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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 17th May 1864.

No. 391. Read the following letter from Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R.E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madura, 30th April 1864, No. 2,328 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice that in the Town of Madura, and I believe also in Dindigul, the towns people are permitted to construct pandals projecting more or less into the public street as their means will allow, and to put their building materials as much as one-third across the road.

2. I have more than once begged the interference of the Collector, as the street most frequently obstructed is that by which the main road from Dindigul to Ramnad passes through the town, it is thronged with people on foot, so that in a carriage, it is often difficult to see a few yards in advance.

3. By paragraph 27, Chapter IX, Public Works Code, we are forbidden to place any road materials on the surface, and it appears to me that the risk is far greater to the traffic in the public streets of a town. I am informed that a fee is levied on all permissions of this nature to the benefit of the Madura Town Fund.

4. The Collector has not replied to my former letters, but to the last he has sent the answer, copy of which I enclose. Paragraph 2 refers to a complaint made by Lieutenant Coningham, Assistant Engineer, in Dindigul.

5. Paragraph 26, Chapter IX, founded, I presume, on G. O. No. 1,106, 5th July 1856, page 329, Circular Order Book, desires us to report any case which may come to notice ; these encroachments, though temporary, extend in some cases over a period of three months, and when pandals are permitted, they are, after the lapse of some time, renewed in a more permanent form, until, as frequently happens, the space is included in the house and a fresh pandal thrown out, the process may be seen in every village and town almost in the country.

No. 392. ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1864, No. 1,434.

Government observe that no allusion is made in the Collector's reply of the 28th April 1864, No. 403, to the alleged encroachments in thoroughfares in the Town of Madura. The Superintending Engineer's letter will therefore be referred to Mr. Levinge, through the Board of Revenue, for any remarks he may desire to make on Captain Moberly's representation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue
" Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Superintending Engr. 8th Dn.

Madura Collector's Office
28th April 1864.

No 403
From.

V. H. Levinge Esqre.
Collector of Madura.

To.

Captain F. J. Moberly B. E.
Superintending Engineer &c &c

× enclosure returned.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 1740 dated 25th January last, I have the honor to inform you that the Magistrates and Police in the town of Madura and Dindigul permit at their discretion, persons building houses in the said Towns to lay their material for a time at the side of the streets, and that in my opinion no inconvenience is thereby occasioned and that the granting of such permission would not be considered in the least objectionable by Government.

2 In the case of Dindigul I learn that an Idol was placed for worship as usual for a short time with the permission of the Sub Magistrate in charge, which was unobjectionable.

I have &c
(Signed) V. H. Levinge
Collector

(True copy)

F. Moberly Captn R.E.
Superintending Engr &c &c

Suffolk Brigade Office, Division.
Madras 30th April 1864.

No. 2328
Ordnance.

Captain & A. Maclagan C.E.
Superintending Engineer, 2 Division

Sir,

Colonel C. M. Ouchterlony C.B.
Secretary to Government Public Works

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that in the town of Madras, and in Triplicane also in Pondicherry the Native people are permitted to construct Pandals projecting more or less into the public street on Festivals when materials for the purpose are required.

I have therefore the honor to request that you will be pleased to move Government to issue orders that no Pandal be allowed to be erected in any street in Madras, and that the Collectors of Madras and Chingleput be requested to issue orders to the Tahsildars of their respective districts to prevent the erection of Pandals in the streets of their respective districts.

2. I have more than once brought to the notice of the Collector the obstruction caused to the main road from Triplicane to Mount by wholesale timber depôts established in that locality. The main road from Triplicane to Mount is frequently obstructed in consequence of the Collector not having the power to remove the timber depôts from the street. It is therefore necessary that the Collector should be empowered with the same powers in regard to the removal of timber depôts as he possesses in regard to the removal of encroachments.

I have &c.

(Signed) A. M. Maclagan
Captain
Superintending Engineer
2 Division

Enclosures in a letter from the Superintending Engr. 2 Division to the Secretary to Govt. P.W.D. dated 30th April 64. No. 2328.

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Copy of Collector's letter informing that the placing of an Idol for worship as usual in Triplicane for a short time, & permitting persons building houses &c. to lay materials in the street for a time, are in no way objectionable

my former letters, but to the last he has sent the answer. Copy of which I enclose—

Para 2 refers to a complaint made by Lieut. Cunningham Asst. to Engineer in Dindigul.

5 Para 26 Chapter IX founded, I presume, on G. O. No. 1106. 5th July 1856. page 329. Circular Order book, desires us to report any case which may come to notice— These encroachments, though temporary, extend in some cases over a period of 3 months— and when pandals are permitted they are, after the lapse of some time renewed in a more permanent form, until, as frequently happens, the space is included in the house and a fresh pandal thrown out— the process may be seen in every village and town almost in the Country.

I have &c.

F. Hudson Capt. RE.
Superintending Engineer 8 Div.

Supdg Engrs office
8 Div. Madura
30th April 1864

To,
Colonel C. A. Orr RE
Secretary to Government &c &c &c

No 1431

Government observe that no allusion is made in the Collector's reply of the 28th ult. to the alleged encroachments in thoroughfares in the Town of Madura. The Superintending Engineer's letter will therefore be referred to the Board of Revenue for any remarks he may desire to offer on Captain Moberly's representation.

Chepauk
17th May 1864

To the Board of Revenue &c &c &c

"—" Superintg Engr 8th Div dated 18th May

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The Superintending Engr
8 Division

L. The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.
Dated 30 April 1864.
Recd 3 May

E/V.
No. 1434 — 1st to 3rd May 1864.
Brings to notice that
the Tamil people both
at Madura & Dindigul
are permitted to construct
pandals &c projecting more
or less into the public
street, that he begged the
Collector more than once to
interfere in the objects &
forwards Copy of the Collector's
letter answering only to his
last Letter and Order

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R. 9th May 1864 - R - 13th

Secretary to Government &c