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8th December 1873.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 147. From P. P. HUTCHINS, Esq., Honorary Secretary for Committee, Racket Club, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 17th September 1873.

In continuation of our letter of the 7th July (Proceedings of Government, 1st August 1873, No. 1,927,) we have the honour to bring to the notice of Government that two holes were pierced in the wall of the Racket Court on the 13th instant.

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3. This being so we were surprised by receiving, on the afternoon of the 13th, a notice from the District Engineer stating 'for our information' that he and the Consulting Architect had arranged "to commence the work at once." As we had been led to believe that the plans of Government did not require that the further use of the Racket Court should be stopped so summarily, and as it seemed to us that the Proceedings of Government already referred to were tantamount to a direction that we should not be disturbed until further orders, we thought it necessary to write to the District Engineer that as against him, acting without instructions, we should insist on all our legal rights and hold him personally responsible.

3. Since that we have ascertained that the holes were actually pierced before the District Engineer's letter left his office. We think that we have a right to complain of the way in which we have been treated in several respects. But a subsequent letter from the District Engineer, though containing no word of regret or explanation, suggests a possibility that after all the views of Government could not be carried out if the Racket Court continued intact; at all events that the District Engineer may have come to that conclusion.

4. In these circumstances our only course is to lay the matter again before Government. If the windows are not immediately required, we request that the holes may be ordered to be filled up. If they are, it is not our wish to oppose Government, since they have shown a disposition to consider favourably our claim to compensation. At the same time we would earnestly submit that we shall be deprived for a time of almost the only means of exercise and recreation that this station affords, and therefore request as early a reply as possible.

5. To enable the Government to dispose of the whole question, we have requested the District Engineer to have our copy of Mr. Chisholm's plan and estimate forwarded to you direct. We have also asked the Collector to send in his report on our claim as soon as possible.

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No. 148. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 19th September 1873, No. 2,660.

It is with much concern that I have the honour to address you further in connection with my letter No. 2,621 of the 16th instant, on the subject of the Racket Court at this place, but the enclosed letter of the 17th idem from Mr. Hutchins appears to leave me no alternative but to do so.

2. In his letter, dated 13th instant, that gentleman charged me with acting deliberate opposition to an alleged arrangement made between him personally and the Government Architect; and when in my reply, dated 15th idem, I proved him clearly by Mr. Chisholm's own order, that he Mr. Hutchins had no justifying or expressing his regret for the same, he in this second letter not only imputes that I am withholding information, but that the "two holes had actually been pierced" in the palace wall "before my letter of the 13th could have left my office." While this letter proceeds to state, forsooth, that he does not wish to be "drawn into any angry correspondence!"

3. Although I am quite willing to make every allowance for the irritation under which Mr. Hutchins appears to labour at finding that he can no longer expect to make use of the palace walls as a Racket Court, I must say that I think it rather hard that he should vent his indignation in unjustifiable attacks upon me, and I trust therefore that some notice may be taken by the Government of the very unusual style of correspondence adopted by that gentleman.

4. I may mention that after attending the Local Fund Meeting of the 15th instant I inspected the palace works and finding some dozen men hard at work with crowbars making the openings in question I ordered them to desist and detailed them to other work. The palace works' day-book shows clearly that it was only on the 15th instant that the two holes were made, although Mr. Hutchins alleges that these were actually "pierced before my letter of the 13th instant could have left my office."

5. As the Palace Overseer informs me that Mr. Hutchins was in personal communication with him on the evening of the 16th instant on the subject under notice, it seems strange that that gentleman should not have taken the trouble to ascertain when the holes in question were actually made. Indeed, it must be admitted that he was bound in duty to do so before making the accusation contained in his letter of the 17th instant.

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2. As we do not wish to be drawn into an angry correspondence, and as your letter leaves us completely in ignorance how far your proceedings are supported by your instructions, we have laid the matter before the Government for their orders.

3. To enable the Government to dispose of our letter without delay, we request that our copy of Mr. Chisholm's plan and estimate may be forwarded direct to the Secretary, Department Public Works. We have informed him that we have made this request.

No. 149. From R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., F.R.I.B.A., Consulting Architect to Government, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 1st October 1873, No. 537.

I HAVE the honour to submit a plan and estimate for building a new Racket Court at Madura in lieu of the one built against the palace.

2. I found it impossible on my recent visit to Madura to have had that openings provided for lighting and ventilating the Collector's Office without seriously retarding the progress of the works, and just before leaving Madura I gave written instructions to the Overseer in charge of the palace to proceed with all work as rapidly as possible, and amongst other orders to open the windows which when finished will look into the Racket Court. With the view however of inconveniencing the racket players as little as possible I prepared the plan and estimate now forwarded.

