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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2341	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd August 1867.*

No. 65. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Madras, 23rd July 1867, No. 2,055 :—

Read the following letter from the Executive Engineer, Presidency, Southern Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Madras, 19th July 1867, No. 311.

1. I have the honor to report that yesterday I called on Captain Fischer, R.E., with reference to the subject of your Memorandum No. 1,854, dated 12th July 1867, and I find,

1st.—That the Controller's Office is built of brick-in-mud, that it is infested with white-ants, and that in a short time the building will very probably become unsafe.

2nd.—That for this reason it does not appear desirable to make any extensive outlay, either in adding a record-room to the present building or building a separate record-room in its vicinity.

3rd.—That the Office is already much overcrowded, and that additional space is required for the Office Establishment.

2. I would, therefore, suggest either that the building at present occupied as a Civil Engineering College be converted into an Office for the Controller, or that a totally new building of imperishable materials be constructed for this purpose. Possibly the Government might feel inclined to have one large building which would contain all the Offices, Department Public Works, of the Presidency. But if either of these suggestions be approved, some time must elapse before they can be carried out, and in the meantime some temporary measures are necessary to furnish the Controller with the additional space for records that he requires.

3. Close to the Office there is a small building, also of brick-in-mud, which is now used by the Clerks as a tiffin-room. This might be used for the records by putting up fittings similar to those of a Magazine, which rest entirely on the floor without touching the walls. The legs of the fittings could stand in saucers filled with water. The window frames would have to be taken out and furnished with iron bars, and the doors would also require to be of stronger construction and fitted with bars, additional space could also be obtained by converting the verandah into another room. The present record-room could be used as a tiffin-room.

4. This arrangement would be but a temporary one, and would probably involve the cost of keeping two additional Lascars to watch the building at night. Without a guard, Captain Fischer is of opinion the records would not be safe.

1 Letter from the Executive Engineer, Presidency, Southern Range, No. 311, dated 19th July 1867.

1. Forwarded to Government with reference to G. O. No. 2,048, dated 9th July 1867. The Acting Superintending Engineer considers that it will be better

to adapt the Clerks' tiffin-room as a record-room, than to go to the expense of increasing the accommodation in the building occupied by the Controller and his Office by adding on new rooms.

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2. The Controller's Office is confined, low, ill-ventilated, and attacked by white-ants. It would be better, therefore, to afford temporary accommodation as proposed, until new quarters can be built or acquired, than incur expense in improving the building.

(Signed) J. BEAN, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Acting Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

No. 66. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1867, No. 2,341.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 12.

1. The Acting Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division is authorized to carry out the arrangement proposed in his endorsement above recorded.

2. Looking to the necessity and importance of preventing an accumulation of unnecessary records, the Controller will be requested to state for what period it is absolutely necessary to retain the monthly accounts and vouchers submitted to him by the executive officers of the Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Accommodation for Record Room Controller's Office.
Pres. Eng. Office S. B.
No. 311. Madras 19th July 1867.*

*From
The Executive Engineer Pres.
Southern Range
To The Superintending Engineer
4th Division*

Sir,

I have the honor to report that yesterday I called on Captain Fischer P. E. with reference to the subject of your Memo No. 1854 dated 12th July 1867 and I find,

1st That the Controller's Office is built of brick in mud. that it is infested with white ants and that in a short time the building will very probably ^{become} unsafe.

2nd That for this reason it does not appear desirable to make any extensive outlay either in adding a record room to the present building or building a separate record room in its vicinity.

3rd That the office is already much over crowded and that additional space is required for the Office Establishment.

2. I would therefore suggest either that the building at present occupied as a Civil Engineering College be converted into an office

Office for the Controller or that - a totally new building of imperishable materials be constructed for this purpose. Possibly the Government might feel inclined to have one large building which would contain all the offices D. P. W. of the Presidency. But if either of these suggestions be approved some time must elapse before they can be carried out, and in the meanwhile some temporary measures are necessary to furnish the Controller with the additional space for records that he requires.

3. Close to the Office. There is a small building also of brick in mud which is now used by the clerks as a tiffin room. This might be used for the records by putting up fittings, similar to those of a magazine which rest entirely on the floor without touching the walls. The legs of the fittings could stand in canners filled with water. The window frames would have to be taken out and furnished with iron bars, and the doors would also require to be of stronger construction and filled with bars. Additional space could also

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4. This arrangement would be but a temporary one and would probably involve the cost of keeping 2 additional lascars to watch the building at night. Without a guard Captain Fischer is of opinion, the records would not be safe.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servt.

L. S. Danah. Capt. R. E.
Executive Engineer Pres. S. S.

A^o 2055

Memorandum.

Forwarded to Government with reference
to O. N. 2018 dated 9th July 1867. The
Acting Superintending Engineer considers
that it will be better to adapt the Clerk's office
room as a record room, than to go to the ex-
pense of increasing the accommodation in
the building occupied by the Controller
and his Office by adding on new rooms.
The Controller's Office is confined,
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Supd Eng. Office
Division
Madras
23^d July 1867.

Rear Lt. Col. R.E.
 Acting Sup. Eng. & Gen.

By
Colonel C. A. Orr. R. E.
Secretary to Government P. W. D.

Enclosure
Letter from the
Eng^s Regt 1st
page No 311-
dated 14 July 1861

From the Executive Engineer
Presidency S.D.
The Civil Engineer
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July 19th }
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Depend that he has

instruct the Office of the
Comptroller of the Public Works in
the subject of the Accommoda-
tion required for the North
of that Office & suggests
that as a temporary measure,
the Office Room now used
by the Clerk, may be
available for the purpose.

