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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th September 1874.

Read the following papers :—

No. 523. From Major J. N. HUNTER, R.E., District Engineer, Salem, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Tripatore, 7th August 1874, No. 90.

At the request of Captain Bailey, Executive Engineer, I have the honor to forward, for your decision, the following correspondence between that officer and the Church Committee at Salem, of which the Collector is President.

2. Under the instructions conveyed in paragraph 3 of the Chapter of the Public Works Code, defining the duties of District Engineers, it would appear that Captain Bailey would have been bound to bring the bad work that he saw going on to notice, even if he had not been asked his opinion, which in this case he seems to have given at the request of the President.

From Captain H. BAILEY, Executive Engineer, to Major J. N. HUNTER, R.E., District Engineer, Salem, dated Yercaud Ghaut, 3rd August 1874.

On the 7th ultimo I went by appointment to meet the Collector at his Cutcherry ; being a little early I walked over to see the church which is being erected at Salem.

2. When returning to the Cutcherry I met the Collector, and was asked by him what was my opinion of the building.

3. I told him that some very bad work had been done in it ; the intended flat arches over the doors being merely brick on edge, without being voussoirs of an arch at all, and that owing to this they had already failed so much that a centre bar had had to be put in the door frame to keep the top of the frame from being broken by the weight of the verandah terrace.

4. After inspecting the work at the Cutcherry with the Collector I went back to the church with him, and pointed out what I considered objectionable.

5. My doing so seems from the enclosed copy of the Proceedings of the Church Committee and accompanying letter, the discourteous tone of which I beg to draw attention to, to have given great offence ; I would therefore feel obliged by your forwarding this letter to the Chief Engineer, with the request that he will be good enough to decide whether I was or was not justified, as Officiating District Engineer, in inspecting a building towards which Government had given a large grant-in-aid.

6. That the President of the Church Committee should have entered no protest against Proceedings condemning my having answered his own question truthfully has not a little astonished me ; he surely did not expect me to say one thing when I thought another.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Salem Church Committee Meeting held on the 23rd of July 1874.

Present.

Mr. C. T. Longley.	Mr. J. Small.
,, W. Johnston.	,, Paul Pillay.
,, Visquita.	,, Gomes.

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VI. Resolved that a letter be addressed to Captain Bailey, asking him on what authority he inspected the church building and passed condemnatory remarks on the work. The Committee desire to call Captain Bailey's attention to G. O., 18th March 1871, No. 53, Ecclesiastical Department.

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(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
President.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. W. JOHNSTON,
Honorary Secretary.

From J. W. JOHNSTON, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Church Building Committee, Salem, to Captain H. BAILEY, Yercaud, dated Salem, 31st July 1874.

In forwarding you the accompanying Resolution passed at the last meeting of the Church Building Committee, I have the honor to request you will inform the Committee on what authority you inspected the building and passed condemnatory remarks on the design and work, and issued orders to the Committee's servants.

2. The Committee further desire to call your attention to the enclosed Government Order (to be returned), from the last paragraph of which you will perceive that the Public Works Department (beyond the approval of the plan and estimate) have nothing whatever to do with the matter.

REFERRED to the Collector of Salem for report.

OOTACAMUND,
15th August 1874.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 523A. From C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector and President of Church Building Committee, Salem, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Salem, 24th August 1874, No. 311.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the correspondence as per margin, and in reply beg to state that when I saw Captain Bailey returning from the church on the morning of the 7th instant, I was under the impression that he had inspected the work *officially* at the request of the Church Committee.

Captain Bailey's letter to District Engineer, dated 3rd instant.
District Engineer's letter, No. 90, dated 7th instant, with Government Endorsement.
Herewith returned.

2. I myself had only a few days previously returned to the district from furlough, and Mr. Johnston, the Secretary, being at Madras, I did not know what had been going on in my absence. On Mr. Johnston's return to Salem a few days afterwards, I learnt that Captain Bailey had of his own *ipse motu* gone to the church and condemned the design and execution of the work. Of course I don't complain of Captain Bailey condemning the work if he considered it bad, but what I and the Committee did object to was that Captain Bailey should have gone as a private individual and afterwards expressed a professional opinion to persons in the station that the work was bad; for that the visit was not official is apparent from the fact of no notice having been given either to myself as President or any Member of the Building Committee that an official inspection was about to be made, and allowed us an opportunity of meeting the objections made.

No. 524. ORDER THEREON, 24th September 1874, No. 2,715.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 44.

THE Governor in Council considers that it is the duty of the Public Works Officer to examine all work to which he is aware that public money has been contributed, and to bring to notice any defects in such work which he may have discovered. Captain Bailey was therefore

acting in this matter in fulfilment of his duty as an officer, although it might have been desirable that he should have informed the Committee of his intention to inspect the work. And His Excellency in Council regrets that the Collector of Salem should have participated in the censure passed by the Committee upon Captain Bailey.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Salem.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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No 90

District Engineer's Office,
Camp Tripasure 7th August 1874.