2. I must explain that the Racket Court is formed by building a side wall against two walls of the old palace, so that the back wall and north wall (in which the windows occur) are really the property of Government, to which the Racket Club can lay no claim. Indeed, it seems to be a matter of some doubt whether the permission of Government was obtained to make use of the old palace walls in this way at all, and the Club possess no documents which bear on the subject; constructed in the makeshift way alluded to, the court has never been a good one, and although it is much to be regretted that arrangements could not be made to complete the works without knocking out these openings, if the Government are pleased to build the court now designed the members of the Club will be in every way gainers.

No. 149 A. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 8th October 1873, No. 2,805.

As requested in your telegram of this day's date, I have the honour to

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forward herewith a copy of my letter No. 2,621, dated 16th September 1873, to your address.

2. Copy of a letter from the District Engineer, to the Honorary Secretary, Madura Racket Club, No. 2,560, dated 13th September 1873.

2. The original of this letter with its enclosures was sent by me to the Consulting Architect to Government, with my letter No. 2,621 of the same date, with a view of his transmitting the same to you with any remarks that he might wish to make on the subject.

3. Copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Racket Club to the District Engineer, 13th September 1873.

4. Copy of a letter from the District Engineer, to the Secretary, Racket Club, No. 2,603, dated 15th September 1873.

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From the same Officer, dated Madura, 16th September 1873, No. 2,621.
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C. Copy of a letter from the District Engineer, to the Secretary, Racket Club, No. 2,603, dated 15th September 1873.

reporting regarding the site of the Racket Court at Madura, as I was under almost daily expectation of the promised visit to Madura of the Government Consulting Architect.

2. Mr. Chisholm arrived here on the 7th instant and left on the 12th idem, and that gentleman and myself are decidedly of opinion that the entire site of the Racket Court is required for the improvements necessary to be made, before the Collector can occupy the space allotted for him in the building.

3. By the arrangements now decided upon, in order to accelerate the occupation of the building by the Collector, as desired by the Government, we estimate that the work required for its purpose may be completed by December next, provided of course that there is no interference with the work.

4. With this object in view Mr. Chisholm directed the Overseer in charge of the palace work to proceed at once with the piercing of the windows in the palace south wall, which the Racket Court has utilized for its north side wall, while I addressed to the same effect the Honorary Secretary of the Racket Club, vide enclosure A.

5. The further correspondence, viz., enclosures B and C, i. e., Mr. Hutchins' letter and my reply thereto, are likewise forwarded, and as regards the personal threat held out to me in that letter, I have the honour to request the favour of the early instructions of Government as to the course I am to pursue in this matter.

6. As I have already stated, the piercing of the windows in the wall in question is essentially requisite for the occupation of the building which, in the absence of these windows, is devoid of light and ventilation, and as the plastering of the roof and walls cannot be carried out until the window openings are made, it follows that the entrance of the Collector's Cutcherry into the building will be delayed for so long a period as this Racket Court question remains in abeyance.

7. The preparation of the complete statement and estimate of all works required to complete the restoration of the building and its adaptation for useful purposes is a most laborious operation, and it is quite impossible to fix any date at present for the submission of that estimate. Mr. Chisholm has promised to send to Madura a special Draughtsman, to make a complete and accurate plan and sections of the building, for until these are obtained it is quite impossible to prepare any trustworthy estimate of the vast amount of work still required to complete the buildings.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to P. P. HUTCHINS, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Madura Racket Club, dated Madura, 13th September 1873, No. 2,560.

The Government having directed that the Collector's Cutcherry shall be located in the Madura Palace at as early a date as practicable, and as in order to bring into force this arrangement it will be necessary to pierce holes in the palace wall on the north sides of the Racket Court, I have the honour to inform you, for the information of the members of the Club, that in consultation with the Government Architect I have arranged to commence this work at once.

2. Mr. Chisholm has prepared a design for a new court, which he will submit to Government with the estimate for the whole of the works connected with the Collector's Cutcherry. Should, however, you wish to address the Government direct upon the subject, a copy of the plan and estimate will be forwarded to you on demand.

From P. P. HUTCHINS, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Racket Club, Madura, to Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, dated Madura, 13th September 1873.
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2,561, which has occasioned the Committee much surprise. As you are so kind as to offer us a copy of Mr. Chisholm's plan and estimate, we request that it may be furnished with all convenient speed. Mr. Chisholm personally informed me that the piercing of the holes might very well be deferred till much of the

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other work was finished, but as it would take time for you to complete your statement and estimate, it was arranged between us that I should have the plan, etc., to enable me to bring the matter before Government at once. The object of course was that there might be a settlement before our enjoyment of the Racket Court was interfered with. On receipt of the promised papers I shall at once lay the matter again before the Government. Till then we request that the arrangement made with Mr. Chisholm may not be departed from.

2. But that arrangement is not the only reason which has occasioned our surprise at your communication. I beg to bring to your notice that the Order of Government, 1st August 1873, No. 1,927, implies that we are not to be interfered with pending your complete report. We asked for an order stopping so much of the restoration work as would prevent our using the court, and you were therefore instructed to report without delay. This seems to us tantamount to an order not to proceed with the work until your report could be submitted and considered.

