

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th May 1875.*

Read the following papers —

No 195. From Lieutenant-Colonel C S. HEARN, Inspector-General of Police, to Colonel G W WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 29th January 1875, No 542.

I HAVE the honor to submit the correspondence noted in the margin, regarding a station-house recently built by this department at Natrampolhem in the Salem District

No 472, dated 10th September 1874, from the Superintendent of Police, Salem, with one enclosure	2	Sanction of Government for the erection of this station-house was granted in G O, No 519, dated 11th April 1872, Judicial Department, and the building was commenced in the month of October 1872.
No 502, dated 24th Sept 1874, from do		
No 532, dated 13th October 1874, from do, with one enclosure		
No 634, dated 14th Dec 1874, from do		
No 30, dated 25th Jan 1875, from do		

3 The whole of the money sanctioned having been advanced to the Inspector in charge of the building before the expiration of the official year was returned by the Superintendent as expended, and it was supposed that the station-house would have been completed early in the next year from the materials purchased. It turned out that owing to the difficulty which existed in obtaining materials which had to be brought from long distances great delay took place. The work went on without further report till the beginning of 1874, when the Inspector stated his inability to complete the building without further grant.

4 On the 6th May 1874, the District Engineer was requested to have the building inspected and report if the whole of the grant could have been spent on the building in its unfinished condition. No reply was received till the month of September 1874, and in the meantime the Inspector was ordered by the Superintendent to go on with the work as the building would suffer from the rains.

5 The building was actually completed on the 10th August 1874, and a completion certificate forwarded by the Range Officer, from which it appeared as if the building had cost only Rupees 385, the sanctioned amount. This certificate was forwarded with Bill No 20 of 1872-73 to Controller. On the 7th of September, however, a reply was received from the same officer to the effect that the building could not have been erected for the sanctioned amount, or for less than was actually charged by the Inspector, viz, Rupees 540.

6 The Superintendent states that as the money was actually paid away to the officer superintending the building before the end of the official year 1872-73, he considered that it should be written off as expended, and that when at the end of the next year he found the building was still incomplete, and that it was likely to be damaged by the rains, he directed it to be finished at the expense of the Inspector in charge. Having now ascertained that the expenditure though in excess of the sanctioned estimate was not more than was necessary, he requests that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the payment of the difference Rupees 155. Had he been aware in time that the expenditure would have been so large he would have applied for sanction before completing the building.

7. As there are no funds available during the current year, I request that the sum of Rupees 155 may be entered in the sums to be charged against grant for the ensuing year.

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From Captain W H HODGES, Superintendent of Police, Salem, to Lieutenant-Colonel C S HEARN, Inspector-General of Police, dated Salem, 10th September 1874, No 472

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith, for your information, copy of letter, No 922, from the Executive Agent in charge of Oosoor Range, and to state that the amount already sanctioned, Rupees 385, for the erection of the building in question has been unavoidably exceeded by Rupees 155

2 Natrampolhem is, as stated by the Range Officer, an out-of-the-way place, surrounded on all sides by forests. Materials had to be purchased and taken from Denkincottah, a distance of 22 miles. Carpenters, bricklayers, and other coolies had also to go from Denkincottah. Hence the sanctioned amount was exceeded.

3 The Inspector of the division has had to pay the amount by which the estimates were exceeded out of his own pocket, and I therefore have the honor to request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of the Government for the surplus amount so expended.

FORWARDED through Deputy Inspector-General, Southern Range

(Signed) A. M. DAVIES, Lieut.-Colonel,
Acting Deputy Inspector-General, Southern Range.

No 196 From the District Engineer, Salem, dated 17th Feb 1875, No 209.

No 197 Do do do, " 17th April " " 14.