From

The District Engineer

To

Salem.

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department.

Sir,

Enclosure 1

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obt. Servant,

P. C. Hains. Major, R.E.,

District Engineer.

Executive Engineer's Office,
Ypsand Ghaut, 3rd August 74

From

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To

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P. W. Office Despatch
Received 6 Aug 1874
No: 1995
The Dist: Engineer
Salem

Revenue Office
The Collector of Salem

Despatched 7th
Aug 1874

Memorandum
for reply:-

Memorandum
Executive Engineer
Ypsand Ghaut

Memorandum
Captain A. Bailey
Executive Engineer
Ypsand Ghaut

Memorandum
The Superintending
Engineer
Southern Circle

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Executive Engineer.

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Salem, 31st July 1874.

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(Signed) J. W. Johnston,
Hon^ry Secretary.

(True Copies)
(Signed) H. Bailey.
Executive Engineer.

(True Copies)
J. W. Steele. Major, R.E.,
District Engineer, Salem.

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P.S. Dept. 24 Sept 1874.
Rec'd 25 Sept 1874.
No 5233.

Enclosure of No 1 in
letter of No 90 dated
7th August 1874 to
the Secy: to Govt
P. W. Dept:

Proceedings of the Madras Government

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From the D. Engr. Salem (Dl. No 90 d/7 Augt 1874)

From the Collector of -do- (" " 311 d/24 —"—)

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To the D. C. Salem
" Revenue Dept
" Capts dispatches 30/9

Public Works Dept

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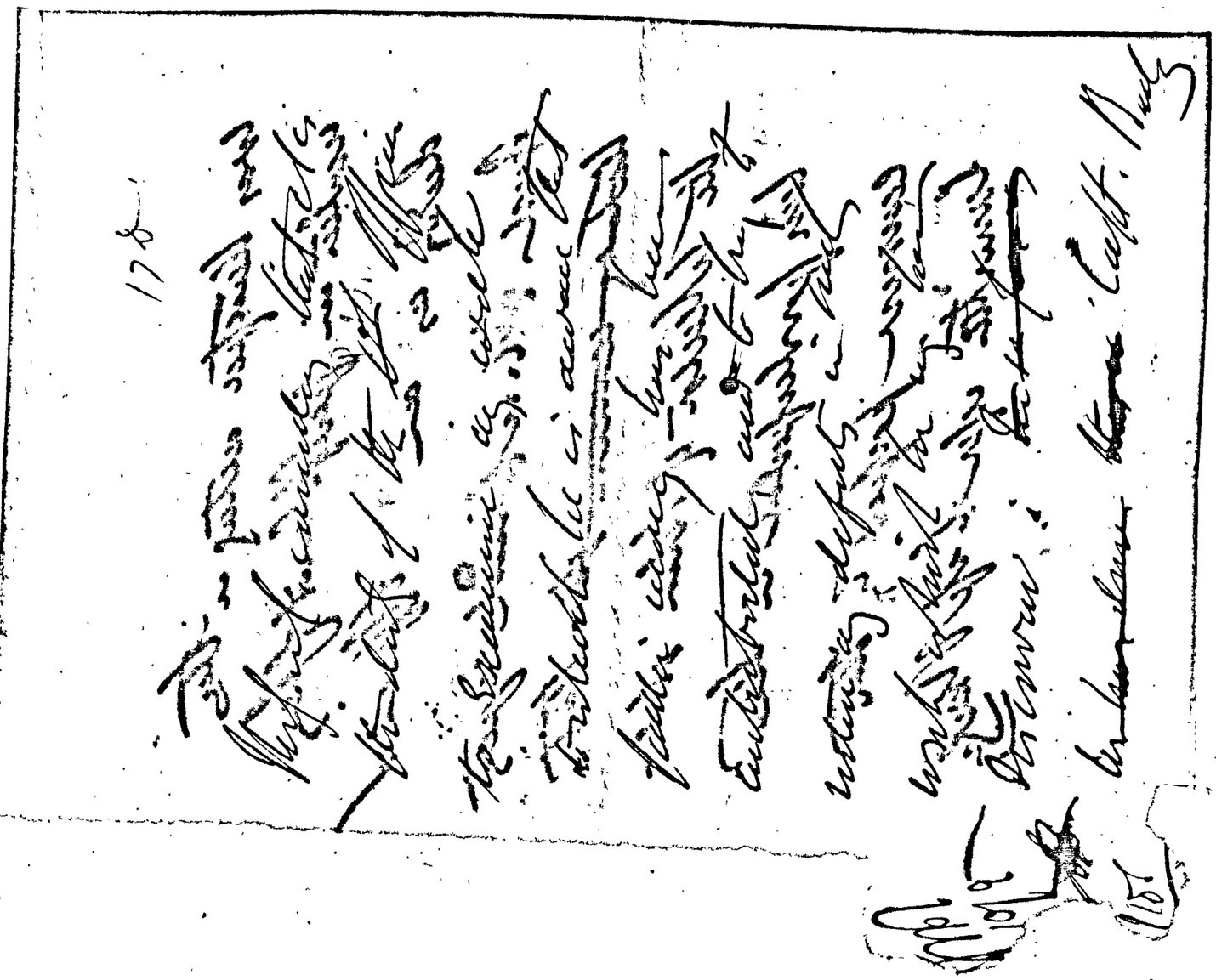
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Letter from Dist Surv. Salem
No. 90 of 7th August.