3. In conclusion, I am to bring to your notice that we are advised that our title to the Racket Court is a very strong one, and in any case a possession which has continued without interruption beyond living memory ought not to be lightly invaded. We naturally object to be claim to be disposed of by Government as may seem to them proper. We naturally object to be interfered with before it is absolutely necessary, and before our claims to just compensation have been determined. If without the instructions of Government, and even, as we contend, contrary to their implied prohibition, you make any attempt to invade our right, we shall hold you personally responsible. We shall also resist such an attempt by all legitimate means.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to P. P. HUTCHINS, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Racket Club, Madura, dated Madura, 15th September 1873, No. 2,603.

In reference to your letter, of the 13th instant, I have the honour to forward herewith an extract written by Mr. Chisholm under date the 12th idem, from the Palace Overseer's order

1 Extract of Order Book.

book, as this is in itself a sufficient reply to the remarks made in your letter under notice.

2. I may add, however, that my letter No. 2,860, of the 13th instant, was drafted while Mr. Chisholm was at Madura, and that it obtained his entire concurrence. I will not say that it was written at his instance, inasmuch as he considered that it was unnecessary to address you at all on the subject; and it was only out of courtesy to the Members of the Racket Club that I wrote to inform you regarding the commencement of the work.

3. I have, however, now directed the work to be stopped pending the orders of Government, and I may add that a copy of the plan and estimate for the proposed court will be forwarded to you on receipt from Mr. Chisholm.

4. In conclusion you will allow me, as a member of the Club, to remark that I am aware of whom the Committee mentioned by you consists, and that the course adopted by you is, in my opinion, not conducive to the best interests of the Club.

No. 150. From R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., F.R.I.B.A., Consulting Architect to Government, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 13th October 1873, No. 561.

By receipt of copy of letter No. 2,892, dated 8th October, from the District

Engineer, Madura, to your address, I have the honour to state that the correspondence alluded to (now forwarded) was by mistake filed in my office, under the impression that the copies were forwarded to me for information only.

• Letter from District Engineer, Madura, to the Secretary to Government, No. 2,621, dated 16th September 1873.

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Copy of District Engineer's letter, No. 2,603, dated 15th September 1873.

Among the enclosures I now find a memorandum requesting me to forward the correspondence to Government, I beg to apologize for the omission.

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2. I may mention in continuation of my letter, No. 537, dated the 1st instant, that an old resident of Madura, a racket player, considers the court so bad a one that he told me in his day the Club would willingly have given up play for two years if the Government had paid even half the cost of a new court.

No. 151.

ORDER THEREON, 8th December 1873, No. 2,902.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 13.

On a consideration of these papers His Excellency the Governor in Council is satisfied that the north wall of the Racket Court which has been pierced, forming the back of the Collector's Cutcherry and the west wall or back of the court, are integral portions of the palace, and is therefore a reason to doubt that the space occupied by the court was originally public property. Under these circumstances, the District Engineer is authorized to carry out without delay the works which were temporarily suspended, for the accommodation of the Collector and his establishment in the palace.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is willing to admit that some consideration is due to the claim urged by the Club on the score of length of occupation, and he is prepared to meet it by a contribution on the part of Government of half the cost of a new court, the estimate for which, as prepared by the Consulting Architect, amounts to Rupees 4,200. And on the Club signifying its acquiescence in this arrangement, and the collection of the rest of the money, orders will be issued for the expeditious completion of the work departmentally.

3. His Excellency in Council regrets to be obliged to notice with disapproval the tone of Mr. Hutchins' letters, which seems scarcely consistent with his position as a Judicial officer.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To District Engineer, Madura.
" Inspecting Engineer for Buildings.
" Consulting Architect.
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies.

Madura

17th September 1873

From,

The Committee Racket Club.

Madura.

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Secretary to Government P. W. Department

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M. M. M.
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District Engineer's Office
No 2621. Madurai 19th September 1873

From
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Received 18th 9th 1873
District Engineer's Office
No 5138

From

The Committee Racket

Court, Madurai.

Received 17th 9th 1873
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Enclosed

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Received 29th 9th 1873
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No 2621

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Geo. F. J. Vicil: Col: R.E.
District Engineer, Madras

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[Handwritten signature and text at the bottom right corner, including "Hon. Sec. for Comm"]

Madura
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Hon. Secy. for Committee

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From
No. 2660
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The District Engineer
Madura

To
The Secretary to
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Date 17 Sept 1873
Received 22nd Sept 1873

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the subject of
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No 537. Consulting Architects Office
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Packet Court.

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Dated 17th Sept 1873

Recd 17th Sept

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For a letter

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P.W. 1843 Report
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The Consulting Architect
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To the Secretary to Govt
Public Works Dept

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No 2962-3rd Decr/73.

Chisholm

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17/10/73
Recd to Coly 7/10/73

Consulting Architect to Govt

En: 1
1 Extract of
order book

courtesy to the Members of the Racket Club
that I wrote to inform you, regarding the
commencement of the work.