No 198 ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1875, No. 1,318

CIVIL WORKS, No 16

In Judicial Department Order, No. 519, of 11th April 1872, sanction was accorded to an estimate of Rupees 385

for building a station-house at Natrampolhem in the Salem District by departmental agency

2 The money was shown as fully expended in 1872-73, but the work was actually in progress throughout all 1873-74, and was not completed till 1874-75, (10th August 1874)

3 In a letter, No 129, of 6th March 1874, the Superintendent of Police informed the Oosoor Range Officer that the building had been completed at a cost of Rs 385, and called for a completion certificate. That certificate, dated 17th August, stated the work to have been completed in March 1874, at a cost of Rupees 385

4 It is observed that there has evidently been some misunderstanding as regards the cost for completion of this building, but as there has been no apparent waste of public funds, the Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the extra charge of Rupees 155, as suggested by the Inspector-General of Police

(True Extract)

(Signed) J O HASTED, Major, R E,

Joint Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Salem, with Plan.
" Inspector-General of Police.
" Judicial Department
" Controller of Public Works Accounts

Exd W J Lewis

Spare Copies

District Police Office
Salem 13th October 1875

No 5-32

From The Superintendent of Police
Salem

The Assistant Inspector General
of Police
Madras

Sir/

With reference to your letter No 3845 dated 2nd Instant, I have the honour to inform you that the building at Natrampolhem was commenced on 14th October 1872 and the whole sanctioned amount was spent on it during the official year 1872-73

2. The building was also in progress in 1873-74, although the Inspector had no money in hand, still the work was carried on with the materials purchased in 1872-73. The Inspector then reported that he could not complete the work within the sanctioned amount.

3. The District Engineer was on the 6th May, requested to have the building inspected

inspected and to inform whether the whole of the sanctioned amount had been fairly spent in it in the finished condition. As no reply was received from that Officer until 7th September/74 and as, in the mean time, it appeared probable that the building would sustain considerable damage if left in that state, the Inspector was ordered to complete the building, it being intended to submit any claim for extra expense incurred after it had been inspected by an Engineer.

4. The building was completed on 10th August 1874 and a Completion Certificate for Rupees (385) three hundred and eighty five was received from the Range Officer which was forwarded to the Controller of Public Works Accounts with Bill No 20 of 1872-73. On receipt of this Completion Certificate it seemed evident that no more had been spent on the building than the estimated amount. On the 7th September however, a reply was received to my letter No 227 dated 6th May

6th May 1874 in which it was reported that the building could not have been erected for less than the amount which the Inspector declared had been spent in it. It is not understood why, under the circumstances, the same Range Officer did not make any mention of the increased cost when forwarding his completion certificate.

5. With reference to para 5 of your letter, I beg to submit that I acted for the best, with a view to finish the work and prevent loss to Government. As soon as the Insp^t reported that he could not complete the work within the estimate, I applied to the District Engineer by letter No 227 (copy of which is attached) to have a professional examination of the building made in order to ascertain whether the amount stated by the Inspector had been fairly spent. It will be seen by the Range officers' reply that some difficulty was experienced in getting

getting to the place and as I did not like to run the risk of allowing the unfinished building to come to grief during the monsoons and considering that under the provisions of Police order n:31 dated 26th June 1873, I was personally responsible for the sum already expended, I directed the Inspector to complete the building promising that I would recommend money over spent being returned to him should it appear that the sanctioned amount was insufficient.

6- I may add that for the building in question, the sanctioned amount appeared more than sufficient; local difficulties however, had to be encountered.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obed^t Serv^t

W. H. Hodge Captain
Superintendent of Police

35/149 M.D.

No 227

From

To

For

Salem 6th June 1874

The Superintendent of Police
Salem

The District Engineer

Salem

I have the honor to request you, will be good enough to detail an Officer to inspect the unfinished building and inform whether it is possible that the amount allotted viz Rs 385. Can have been fairly spent on the building in its present incomplete state.

