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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th May 1876.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 448. Petition from Mr. T. A. Reardon, dated 30th December 1876.

✓ No. 448-A. * From J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 3rd February 1876, No. 40.

I HAVE the honor to report on Government Petition,* No. 2 of 1876, referred to me on the 21st ultimo.

* Herewith returned.

2. On the 16th September 1873 a notification was published by Government that some lands in Egmore, in the locality in which Mr. Reardon's house is situated, would be required for a public purpose, viz., to make a road. Subsequently, however, in an Order dated 15th April 1874, No. 984-A, Government decided that these lands would not be required.

3. The proprietor of the house claimed compensation for the deterioration of his property, owing to the non-execution of timely repairs in consequence of the original notification of Government that the lands would be required for a public purpose, and prior to the issue of their subsequent order of April 1874, abandoning the project.

1. Rent at 150 Rupees a-month, from	RS.
September 1873 to April 1874 ...	1,200
2. Repairs ...	2,500
3. Four months in repairing house at 150	600
	4,300

4. Mr. Reardon claimed a compensation of 4,300 Rupees on account of items noted in the margin.

5. Regarding item 1, Mr. Reardon admitted that the house was vacant only from March 1874, and as he was aware in

May 1874 that the Government would not take the house, I have allowed compensation on account of rent for three months, at 150 Rupees each.

6. Regarding items 2 and 3, a reference was made to the District Engineer, who estimated the repairs necessary to put the house in order in May 1874 to be Rupees 75, as per copy of his letter herewith submitted.

7. Mr. Reardon was dissatisfied with Colonel Goddard's decision, and requested that the Acting Engineer, Captain Thompson, might be asked to make another estimate for necessary repairs, agreeing at the same time immediately to accept whatever sum Captain Thompson fixed.

8. A letter was sent to Captain Thompson in May 1875, and a copy of his reply, which was received only on the 28th ultimo, is herewith submitted, from which it will be seen that Colonel Goddard's estimate was very little below the mark. I have accordingly offered Mr. Reardon this day compensation to the amount of Rupees 550, being Rupees 450 on account of rent and Rupees 100 on account of repairs. I have also allowed interest on the total amount for eight months from June 1875 to January last, Mr. Reardon being entitled to interest for that period, the delay having been caused by the Public Works Department.

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26th May 1876.*

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, dated Fort St. George, 21st May 1874, No. 841.

In the copy of Deputy Collector's letter which accompanied your No. 305 of 14th instant, I am requested to supply answers to the following questions, viz. :—

- I.—The state of Mr. Reardon's house when it ceased to be rented.
- II.—What repairs it needed then.
- III.—How much they have been increased by delay and rains.
- IV.—The repairs now required.
- V.—Whether the landlord has been guilty of neglect.

2. In reference to the three first questions and to the last I have the honor to state that I am unable to supply any personal information, as I never saw the house till yesterday, when I personally carefully examined it in company with Mr. Reardon.

3. Mr. Reardon pointed out to me the particular cases of deterioration he had in view in addressing you. They consist of openings in the roof and walls and foundations due to bad and insufficient foundations. They are periodical, and are periodically patched up, and it will cost about Rupees 75 to patch them up now.

4. The part of the building which needs repair is evidently a more modern structure than the main portion of the premises which is in good repair, as admitted to me by Mr. Reardon. The modern additions possess, I should say, most inadequate foundations, and all such buildings periodically exhibit exactly such appearances as I saw, and require such periodical patching as I have now estimated for.

From Captain R. THOMPSON, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, dated Fort St. George, 27th January 1876, No. 4534.

ADVERTING to your letter No. 235, dated 1st May 1875, paragraph 5, I have the honor to inform you that I inspected the house in question with Mr. Reardon in May last, and am of opinion that it could have been put in the necessary repairs been carried out in the

- 1 Estimate, } (Returned).
- 1 Petition, }
- order for between Rupees 80 and Rupees 100 had the necessary repairs could have been executed end of May 1874.
2. The work could all have been done within a week's time.
3. I enclose an estimate of what I consider the necessary repairs could have been executed for had they been carried out in May last, when I inspected the building.