3 I have, however, now directed the
work to be stopped, pending the orders of
Government. And I may add that a copy
of the Plan and Estimate for the proposed
court will be forwarded to you on receipt
from Mr. Whistler.

4 In conclusion you will allow me,
as a Member of the Club, to remark that
I am unaware of whom the Committee
mentioned by you consists & that the course
adopted by you is, in my opinion, not
conducive to the best interests of the Club.

(Signed) J. Robert Lind & Co. Ltd.
District Engineer, Madras.
1/2nd copy/

J. Robert Lind & Co. Ltd.
District Engineer

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of the Racket Court was interpreted

Encl: 1 & 2 in a letter
from the District
Engineer Madras to
Secretary to Govt. No.
2872 dated 8/12/73

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P. W. 6121/73

Copy of District
Engineer's letter
to the Secretary
Racket Club
to 2803 dated 15
15 Sept 1873

Madras 13th Sept 1873.
From the Secretary
Racket Club
To the District Engineer

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2560 which has occasioned the Committee much surprise. As you are so kind as to offer us a copy of Mr. Chisholm's Plan and Estimate we request that it may be furnished with all convenient speed. Mr. Chisholm personally informed me that the piercing of the holes might very well be deferred till much of the other work was finished, but as it would take time for you to complete your statement and estimate, it was arranged between us that I should have the Plan &c. to enable me to bring the matter before Government at once. The object of course was that there might be a settlement before our enjoyment of the Racket Court was interfered with.

On receipt of the promised papers, I shall at once lay the matter again before the Government. Till then we request that the arrangement made with Mr. Whisholen may not be departed from.

But that arrangement is not the only reason which has occasioned our surprise at your communication. I beg to bring to your notice that the order of Government 1st August 1927, implies that we are not to be interfered with pending your complete report. We asked for an order stopping so much of the restoration work as would prevent our using the Court and you were therefore instructed to report without delay. This seems to us tantamount to an order not to proceed with the work until your report could be submitted and considered.

In conclusion I am to bring to your notice that we are advised that our title to the Puckett Court is a very strong one, and in any case

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a hope which has continued without interruption beyond living memory ought not to be lightly invaded. We are perfectly willing to leave our claim to be disposed of by Government as may seem to them proper but we naturally object to be interfered with before it is absolutely necessary and before our claims to just compensation have been determined. If without the instructions of Government and even as we contend, contrary to their implied prohibition, you make any attempt to invade our right, we shall hold you personally responsible. We shall also resist such an attempt by all legitimate means.

I have the honor to be
Your ^{most} obedient servant
(Sd.) P. P. Thatchins
Secretary Madras Packet Club

True Copy

Quintus Bors Lieut. Col. R.E.
District Engineer, Madras

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No. 2560. District Engineer's Office
Madura 13th September 1873

Yours

Lieutenant Colonel R. A. Roberts. R.E.
District Engineer

To, The Secretary
Madura Cricket Club.

Madura
Sir, The Government having directed
that the Cricket Club shall be located in the
Madura Palace at as early a date as practicable,
and as in order to bring into force this arrange-
ment, it will be necessary to pierce holes in the
Palace wall on the North side of the Cricket
Court. I have the honor to inform you for the
information of the Members of the Club, that
in consultation with the Government
Architect I have arranged to commence
this work at once.

2. Mr. Chisholm has prepared a
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Enclosed in a letter
from the District
Engineer addressed to
the Secretary to the
Cricket Club.
8th Decr. 1873.

Madura 29th Decr - 1873

P. M. Bell
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Copy of letter
from the
Secretary to the
Cricket Club
to the District
Engineer dated
13th Decr 1873

a Design for a New Court, which he will
submit to Government with the Estimate
for the whole of the works connected with the
Collector's Cutchery. Should however, you
wish to address the Government direct
upon the subject a copy of the plan and
Estimate will be forwarded to you on
demand.

I have &c

/ Signed / N. A. Roberts, Lieut Col. R.E.
District Engineer

(True Copy)

Per A. N. S. Lieut Col. R.E.
District Engineer Madras

Decidedly of opinion that the
entire

Encl: No. 2 in a letter
from the District
Engineer Madras, to
the Secretary to Govt.
G.O. No. 2892 dated
8th Octr/73.

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No. 2762-8-12-73

P.W. 612/73

Copy of
District Engineer's
Engineer's Order
No. 2560 dated
13th September
1873

District Engineer's Office
No. 2621 Madras 16th September 1873

From

Chief Secy: R. A. Roberts Esq.
District Engineer, Madras

To

Secy: J. W. Walker Esq.
Secretary to Government
Madras

Sir,

Encls: 3.

A. Copy of a letter from the
District Engineer to the
Honorary Secretary to
the Madras Cricket Club.
No. 2060 dated 13th Sept
1873.