I have &c

(Signed) W. H. Hodge Captain
Superintendent of Police

(Encl Copy)

W. H. Hodge Captain
Superintendent of Police

W. H.

Mr 641/75

No 634
District Office Officer
Salem 14th Decr 1874

From
The Superintendent of Police
Salem

To
The Asst Insp^d Genl of Police
Madras

Sir,
I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter No 4083
dated 17th October 1874.

2. The money spent during the year
1873-74 in carrying on the building
was from the amount advanced in
1872-73 which was shown as expended
but which was in reality not paid
over to the Inspector until 11th
March 1873 just at the close of the
official year, and it was expected
that the building would have
been completed in reasonable time
and within the estimated amount
Up to that time nothing had been
said as to the probable insufficiency

of the original estimate and it was not until late in the year 1873-74 that the Inspector said that he required more money.

3. With reference to para 5 of your letter I beg to inform you that my remark in para 5 of my letter has apparently been wrongly copied it should read thus "it seemed evident that no more had been spent on the building than the estimated amount", my meaning was that the D. P. W. Officer when applied to for a completion certificate gave one for the building according to the original estimate and did not mention the fact of more money having been spent on it, and this confirmed me in my original opinion that the funds provided were amply sufficient and that the Inspector had wasted the money and I was therefore not a little surprised at subsequently receiving from the same Officer a certificate to the effect that the work

executed amounts to Rs 540 or Rs 1500 in excess of the original estimate.

4 I much regret that my proceeding in this matter have not been according to instructions laid down, but I acted as I did with a view of saving unnecessary expense to Government.

I have the honour to be

Sir
Your most obedt Servt
W. H. Hodges Captain
Superintd of Police

the

No 30 District Police Office
Salem 25th January 1875

From The Superintendent of Police
Salem

To The Asst Inspector General
of Police
Madras

Sir I have the honour to ac-
knowledge receipt of your letter
No 202 dated 11th Instant.

2. If you will kindly have the
word "fully" inserted between the
words "not" and "paid" in para 2
of my letter No 634 dated 14th
December 1874 the meaning will be
correct, advances were made during
the year 1872-73, but the final
payment of Rupees eighty five (85)
was not made until the month

No 634

From The Superintendent of Police
Salem

To The Asst Inspector General
of Police
Madras

Dated 14th Decr 74

Signed 15th Decr 74

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Explains the circum-

stances under which

the estimate for the

Stationery & other station

house has been

submitted

Exceeded

of March 1873.

3. The money having been paid to the Inspector before the close of the Official year was shown as expended and it was supposed that the work had advanced so far as to only require the expenditure of the above mentioned amount which should have been spent before the close of the Official year, and which was supposed to have been so spent until after repeatedly calling upon the Inspector for a Completion Certificate, it appeared that the work had been left unfinished.

I have the honor to be

Yours most Obedt Servant

W. H. J. Captain

Superintendent of Police

376 No 30

From
The Superintd. of Public
Salem

To the Asst. Ins. Genl.
P. W. 4/1/75 Madras
Dated 25th January 1875
Respected Sir
Enclosed
Inquiries

Reply to letter
No 202 dated
11th January 1875
regarding Northampton
Station Honol.

10 No 222 Port St George
Memo 25th February 1875

Letter No 209
Chief Engineer
District
submit
to executed
station
statement
charges
in the estimate
blame from
completion
to why it
it was
standing the
the works

Signed G. H. Walker Coll. R.E.
Chief Engineer
D.P.M.

To The District Engineer
Salem.

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Encl. No. 167
In a letter from the Supr
Genl of Police dated
Madras 29 Jan'y 1875
No. 542

Correspondence relative
to the Nottrumpolice station
House in the Salem Dist.

129-3-2-75
96 8th May/75
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No. 222 Fort St George
Memo 25th February 1875

With reference to his letter No. 209
dated 17th February 1875, the Chief Engineer
P.W. Department requests the District
Engineer Salem to be so good as to submit
the actual Bill for the work executed
at the Nottrumpolice Police station
together with a comparative statement
showing difference between the charges
shown in the Bill & those given in the estimate.