No. 448-B. From J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to L. A. CAMPBELL, Esq., Under Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 19th February 1876, No. 55.

With reference to official memorandum No. 9, dated 17th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I have not yet received a reply to my offer of Rupees 572 (including interest) to Mr. Reardon.

2. I have sent a reminder to-day.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th May 1876.*

No. 448-C. From J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to C. D. MACLEAN, Esq., Under Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 16th March 1876, No. 91.

With reference to your official memorandum No. 9, dated 17th ultimo, I have the honor to submit copy of a letter received from Mr. Reardon, through the Official Trustee, from which it will be observed that Mr. Reardon only agrees to part of my proposals. His claim to twelve months' rent is wholly inadmissible for reasons already stated by me in letter No. 40 of the 3rd ultimo, paragraph 5.

From Mr. T. A. REARDON, to the Official Trustee, Madras, dated Wynaad, 11th March 1876.

With reference to your letter of the 25th February last, annexing copy of a letter from the Collector of Madras, I beg to inform you that I am not willing to accept the offer of Rupees 572 as compensation for the loss of rent and damage to the house. The Collector appears to ignore the fact of the inconvenience and the loss I have sustained in addition to the few months' rent he has awarded me on account of loss of rent and the Rupees 100 on account of damage to the house. I further beg to inform you that I am willing to accept the award of Rupees 100 as I gave my word for it, although it is not to be compared to the actual damage sustained, but that I am not willing to accept anything less than twelve months' rent as compensation for the loss of rent, &c.

2. I also further beg to state that I write this letter, as well as any previous letters on the subject, without prejudice as to my subsequent action I may be compelled to take in the event of this very reasonable claim not being satisfied, both as regards rent and damage, &c.

No. 449. ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1876, No. 1,313.

RAILWAY, No. 45.

TAKING into consideration the loss sustained by Mr. Reardon by an act of Government, His Grace the Governor in

Council is willing to award him, as compensation, the sum of Rupees 900, being the equivalent of six months' rent at the rate of Rupees 150 per mensem, together with a sum of Rupees 100, estimated by the District Engineer to have been sufficient to cover the cost of repairs. The Collector of Madras will make this offer, which is to be considered as final and as satisfying all claims.

2. The cost will be met from the Budget provision for State outlay in connection with Guaranteed Railways.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

Offg. Under Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

„ Examiner of Railway Accounts.

„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

„ Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No 55

Madras Collector's Office
19 February 1876.

Sir,

J. Hunter Blair, Esq;
Collector of Madras.

To,

L. A. Campbell, Esq;
Under Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

With reference to Official Memorandum
No. 12, dated 17th Instant, I have the
honor to inform you that I have not yet
received a reply to my offer of Rs 572
(including interest) to Mr. Gordon.

I have sent a reminder to day.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Hunter Blair
Collector of Madras

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Am
 The Collector
 The Collector Secretary
 to Govt. N. B. S.
 dated 19-7-76
 Recd 23 July 1876
 By Mr. J. J. J.
 10/55
 he has now returned
 after being in London
 this letter giving
 him Rs 572 as com-
 pensation due to
 Edmund Stone

No 1183

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 The official Trustee
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 inform you that I am willing to accept
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 it, although it is not to be compared to the
 actual damage sustained but that I have
 not willing to accept any thing less than
 12 months rent as compensation for the loss of
 rent &c.

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this letter as well as my previous letters on
the subject without prejudice as to my
subsequent action I may be compelled to take
in the event of this very reasonable claim not
being satisfied, both as regards rent and
damages &c.

I am Sir, &c.

18th / J. A. Reardon.

/ True copy /

Wm. Blair
Collector of Chancery

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No. 91

MADRAS,
Collector's Office,
16 March 1876.