B. Copy of a letter from
the Secretary to the
Cricket Club to the
District Engineer
dated 13th September
1873.

C. Copy of a letter from
the District Engineer
to the Cricket Club.
No. 2603 dated
16th September 1873.

In reference to G.O. 1st Aug/73
No. 1927 I have the honor to state
that I deferred reporting regarding
the site of the Cricket Ground
at Madras, as I was under
almost daily expectation of the
promised visit to Madras of
the Government Consulting Archi-
tect.

2. Mr. Whistler arrived
here on the 7th instant and left
on the 12th Idem, and that
gentleman and myself are
decidedly of opinion that the
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entire site of the Rackah boud is required for the improvements necessary to be made before the collector can occupy the space allotted for him in the building.

3. By the arrangements now decided upon in order to accelerate the occupation of the building by the collector, as desired by the Government, we estimate that the work required for this purpose may be completed by December next, provided of course that there is no interference with the work.

4. With this object in view Mr. Bishop directed the Overseer in charge of the Palace work to proceed at once with the piercing of the windows in the Palace South wall which the Rackah boud has utilized for its South side wall. while I addressed to the same effect, the Honorary Secretary of the Rackah boud, vide enclosure.

enclosure it.

5. The further correspondence viz, enclosures B & C, i.e. Mr. Hacking's letter and my reply thereto are likewise forwarded and as regards the personal threat held out to me in that letter, I have the honor to request the favor of the early instructions of Government as to the course I am to pursue in this matter.

6. As I have already stated the piercing of the windows in the wall in question is essentially requisite for the occupation of the building which in the absence of these windows is devoid of light and ventilation. And as the plastering of the roof and walls cannot be carried out until the window openings are made, it follows that the entrance of the collector's butchery into the building will be delayed for

for so long a period as this Racket
court question remains in abeyance.

7. The preparation of the
Complete Statement and Estimate
of all works required to complete
the restoration of the building
and its adaption for useful
purposes, is a most laborious
operation, and it is quite impossible
to fix any date at present for
the submission of that Estimate.
Mr. Bishop has promised to
send to Madras a Special Drafts-
man to make a complete and
accurate plan and sections of
the building, for until these are
obtained it is quite impossible to
prepare any trustworthy Estimate
of the work & amount of work
still required to complete the building.

I have &c.

/sigs/ R. A. Roberts Esq. M.E.
District Engineer, Madras
(True copy)

Geo. Roberts
Lieut. Col. R.E.
District Engineer, Madras

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Encl: 2821 in a letter
from the District
Engineer, Madras, to
the Secretary to Govt.
D. No. 282 dated
8th Oct 1873.

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P. W. 5121/73

Copies of letters
and drafts as to
your request
re govt. work
Racket Club

1872 District Engineer's Office
Madras 8 October 1873

From
Lieut Colonel W. A. Roberts R.E.
District Engineer, Madras

To
Colonel W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government

Sir,
As requested in your
Telegram of this day's date, I have

the honor to
forward herewith a copy

1. Copy of letter from the District Engineer
to the Secretary to Govt. P. W. D. dated
16th September 1873. No 2621.

2. Copy of letter from the District Engineer
to the Honorary Secretary, Madras Racket
Club. No 2560 dated 12th September 1873

3. Copy of a letter from the Secretary to the
Racket Club to the District Engineer 13 Sept 73

4. Copy of a letter from the District Engineer
to the Secretary Racket Club. No 2603
dated 15th September 1873.

of my letter
to the 21st dated
16th September 1873
to your address

2. The original
of this letter

with its enclosures was sent by me
to the Consulting Architect to
Government

P. W. 1873 Depart
From
No 6121
The District Engineer
Madura

To
The Secretary
Government

Dated 8th October 1873
Received 10th Nov 73

Encs: 1
Forwards for information
certain correspondence
regarding Racket
Boulevard

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No 2962-8th Dec 73

Madura 13 September 1873
From
The Secretary
Racket Club

To
The District Engineer

Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter No 25 to
which has occasioned the Committee
much surprise. As you are so kind
as to offer us a copy of Mr. Philholm's
plan and estimate we request that
it may be furnished with all con-
venient speed. Mr. Philholm
personally informed me that the
piercing of the holes might very
well be deferred till much of the
other work was finished, but as it
would take time for you to complete
your statement and estimate it
was arranged between us that I
should have the plan &c to enable

me to bring the matter before government
at once. The object of course was that
there might be a statement before
our enjoyment of the Racket Court
was interfered with. On receipt
of the promised papers I shall
at once lay the matter again
before the government. Till then
we request that the arrangement
made with Mr. Blitcholin may
not be departed from.

^{but that} the only reason which has occasioned
our surprise at your communication -
I beg to bring to your notice that the
order of government, 1st August 1873,
to 1927, implies that we are not
to be interfered with pending
your complete report. We asked
for an order stopping so much
of the restoration work as would
prevent one using the Court, and
you were thereupon instructed

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to report without delay. This seems
to us tantamount to an order
not to proceed with the work
until your report could be submitted
and considered.