Referred for orders with suggestion that the papers be sent to Mr. Douglass for report. The building having been designed by Mr. Chisholm, he might be asked to inspect it, and state his opinion whether he considered Capt. Bailey's criticism a just one. There appears to be no reason why the District Surveyor should not express an opinion on such a building.

Govr
11.8.74

Surveyor does his duty to do so. But this letter was not referred to the Surveyor
Replied to 14/8/74



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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The conduct of the Building Committee and Rector of Salem in this case has been most reprehensible, but I am inclined to notice it in somewhat different manner.

On Capt. Bailey's letter dated 5 August I would remark that he acted very properly and in accordance with his official duty in inspecting the Church building under Construction at Salem and in personally

personally accompanying the Collector to the Structure and pointing out to him as the President of the Building Committee the bad work which that body had failed to detect or prevent being put into a building to which the Government have largely Contributed! It is much to be regretted that such a Committee was constituted without inviting the membership of a professional officer. The building should now be thoroughly inspected and reported on by the Government Architect

or District Engineer or by the 23rd

I think we need not notice the conduct of the Building Visitors beyond recording strong disapprobation but I share Capt. Bailey's surprise at the Conduct of the Collector in taking part in their unseemly action and I cannot accept the Explanation which he proffers as consistent with the facts.

Captain Bailey's first duty required him to inspect the building in the manner in which he did it on the 7th Augt. and

and nothing could be more official in its character than his subsequent visit of Secretary in Company with the Collector. Under these circumstances I think that the Government should express their displeasure at Mr Langly's conduct and dissatisfaction in respect to his communication of the 24th Instant.

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Pro: The Madras Govt.

Read the following

From the Dt Engr. Salem } (H. E. dtd 90 27th Augt 61)

The Collector and President Church Building Committee, Salem } (" " 311 " 24th " 60)

His Excellency the Governor in Council regrets that the Collector of Salem should, in his capacity of President of the church building Committee have been a party to a Resolution and letter of the very objectionable nature of those now brought to the notice of Govt, with which his explanation

I should be disinclined to say anything to the following Effect.

That the Annual Question in which the principal Servants of a Europe in which a building - Or which purchase or to be letted - is being erected by Private individuals is not entitled [illegible] only to inspect it during

explanation is utterly inconsistent. It is evident from the former that it was official action on the part of any Member of the Public Works Department that was deprecated by the Committee, and that it was the most unlikely thing in the world that they would ever have called Captain Bailey into consultation. Nor does it appear that Captain Bailey while acting as District Engineer had ever evinced any desire to obtrude his opinion

[illegible] in order to [illegible] time is being [illegible] time by letters of [illegible] to those concerned.

In the present instance [illegible] did not [illegible] such letter [illegible] it was received by Mr. Langley - and [illegible] of the [illegible] of the work at the

Langley's report.

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— Mr. Langley's conduct was highly [illegible] like Captain

of the work officially. The Church Committee could have nothing to do with his opinions, given as a private individual and member of the congregation. In which view their proceedings towards him are a simple impertinence, in which it is to be regretted that Mr. Langley should not have prevented them from indulging, especially as he would appear to have personally elicited the opinions that

Capt. U.S. [illegible] U.S.

gance offence. His Excel-
-lency the Governor
in Council has had
occasion, from much
late correspondence
to see that there
exists in the Salem
District a spirit of
great opposition to
the Public Works depts
generally; and how-
-ever originally well
grounded that may
have been on certain
shortcomings, he
must insist that
the Collector of the
District shall be
the last, instead of
the first, person
to countenance it.

Second Item - Should that
any dissatisfaction has
been shown it has not been
unmerited from those
Masters and Merchants
and Ship owners who
not a word [illegible] Vessels
Squibbs. The Report of
Messrs of the Bulk of
these western-men has
no bearing on the Steam
question raised here

in the increasing
and factious shape
that it has assumed
on this occasion.

On the abstract
question as to the
propriety of the
Salem Range officer
and District Engineer
inspecting the Church
while under con-
-struction, precisely
as they would in-
-spect any other
Building on which
Govt. money is being
expended, His Excel-
-lency the Governor
in Council not only
affirms the same;

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but that it is their duty to bring to the notice of the Committee entrusted with the work any fault they may have to find with the work. The responsibility will then rest with the President as to the action to be taken.

Lieut

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Dist. Engr.
Salem

Dated

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G. O 24 Sept. No. 2715
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Nos. 523-524

Church at Salem

Passing orders on correspondence between Captain Bailey & the Church Committee relative to the unsatisfactory opinion expressed by the former regarding bad work in the Buildings.

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