2. The District Engineer will obtain from
the Range Officer and submit the completion
Certificate with explanation as to why it
was given for only Rs. 385 when it was
known that the Inspector Superintending the
building had spent Rs. 540 on the works.

Signed J. W. Maden Coll. P.E.
Chief Engineer
D.P.W.

To The District Engineer
Salem.

N^o 209

District Engineer's Office,
Salem, 1st February 1875

From.

The District Engineer,
Salem.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

Sir,

Enclosure,

With reference to your Memo.

1 Plan of road N^o 129 dated 3rd February
1875, I have the honor to forward
herewith the plan of the station
house and to
request that it may be returned
when no longer required.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant.

J. W. H. H. M. York B.,
District Engineer.

Enc. B.

18
No. 129. 3^d February 1876

Memo

The District Engineer Salem
is requested to be so good as to forward
the plan of the Notran police
station house which was returned
to the Superintendent 5th Dec^r under
docket No. 119, dated 12th August
1872.

By Order
/ Sig of Adm. Scott Major
Under Secy to Govt.
P. H. D.

The District Engineer
Salem.

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From No. 1109
The District Engineer

Adm.

To The Secretary of Land

D. S. D.

Dated 17th July 1875
Recd: 19th July 1875

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Regarding the plan
of the station house
of the station house
with a request to
return the same.
When no longer kept.
Encls. No. 122725 & 122726
Encls. No. 1218 & 1219

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9th May/75

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Abstract Estimate of work done to the Police
Station House at Natrangpolim
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Number or Quantity	Description of Work	Rates			Amount			Total Amount		
		Per	Rate	Per	Rate	Per	Rate	Per	Rate	Per
65	Cuttyds of Earthwork	Cuttyd	1	4	1					
40	" Brick in clumans	do	4	100						
51	" Brick in mud	do	2	114	12					
5	" Brick in clumans around door windows	do	4	20						
3	" Archwork	do	5	15						
3 1/4	Sept. Flooring with cement	Sept	5	16	4					
23 3/4	" Plastering with one coat. & white wash	do	1	41	10					
4	" Roofing with bamboo pothles, Malabar trusses & poles &c	do	20	140						
5 3/4	Cuttyd Country wood	Cuttyd	2	11	8					
15	4 1/2 ft. Doors country made	4 1/2 ft.	14	13	2					
33	" Windows	do	10	20	10					
	Total								556	15
	Sundries at 5 per cent								23	1
	Total amount of Estimated Rupees								580	

before Range Office
19th March 1875

M. H. West
Execution Agent

Comparative Statement of Kottampolliam Station House in Dindigul District Division

Public Works Department
 Salem District
 No 11 or 10000 Range
 before Salook
 Locality: Kottampolliam
 Abstract Estimate of 1874/75
 Dated 19th March
 Received } 1875
 Work. Constructing a
 Police Station at
 Kottampolliam.

R.P. 2569/55
 41/55

Particulars	Estimated Amount			Actual Cost		
Excavating foundation & filling the same with mud.	7	"	3	1	4	4
Stone works	3	"	"	12	11	6
Chumam	44	4	"	43	4	"
Burnt bricks	103	"	"	131	"	"
Sand	7	15	"	5	12	"
Cooly hire for pounding chumam	8	"	"	21	"	"
Cooly hire for boys and females	20	4	"	19	11	4
Brick layers hire	39	8	"	61	"	"
Lites	42	"	"	55	"	"
Brans	18	"	"	12	"	"
Cross beams	14	"	"	7	"	"
Pillay Vattams	8	"	"	24	"	"
Cuttacals	3	"	"	5	"	"
Strong Bamboos	4	8	"	20	"	"
Nails	7	"	"	9	8	"
Rafles	4	11	"	12	"	"
Carpenters hire	18	"	"	40	"	"
Windows (Complete)	15	"	"	38	"	"
Door and door frame	12	"	"	15	"	"
Split bamboos	"	"	"	5	"	"
Fundries	5	13	9	1	12	10
Total Rupees	385	"	"	540	"	"

