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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th August 1874.*

No. 714. Read the following letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Buildings,) to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 17th July 1874, No. 308-B. :—

In continuation of Public Works Circular No. 9, dated the 13th February 1873, I am directed to request the submission, for the information of the Government of India, with as little delay as possible, of a return of the public monuments, memorials and statues under the care of the Public Works Department of the Government of Madras, with the names and designations of the officers in charge.

No. 715. ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1874, No. 2,450.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 43.

ORDERED that the following letter
be sent :—

(Here enter No. 2,451, dated 28th August 1874.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, August 28th, 1874.

No. 716.

No. 2,451.

From

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 44.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the
17th July 1874, No. 303 B, I am directed
to state that the only public monument

or building of such historical or architectural character as to be an object of
public interest, actually under the charge of the Public Works Department of
this Presidency, is the old palace known as Tirumala Naick's at Madura, now
being restored and adapted for public purposes after the designs of Mr. Chisholm,
the Consulting Architect to Government, and under the supervision of Lieutenant-
Colonel Fischer, R.E., District Engineer of Madura.

2. I am to explain that the practice in the Madras Presidency has been to
consider the charge of all buildings of the description alluded to as being vested
in the Revenue Officials of each district, excepting those that may be from time
to time actually in the hands of Public Works Officers for restoration or repair.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Gobt. of 1874 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT

OF INDIA.

Dated August 28th:

Head.

Enc.

G. O., 28th August 1874, No. 2,451.

AUGUST.

No. 716

STATED that the only public monument or building of historical or architectural character as to be an object of public interest under the charge of the Public Works Department of this Presidency is the old palace known as Tirumala Naick's at Madura now being restored and adapted for public purposes, and under the supervision of Lieutenant Colonel Fischer, R.E., District Engineer of Madura.

P.M.D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following

From

The Govt. of India (P.L. No. 30013 of 17th July 1874)

Ordered that the
following letter be sent.

P.L. No. dated

To

The Secretary to the
Govt. of India P.M.D.

Sir

In reply to your letter
of the 17th July 1874, No. 30013,
I am directed to state that
the only Public monument
or Building of such His-
torical or Architectural
Character

character as to be an object
of public interest actu-
ally under the charge
of the Public Works De-
partment of this Presidency
is the old Palace known
as Tirumala Naick's at
Madura, now being restored
and adapted for public
purposes after the designs
of Mr Chisholm the Con-
sulting Architect to Govt.
and under the supervision
of Lieut. Col. Fischer R. E.
D. Engineer of Madura,
I am to ex-
plain that the practice
is

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in the Madras Presidency
has been to consider the
charge of all Buildings
of the description allude
to as being vested in the
Revenue Officials of each
Dt.; excepting those that
may be from time to time
actually in the hands of
Public Works Officers for
restoration or repair.

C. W. W.

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P. W. D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government,
Under date the 187

Read the following:-

From
The Govt of India - (H. E. Secy to Govt of India, 17 July 1874)

Ordered that the
following letter be sent.
H. E. Secy to Govt, dated

To: The Secy: to the Govt
of India, S.H.O.

Sir: In reply to your letter
of the 17th July 1874, No 308 B,
I am directed to state that
the only Public know-
-ment of Building of
such Historical or Archi-
-tectural character as to
be an object of public

The S. I requested, per
their Circular of
13 Feb/75, that
"all buildings of historical
monuments"

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300/17/74
in 15/8/74, Ret 17/8/74

interest, actually under
the charge of the Public
Works Depart^t of this
Presidency is the old
Palace known as Pro-
-malahait at Ma-
-dura, now being restored
and adapted for public
purposes after the designs
of Christopher Wren.
-sulting Architect to
-look, and under the
supervision of Lieut
Col^d Fischer R.E. Div-
-sion Engineer of Madras.

rather unsatisfactory. If
we cannot account for
the complete disregard of
their repeated wishes,
we ought to say that it
shall cease.

Cin 31/1/14 5 Dec
Cin 17/1/14 100 11/1/14

or other public
interest should be
attended to as
expended (it is affray
by the P. W. Code -

My own (a year & a half
afterwards) ask us "what
Public Buildings are

~~under the care of the~~
P. W. Dept. Monuments
as & of interest are
under our care (i.e.
that of our P. W. Dept)
we reply that there is
only one. This means

Public Works Dept

It is assumed with refer-
ence to the Right Honourable
The Government's remarks on
the accompanying Draft.
That the practice in the
Madras Presidency has
been to consider the charge
of all Buildings of the
description alluded to as
being vested in the Res-
-ident Officials of each
District; excepting those
that may be from time
to time actually in the
hands of Pub. Works Officers
for restoration or repair -
which accounts for the in-
-completeness of the return
now proposed to be sent
to the Govt of India.

It is probable that their
call was connected with
the accompanying Des-
-patch to their address
from the Secy of State for
India, of which copy has
lately been received from
London. More direct
action on the part of the

Govt of India in the way
of providing the local
Bods: with funds for the
employment of Officers
to be specially charged
with the elaboration &
execution of buildings
of Architectural or Historical
interest, is therein called
for -

Under which circumstances
it is submitted that
it might be well to await
the result of that call; &
meanwhile to submit a
bare statement of the ac-
tual facts of the case
as proposed in the draft.

Done
10.8.74

6 S. Copies despatched 2/9/74.

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Jan

Passed the Df as it
seemed the a Depart.
matter - as the general
question belongs to the
Public Df.

We might add
information to his effort -
to dispose of the
letter - pending reference
on the Df. of the Road
Dept.

12/8/74

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11/8/74

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

The Secy to Govt of Madras

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

a. o. 28 Aug

374, No.

2450

2451

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Nos.

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Public Monuments &c

issuing orders on letter from
the Govt of Madras, requesting
the early submission of a
Report of the Public Monuments,
Monuments & Statues, under
the care of the P.W.D., with the
names & designations of the
officers in charge —