concurred with him. Next, besides the work having met with the Board's approval, I have referred to records to see how it has been regarded by professional Officers

from

last resort as of necessity, and further the objection to it on the score of costliness may also be taken as being overcome by a consideration of its substantial nature. About Rs 800 were accordingly provided for a brick wall in 1893-94; but this sum being insufficient, the wall that could be raised with it enclosed only two sides of the site. To complete the work a further sum of Rs 1,255 was alloted this year by the Taluq Board from its reserve. When this allotment was made by the Taluq Board, the Chairman of the Union settled with a contractor for the execution of the work and, in short, kept everything ready so that the work might be at once taken in hand so soon as the District Board's sanction should be known. The Chairman did so, of course with the object of getting the work done and the allotment utilized within the year. Hence immediately on intimation of the District

Board's

referred to above was communicated to me by the President, District Board, with his endorsement No. $\frac{2500}{DB}$ dated 15.12.94. The plans & estimates ought indeed under the Government order to have been sent to you for approval in the first instance. But this was not done through oversight. The present work is a continuation or completion of what had been undertaken and partly executed in 1893-94. I may ~~state~~ give here a brief account of the matter for your information. The place in question is a pretty large open square measuring about 3½ acres and situated on the west side of the town and is known as "Balayya's garden". It had formerly been overgrown with brush wood & prickly pear, and long been used as a latrine. The use as latrine of this place in the above condition was felt to be a source of nuisance to the town and quite incommodious to the public using it. The prickly pear was then

removed

on whose part

removed: and the place enclosed with a sandy wall. But this elevation was ere long blown down by wind & rain. Bamboo matting was then hit upon as another cheap mode of enclosing. But the soil being purely sandy & teeming with white ants, it was thought that such matting would not suit; and so it was given up. All other corners of the town were also thought over to find a suitable locality for latrine. But the river surrounds the town on almost all the other three sides, and the small plots of land here & there along the river margin being subject to inundation were thought unfit for the purpose. It was then concluded that Balayya's garden was the only proper place for a latrine, and it was also concluded under the circumstances explained above that it would be entirely useless to enclose it with any other material than a pukka wall in brick & chunam. Thus you will observe that masonry work was resolved upon only in the

last

? mudwall ?

Cur. No. $\frac{9}{Mis}$ of 95. Narasapur

Taluq Board Office 22/2/95
Desp^d. 23/2/95

From

M.R.Ry. C. Sivayya Pantulu Garu,
President, Taluq Board, Narasapur

To

The Sanitary Engineer
with the Gov^t. of Madras

Thro' the Vice President, District Board
Godavari

Sir,

The Sanitary Commissioner for Madras pointing out that the erection of a latrine known as "Balayya garden" in the Narasapur Union has been undertaken without getting the design previously scrutinized by you as required by Rule 7 prescribed in G. O. No. $\frac{79}{16.1.91}$ Local & Municipal, suggests in his letter No. $\frac{2058}{S}$ dated 23^d November 1894 to the address of the President (District Board) the work to be stopped and the necessary reference made to you now. The Commissioner's letter

referred

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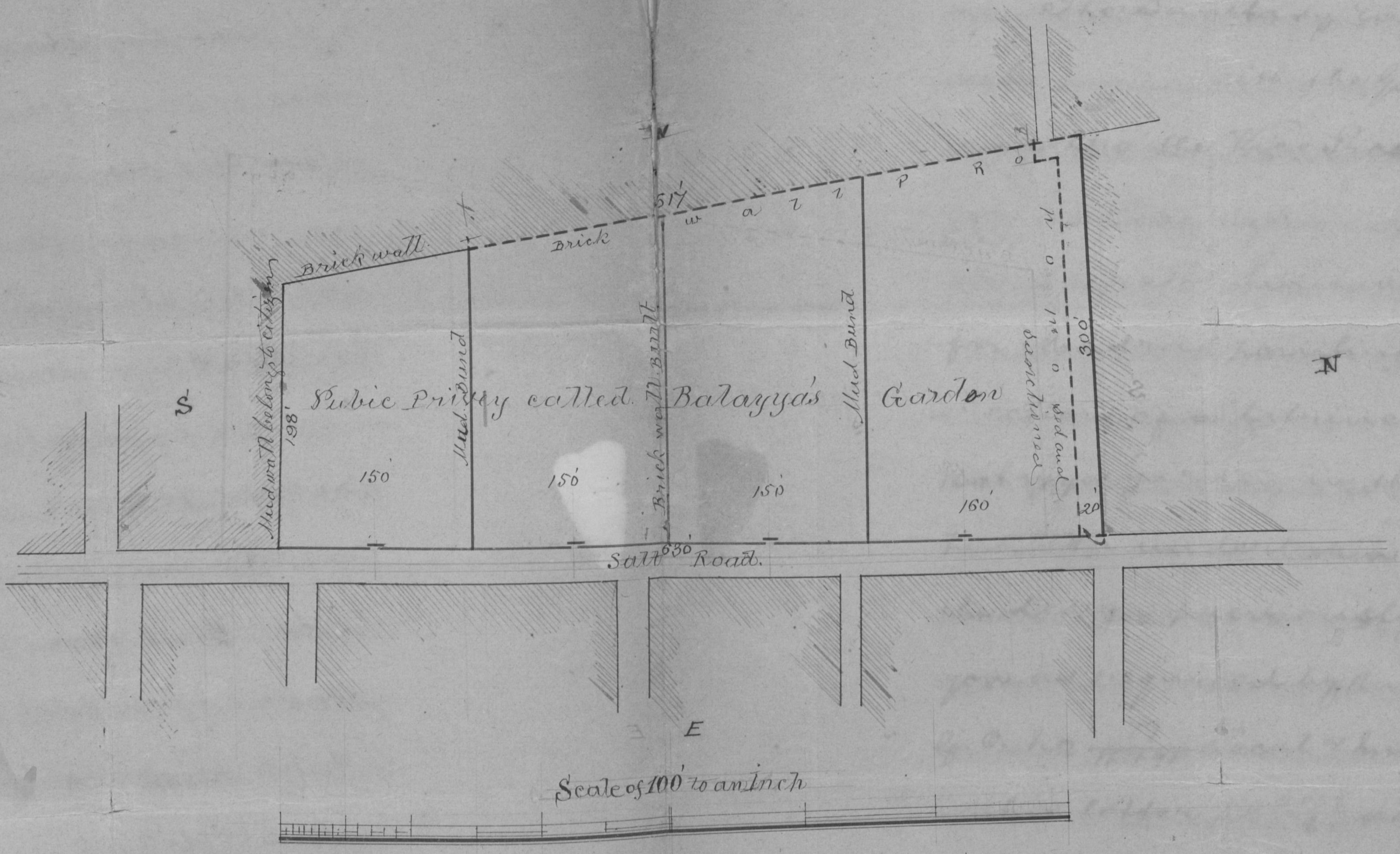

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