Salem
 9th April
 1875

W. H. Hodgey Captain
 Superintending Officer

18
Salem
6th March 1874

N^o: 129

From

The Superintendent of Police
Salem

To

The Asst^t Engineer
Cossor Range
Cossor

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you
that a Station House at Natomfulima in
Dunkinottah Division has been constructed at
a cost of Rupees (385---) three hundred and eighty
five (the sanctioned amount) and to request you
with the good enough to inspect it and furnish
me with the usual completion certificate.

The work was commenced in 1872 and
has been now completed.

I have the honor &c
y^r S^{ty} J. Hodges Captain
Superintendent of Police

N^o: 828

Cossor Range Office
Cossor 17th August 1874

From

The officer in charge of
Cossor Range

To

The Superintendent of
Police

Enclosures
and copy of
Estimate and
a Plan

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With reference to your letter
No 129 dated 6th March 1874, I have the
honor to forward a Completion Certificate
for a Station House built at Natram
in Denkenicottah Division.

I have the honor &c
/ sigd W. C. S. West
Executive Agent

Oosoor Range Officer
Oosoor 17th August 1874

I do hereby certify that the Station
House constructed in Natram Division in Denkenicottah
Division by the Police Department at a cost of Rs 355-
has been erected in a substantial manner
and at a reasonable expenditure.

Commenced in 1872
and completed March 1874
last inspected 28th July 1874

/ sigd W. C. S. West
Range Officer
(True copies) M. West
Executive Agent

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Public Works Dept
Police Building
Bill No of 187-75

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Her Majesty's Government of India

For Constructing a Station House at Natram in Denkenicottah Division
Authority

Government Order No 1562 of 1874 dated 9th July 1872 and 18th March 1875

Work commenced in August 1872 and completed in

Expenditure in 1872-1873	as per receipt	Completion as per attached	540	"
	Total of Bill		540	"
	Sanctioned amount		540	"
	Strong			"

Excavating foundation & filling the same with mud	1	4	6
Stone Works	12	11	6
Churnam	4	3	4
Burnt bricks	131	"	"
Samel	5	12	"
Cooly hire for pounding Churnam	2	1	"
Cooly hire for boys and animals	19	11	6
Bricklayers hire	6	1	"
Fish	55	"	"
Bamboo	12	"	"
Cross beams	7	"	"
Pillar Vattans	2	4	"
Kuttacals	5	"	"
Strong bamboo	20	"	"
Wails	9	8	"
Roofers	12	"	"
Carpenter's hire	1	0	"
Windows (Complete)	38	"	"
Door and door frame	15	"	"
Sp. k. bamboo	5	"	"
Sanctuary	1	12	10
Total Rs. 540			"

I certify that this construction was done in accordance with the
proposals made to and sanctioned by Government.
Office of the Supd of Police,
Salem District
Salem 10th April 1875

W. H. Jones Captain

Superintendent of Police

18 Cooson Range Office
19th March 1875

No 2019

From

Enclosures 4.

- 1 Original Bill
 - 1 Copy of letters and certificate
 - 1 rough Plan
 - 1 Abstract of the estimate.
- 4

The officer in charge of the
No II or Cooson Range
Salem District
The District Engineer
Salem

Sir
I have the honor with reference
to your No 1065 dated 5 instant, to
submit the original bill sent to me
from the Superintendent of Police
Salem with a true copy of his
No 129 dated 6 March 1874. Letter a rough
Plan and an abstract of the estimate
prepared by me for the Police
Station House at Natranspolim.
I received no sanctioned estimate.
I also beg to submit copy of the
completion certificate I had
granted. I now respectfully wish
to offer an explanation for having

Off. 25/3/75
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given a completion certificate for
Rupees 385, when I knew that

more money than that amount
had been spent in the building.