In conclusion I am to bring
to your notice that we are advised
that our title to the Racket Court
is a very strong one, and in any
case a possession which has
continued without interruption
beyond living memory ought not
to be lightly invaded. We are
perfectly willing to leave our claim
to be disposed of by government
as may seem to them proper, but
we naturally object to be interfered
with before it is absolutely
necessary and before our claims
to just compensation have been
determined. If without the
instructions of government, and
even, as we contend, contrary to

their implied prohibition you
make any attempt to invade
our rights, we shall hold you
personally responsible. We shall
also resist such an attempt by all
legitimate means.

I have
Signed / F. J. Hutchins
Secretary, Madura Racket Club.
True Copy /

Lieut. Col. R.E.
District Engineer

Copy of letter
from the Secretary
to the Racket Club
dated 13
September 1893 -

P.M. 5.60/93

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Enc. 2. Letter
from the District Engineer
Madura to the Racket Club
dated 16 Sept 1893 No 2860

No 2603 District Engineer's Office
Madura 15 September 1893
From
Lieut Colonel R. A. Roberts R.E.
District Engineer, Madura,

To
The Secretary
Racket Club, Madura,

Sir
In reference to your letter
No. of the 13 instant, I have the
honour to forward herewith an
Extract written by Mr. Whisholm
under date the 12 Idem, from the
Palace Overseers order book, as this
is in itself a sufficient reply to
the remarks made in your letter
under notice.

2. I may add however that
my letter No 2860 of the 13 instant
was drafted while Mr. Whisholm
was at Madura and that it
obtained his entire concurrence. I
will

will not say that it was written
at his instance, inasmuch as he
considered that it was unnecessary
to address you at all on this subject,
and it was only out of courtesy
to the members of the Hackitt Club
that I wrote to inform you
regarding the commencement of
the work.

2. I have, however, now directed
the work to be stopped pending
the orders of Government. And
I may add that a copy of the
plan and estimate for the proposed
work will be forwarded to you
on receipt from Mr. Blisshorn.

3. In conclusion, you will
allow me as a member of the Club
to remark that I am unaware
of whom the Committee mentioned
by you consists, and that the course
adopted by you is in my opinion

not conducive to the best interests
of the Club.

I have &c
Signed / R. A. Roberts Esq. D. E.
District Engineer

1 True Copy /

Signed / R. A. Roberts Esq.
District Engineer

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2560 District Engineer's Office
Madura 13. September 1873

From

Lieut. Col. R. A. Roberts R.E.
District Engineer, Madura

To

The Honorary Secretary
Madura Racket Club

Sir,

The Government having directed that the Collector's butchery shall be located in the Madura Palace as early as date as practicable, and as, in order to bring into force this arrangement, it will be necessary to pierce holes in the Palace walls on the North side of the Racket Court. I have the honor to inform you for the information of the Members of the Club, that in consultation with the Government Architects I have arranged to commence this work at once.

2. Mr. Schisholm has prepared a Design for a new Court, which he will submit to Government with the Estimate for the whole of the work connected with the Collector's butchery. Should

For the Secretary to the Club
16th September 1873
J. G. S. H. 1873

13th September 1873
J. G. S. H. 1873
P. G. S. H. 1873

Should, however, you wish to address
the Government direct upon the subject
a copy of the Plan and Estimate will
be forwarded to you on demand.

I have &c
/ sigd/ R. A. Roberts Esq
District Engineer Madras

No. 2561 (True copy)

Communicated to the Consulting
Architect to Government with a request
that he will, at his convenience, furnish
this Office with a copy of the Plan and
Estimate in question.

Madras 13 September 1873. Recd 15 Sept 1873. Lieut. Col. R. E.
District Engineer, Madras

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District Engineer's Office
No 2621 Madras 16 September 1873

From
Lieut. Colonel A. A. Roberts R.E.
District Engineer, Madras

To
Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government D. W.

Sir

In reference to G.O. 1st August 1873, No 1927, I have the honor to state that I deferred reporting regarding the site of the Rocket Court at Madras, as I was under almost daily expectation of the promised visit to Madras of the Government Consulting Architect.

Mr. Shisholm arrived here on the 7th instant and left on the 12th idem, and that gentleman and myself are

Enclosures 3

A Copy of a letter from the Dist. Engr. to the Hon. Secy. Madras Rocket Club. No 2560 dated 13th Sept. 1873.

B Copy of a letter from the Secy. to the Rocket Club to the Dist. Engr. dated 13th Sept. 1873.

C. Copy of a letter from the Dist. Engr. to the Secy. Rocket Club. No 2560 dated 15th Sept. 1873.

From

The District Engineer
Madras

To
Consulting Architect
to Government

Dated 13th Sept. 1873
Recd

* G.O. No 2621 - 8th Dec 73
Forwarding copy of the letter No 2560 of the 13th September 1873 addressed to the Honorary Secretary Madras Rocket Club and requesting to forward Plans &c for constructing a Rocket Court proposed to be built at Madras

No 2560/73
21/10/73

decidedly of opinion that the entire site of the Racket Court is required for the improvements necessary to be made before the Collector can occupy the space allotted for him in the building.