FROM

J. Hunter Blair, Esq.

COLLECTOR OF MADRAS,

TO

L. D. Maclean, Esq.
Under Secretary to Government.

SIR,

P. N. 3859

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Hunter Blair
Collector of Madras

See a letter from the
Collector of Madras
to the Under Secretary
to Government of 16/3/76
Ct: 91

P. H. 1876 Department
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No 450 of 1875-76.
 at for repairing the cracks in the walls of
 Reardon's House Egmore.

Description of Work	Rate	Amount
	Per Piece	
	Rs. ds. P. ds. P.	
1000 feet Repairing the large cracks		
Walls with Jelly in Chomam and plastering		
with 2 coats of Chomam	Rs. 4. 13 12.	
2 feet. Repairing small cracks		
in the wall with bricks jelly in		
Chomam & plastering	Rs. 1. 51. 9.	
Sundries		4. 11.
Total Paper		100.

George
 1876

By J. M. Thompson Capt. Col.
 Dist. Engineer Presidency.

1 True copy

Wm. Blair
 Collector of Chattras

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Shales with exposure
 to Q. M. by study
 17th March that at 11.30 AM
 only agrees a part of his
 proposals.

Enclosures. no 5
 Dated 16th March 1876.
 Received 14th May
 No. 97
 To The Collector of Madras,
 The Resident at the
 Fort St. David's

P. N. 2857/76

Enc. letter from the
Colony Secy 200 14/15
sent to Govt Secy 20/15
Jan 27/3/1/76

No 4534. Presidency District Engineer
Office Fort St George
27 January 1876.

From,
The District Engineer
Presidency.

To,
The Collector of Madras.

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in May last, when I inspected the building,
I have &c.

1871 P. W. Thompson, Esq.,
District Engineer, Presidency.

(True copy)

Arthur Blair
Collector, Madras

P. No. 3857/76
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No. 841

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J. Lawrence

Ant. Dr. George

21st May 1874

187 J. W. G.oddard, Esq. of A.E.,

District Engineer Presidency.

/ True copy /

J. Hunter Blair

Collector of Chattrap

Letter

P. 4. 3857/76

In a letter from the
Collector of Madras
to Mr. J. C. J. J. J. J.
Sept. 10. 1846

N^o 40 Madras Collector's Office
3rd February 1846

From J. Hunter Blair, Esq^r,
Collector of Madras.

To Mr. General D. H. Carmichael.
Secretary to Government.
Revenue Department.

Received
Returned

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Hunter Blair
Collector of Chattrap

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L. H. 1876 Department

From the Collector of Madras.

Dated 3-2-76
Received 29-5-76

Enclosed 3.

No 448A

Submitted to
in Govt. Bd. No 2 of 75
presented by Mr. A.
Pearson.

From the Collector of Madras
To the Secy to Govt
Dated 3/2/76
Recd. 3/2/76
No 40
Recd. 3/2/76

L.O. 9. 15-4-76: 9524. 200

No 1313. Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 28 May 76

Read the following:—

No. 1313
Petition from Mr. J. A. Pearson (No. 35th Dec 1875)
From the Collr. of Madras (No. 40 of 3rd July 1876)
— do — do — (No. 55 — 19th — — —)
— do — do — (No. 91 — 10th March — —)

Taking into consideration
the loss sustained by Mr.
Pearson by an act of Govt.
His Grace the Governor in
Council is willing to award
him as compensation the sum
of Rs 900 being the equivalent
of 6 months rent at the rate
of Rs 150 per mensem together
with a sum of Rs 100 estimated
by the District Engineer to
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the cost of repairs. The
Collector of Madras will
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The cost will be met
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for state outlay in connection
with Guaranteed Railways

Chief Eng. for Ry. ✓
Ex. Ry. Accts. ✓
Ex. P. W. Accts. ✓
Revenue Dept. ✓

X^d Attd.

Dated 8/6/16

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Govt. of Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

The Commr. Eng^r for M.

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26 May 1313

Nos. 448/9

Mr. A. J. Beardon

Requesting the Collector
of Madras to make
certain offers to —

for compensation on account
of the loss sustained
by him by an act
of Gov^r.

26 May 1313