The Superintendent of
Police simply asked me to give
a completion certificate for
Rupees 385, vide his letter No 129
above quoted, which I did, with
my letter No 828 of the 1st August

1874 (copy enclosed) after satisfying
myself. But about the same
time, I received a memorandum
No 105 dated 9th May 1874, from
your office ordering me to
inspect the building, and
report what is the value of
the work executed. I replied
to this in my No 922 dated 29th
August 1874, and reported that
the work executed amounted

to Rupees 540.

I had no estimate to go
by, but the bill I had received,
and as the Inspector of Police
told me that he had spent
Rupees 540, and as it was
below the amount of the
estimate prepared by me,
I thought my letter No 922 (above
quoted) was equivalent to a
completion certificate for
that amount.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours Most Obedient Servant
M. Frost
Executive Agent

District Engineer's Office,
Salem 17th April 1875.

No. 14

From

The District Engineer,
Salem.

To The Chief Engineer, D. W.

Sir,

Enclosures With reference to your Memorandum
1 Bill Comparative drawn, No. 222, dated 25th Feb'y. 1875,
Statement. I have the honor to submit the ac-
1 Letter from Range Officer to Bill and a Comparative
with Comple. Statement of Natronopolheim
tion betwixt Police Station house.
Coke Footwork.

2. I also submit the Completion
Certificate with explanation from
Superior and Conductor West
as to why it was given for only
No. 385.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt.
J. E. Kelle Major Rk.
District Engineer

Compd

21st 2019.

June 1st 1875.

The Officer in charge of

Will or before House

Salem District

Office

Balance 19th March

Recd 22nd 1875

Enclosure

District explanation

regarding the completion

and final grant

for Nat. Dist. Station

W. 25th 1875

3/1/75

1875

Proceedings of the Madras Board
Read the following:

From
The Inspector General
of Police { (H. E. & 572 of 29 Jan'y/75)
District Engineer
Salem. { (" " 209-14 Feb'y/75)
do do { (" " 14-17 April/75)
G.O No 1318 of 8th May/75

In Judicial Depart-
ment order No 579 of 11
April 1872, sanction
was accorded to an
estimate of Rs 330 for
building a station house
at Sattampolliem in the
Salem District by Depart-
mental Agency.
The money was shown
as fully expended in 1872-73
but the work was actually
in

1875

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Mr. H. E. & 572
of 29 Jan'y/75

Mr. District Engineer
Salem

Mr. H. E. & 572
of 29 Jan'y/75

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(10th August 1874)

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for a completion Certificate.
That Certificate, dated 17th
August, stated the work
above been completed in
March 1874 at a cost of
Rs 385.

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but as there has been no
apparent waste of Public
Funds, the Honorable the
Governor in Council
sanctions the extra
charge of Rs 155 as
suggested by the
Inspector General of
Police.

G.M.W.

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To D.C. Salem with plan
Inspector of Police
Jnd Dept
Lent P.W.C.

S.C. desd 25-5-75

S.H.C.

Proceedings of the Madras Court

Read the following:-

From the Inspector General
of Police

{ H.E. No 342 of 29 Jan'y/75

St. George's Salem

{ 209 - 17 Feb'y/75

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do

{ 14 - 17 April 1875

1. - In Judicial Department Order No 519 of 11 April 1872, sanction was accorded to an estimate of Rs 385 for building a Station house at Katampallem in the Salem District, by Departmental Agency.

2. - The money was shown as fully expended in 1872-73 but the work was actually in progress throughout all 1873-74,

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Govt. of [1875] Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The Dy. Insp.
Salem

Dated

Recd

Encl

G. O. P. May No. 1318

Nos 195-198

Station House at Natrampolli
in the Salem District.— The
excess of Rs: 155 incurred in
the construction of the —
sanctioned; with remarks.

No 195-198

626-10-75

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