3. By the arrangements now decided upon in order to accelerate the occupation of the building by the Collector, as desired by the Government, we estimate that the work required for this purpose may be completed by December next, provided of course that there is no interference with the work.

4. With this object in view Mr. Schisholm directed the Overseer in charge of the Palace Work to proceed at once with the piercing of the windows in the Palace South wall, which the Racket

Court has utilized for its North side wall. While I addressed to the same effect the Honorary Secretary of the Racket Club, vide enclosure A.

5. The further correspondence viz. enclosures B & C, in Mr. Hitchens letter and my reply thereto are likewise forwarded and as regards the personal threat held out to me in that letter I have the honor to request the favor of the early instructions of Government as to the course I am to pursue in this matter.

6. As I have already stated the piercing of the windows in the wall in question is essentially requisite for the occupation of the building which in the absence of these windows is devoid of light and ventilation. And as the plastering of the roof and walls

cannot be carried out until the window openings are made, it follows that the entrance of the collector's butchery into the building will be delayed for so long a period as this Racket Court question remains in abeyance.

The preparation of the complete statement and estimate of all works required to complete the restoration of the building and its adaptation for useful purposes, is a most laborious operation; and it is quite impossible to fix any date at present for the submission of that estimate. Mr. Elmhurst has promised to send to Madras a special draftsman to make a complete and accurate plan and sections of the building; for until these are obtained, it is quite impossible

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to prepare any trustworthy estimate of the work, vast amount of work, still required to complete the building.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant,

Wm. L. R. C.
District Engineer,

No

N^o 561.

Consulting Architects Office
Madras 13th October 1873

From

P. J. Lehis holu Esq^r F.R.S. P.A.
Consulting Architect to Govt.

To

Colonel G. H. Walker P.C. &
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Sir,

By receipt of Copy of letter N^o 2892 dated 8th October from the District Engineer Madras to your address, I have the honor to state that the correspondence alluded to (now forwarded) was by mistake filed in my Office, under the impression that the Copies were forwarded to me for information only. Among the enclosures I now find a letter requesting me to forward the correspondence to Government. I beg to apologize for the omission. I may mention in continuation of my letter N^o 537 dated the 1st Inst. that an old President of Madras Cricket players, considers the Court so bad a one, that he told me in his day, the Club would willingly have given

Letter from Dist
Eng^r Madras to
the Secy to Govt N^o 2892
Dated 18th Sep^r 1873.
(Dist Eng^r Madras
has only sent to Govt
N^o 2891 dated 13th Sep^r
Copy of letter from
the Secy to the
District of Madras
13th Sep^r 1873.
Copy of Dist
Eng^r letter N^o
2893 dated 15th
Sep^r 1873.

Dist District Engineer
Madras

To
The Secretary to
Government

Dated 16th September
1873

Reports regarding
the site of the
Cricket Ground
at Madras.

P. J. Lehis holu Esq^r

From P. J. Lehis holu Esq^r
F.R.S. P.A.
Consulting Architect to Govt.

given up play for 2 years, if the Govern:
ment had paid even half the cost of
a new Court.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obed^t. Serv^t

R. W. Christie.

Consulting Architect to Govt.

1/3 of the cost of the
new Court.

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Public Works 1873 Department
City of New York
No. 500

The Comptroller of the City
to Government

To the Secretary to the
Public Works Dept.

Oct 13th 7
Received 15th 7

No. 561.
Enclosure 2

Regarding the
Racket Court.

No. 158

Recd to City 16 Oct 73

No. 2962-8th Dec 73

Instructions Oct 4th 73
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I would direct
the District Engineer
to carry out the work
required to enable
the Collector to occupy
the building at once.
This appears to be
a matter of public
right and necessity the
wall, which is being
pierced is beyond
all question public
property.

The rights of the
Racket Club to two
of the walls and ground
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occupied is not. They
have appropriated
public property - on
sufferance subject
to public requirements;
and no length of occupation
will cure that initial
weakness of title.
Should they decide
to stand on legal rights,
they should be required
to remove the materials
themselves. A suit
would probably lie to
enforce this. No com-
pensation can, I believe,
be legally claimed.
Long use, however,
gives some claim to
consideration as of
fact, but it would
be

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be fully met - as suggested
in the Memo - by an offer
of one half the cost of
constructing a Court
elsewhere with the aid
of Government Officers
on the Plan prepared
by the Government Architect.

I think Mr. Hutchinson's
conduct deserves severe
censure & a more
severe with reference
to the obvious unsuitability
of a judicial officer
before whom a legal
contention might eventually
come - acting as a partisan.

I agree with Mr. Robinson
except that I
cannot say that I
see ground for
an address on
Mr. Hutchinson - he might
perhaps say in the P. O. that
he for! cannot approve the
issue of his letters: especially
when his position
is considered.

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Wm

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Public Works Department

Letter from the Committee Racket Club Madura, dated 17th Sept 1943.

Letter from the District Engineer Madura, dated 19th Sept 1943, No 2660.

" from the Consulting Architect & Government dated 1st Oct 1943, No 534.

" from the District Engineer Madura dated 8th Oct 1943, No 2892.

Submitted for orders.

1. Letter of 4th July from Secretary of the Racket Club at Madura puts forth a claim to the building used by them, and to a new Court in lieu thereof on its being taken up by Govt in

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Public Works Department

in connection with the
works at Tirumal
Saikrishna Palace.

2. From Consulting
Architects letter No. 534
of 1st October it appears
that the back and one
side wall of the Court
are integral portions
of the Palace; from
which it is inferred
that the entire space
is Govt. property and
that the other two
walls were constructed
on sufferance and
without detriment
to Govt. rights.

3. A Plan and Estimate
of Rs. 4,200 for a new
Court having been
prepared by the

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Consulting Architect
it is submitted that
a contribution by
Govt. of half that
amount, and the
speedy construction
of the work by its
officers, will meet
all reasonable
demands on them.
Orders are requested
whether the arrange-
ments for lodging
the collector and his
Establishment spec-
ially in the Palace as
ordered by Govt. are
to be deferred pending
the construction of
the new Court.
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In the matter in
dispute between the
District Engineer and
Secretary of the Racket
Club, it appears that
before quitting Madras
on the 12th September
the Consulting Ar-
chitect gave a written
order to the Overseer
in charge of the Palace
works to proceed with
all work as speedily
as possible including
the opening of the win-
dows in the north
wall of the Racket
Court which forms the
back of the Collector's
Jutcherry. On the 13th
September the District
Engineer

Engineer is informed
the Secretary of the
Racket Club of these
orders, and of his in-
tention to proceed
to carry them out.
In his reply of the
same date the Sec-
retary remonstrates
against any inter-
ference with the
Racket Court and
threatens to hold the
District Engineer per-
sonally and legally
responsible for in-
vasion of the rights
of the Club. The Dis-
trict Engineer requests
the orders of Govt. as to
the action to be taken
by him with reference

~~this~~ threat.

The Secretary of the
Racket Club has further
in letters of 14th Sept.
to the District Engineer
and Govt., accused the
District Engineer of
discourtesy in having
had holes pierced in
the Racket Court
Wall on the 13th Sept.
before his letter of that
date could have left
his office. The District
Engineer states ^{that} so far
as his personal ob-
-servation goes, and
as is shown by the
Palace Works Day's
Book, the holes were
not pierced till the
15th; and requests that

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some notice may be
taken by Govt. of the
unusual style of
correspondence
adopted towards
him by Mr. P. Hutchins

C. H. Walker, Esq. R.E.
Secy. Govt. P. & O.

W. C. M. S. S.
October 15/32

Handwritten notes on the left page, including "Habitat" and "Museum".

Handwritten note: "a. b. c. d. e. f. g. h. i. j. k. l. m. n. o. p. q. r. s. t. u. v. w. x. y. z."

No. 2962 Public Works Department
 Proceedings of the Madras Court
 Read the following

- From,
- The Committee } (H. E. of 17th Sept 43.)
 - Racet Club Madras }
 - " District Engineer } (u. u. 2660 of 19th 80)
 - Madras } (u. u. 534 of 1st Oct 43.)
 - " Cons. Architect Dept } (u. u. 2892 of 8th 80.)
 - " District Engineer } (u. u. 561 of 13th 80.)
 - Madras }
 - " Cons. Architect Dept }

Handwritten signature or initials.

On a consideration of these papers, His Excellency the Governor in Council is satisfied that the north wall of the Racet Court which has been pierced forming the back of the Collector's Inticherry, and the West wall or back of the Court, are integral portions of the Palace, and there is therefore no reason to doubt that the space occupied by the Court was originally

public property. Under these circumstances the District Engineer is authorized to carry out without delay the works which were temporarily suspended, for the accommodation of the collector and his Establishment in the Palace.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is willing to admit that some consideration is due to the claim urged by the Club on the score of length of occupation, and he is prepared to meet it by a contribution on the part of Government, of half the cost of a new Court, the estimate for which, as prepared by the Consulting Architect amounts to Rs 200. And on the Club signifying its acquiescence

in this arrangement and the collection of the rest of the money, orders will be issued for the expeditious completion of the work departmentally.

His Excellency in Council regrets the obliged notice the tone of Mr. Hutchins' letters, ~~in this correspondence~~ ~~and~~ ~~considering~~ his position as a judicial officer, ~~he cannot afford~~.

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GMW

Note - Dimensions of Rucker Court.

Mr. Hutchins' Plot	71 feet long
	42 — wide
	31 — high
Back Wall	
Wellington Court	70 feet long
	45 — wide
	30 — high
Back Wall	

To The D^r Eng^r Bureau
.. I-Eng^r for Buildings
.. Cons^r Architect
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