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*Public Works* DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
15th July 1876. No. 1,789.*

No. 241. Read the following letter from Major P. MONTGOMERIE, R.E.,  
Officiating District Engineer, Presidency, to Major-General G. W.  
WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated  
Fort St. George, 6th July 1876, No. 1,827 :—

In acknowledging the receipt of the G.O. in the Revenue Department, No. 788,  
dated 13th June 1876, and which has  
One Sketch. been communicated to me with G.O. in  
the Public Works Department, No. 185-A, dated the 23rd idem, for early attention and  
report, I have the honor to inform you that the Acting Collector of Madras appears  
to have been misinformed when he states, "that the District Engineer of the Presi-  
dency had been advised of the unsafe condition of the roofing in letter, No. 1,499, dated  
21st October last;" in this letter Mr. Hunter-Blair merely requests "to have the  
necessary repairs done to the roofings of the godown near the pass gate and the  
southern import yard of the Custom House which are in a leaky state," and the  
repairs to the two portions of the roofings which were then pointed out by the Custom  
House Authorities were at once attended to and the work completed during the past  
year at a cost of Rupees 280. No attention appears to have been drawn at that time  
to the small portion of ventilator which came down the other day.

2. Immediately on the receipt of letter, No. 485, dated 20th March 1876, from  
the Collector of Sea Customs, requesting repairs to the roofing of the southern import  
yard, but in which no reference was made to any previous application, Major Ross  
Thompson directed the Northern Range Officer to submit an estimate for the work, and  
this estimate, amounting to Rupees 1,150, was about to be executed, when the small  
portion of the ventilator referred to came down on to the roof by the bending of an iron  
rod that supported it. The thorough repairs of this shed are now in hand, the roof  
has been stripped, and, as the whole of the ventilator all along is supported in a defec-  
tive manner by upright iron rods merely, I have directed them to be thoroughly  
secured before the tiles are again placed on the roof in the manner shown in the  
accompanying sketch. The ventilators of the other sheds which are of similar defec-  
tive construction will be examined and properly secured at the same time.

No. 242. ORDER THEREON, 15th July 1876, No. 1,789.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 19.

RECORDED, and communicated to the  
Revenue Department.

2. The estimate called for in  
March 1876 should have been acted on more readily than appears to have been done.  
(True Extract.)

Colonel,

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

To the Revenue Department.

„ District Engineer, Presidency.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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No. 1027.

PRESIDENCY DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Fort Saint George,

6<sup>th</sup> July 1876.

From

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

To

PRESIDENCY,

THE Chief Engineer, and  
Secretary to Government  
P.W.D.

Sir,

Encls.

Sketch.

In acknowledging the receipt of the G.O. in the Revenue Department No. 788 dated 13<sup>th</sup> June 1876, and which has been communicated to me with G.O. in the P.W.D. No. 185 A dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> idem for early attention and report, I have the honor to inform you that the Dy. Collector of Madras appears to have been misinformed when he states "that the District Engineer of the Presidency had been advised of the unsafe condition of the roofing in letter No. 1499 dated 21<sup>st</sup> October last" in this letter. Mr. Hunter Blair merely requests "to have the necessary repairs done to the roofings of the Godown near the Vesp Gate and the Southern Import Yard of the Custom House which are in a leaky state" and the repairs to the two portions of the roofings which were there pointed out by the Custom House authorities were at once attended to and the work completed during the past year, at a cost

cost of Rs 250. No attention appears to have been  
drawn at that time to the small portion of  
ventilator which came down the other day.

2. Immediately on the receipt of letter No: 485  
dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 1876 from the Collector of  
Sea Customs requesting repairs to the roofing  
of the Southern Inshore Yard but in which no  
reference was made to any previous application.  
Major Wm. Thompson, directed the Northern Range  
Office to submit an estimate for the work, and  
this estimate amounting to Rs 1150 was about  
to be executed when the small portion of the Ven-  
tilator referred to came down on to the roof by  
the bending of an iron rod that supported it.  
The thorough repairs of this shed are now in hand,  
the roof has been stripped; and as the whole of  
the ventilator all along is supported in a de-  
fective manner by upright iron rods merely I  
have directed them to be thoroughly secured.  
When the tiles are again placed on the roof in  
the manner shown in the accompanying sketch.  
The ventilators of the other sheds which are  
of similar defective construction will be ex-  
amined, and properly secured at the same  
time.

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time.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Wm. Thompson Major R.E.

Offg. District Engineer  
Presidency.

Geo. H.  
G.S.

No 23-6-76 No 185A

No: 484

No. 1789

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 15<sup>th</sup> July/76

Read the following:—

From the District Engineer,  
Presidency { H.O. No. 1027 of 6 July 1876/  
Smt-

Recorded and  
communicated to the  
Revenue Department.  
The Collector seems to  
have been in error, in  
stating that attention had  
been called to the roof  
in question so far back  
as October 1875. But  
the estimate called for  
in March 1876, should  
have been asked on  
more readily than ap-  
pears to have been  
done.

I am sending with  
this a copy of the  
estimate, and also  
a copy of the  
report of the  
Inspector of  
Public Works  
dated 14th July 1876.

13/7

Rev. Secy. to  
the Govt. of  
Madras  
Attd. 20/7/76

From,  
The District Engineer  
Presidency  
to  
The Chief Engineer  
Smt.  
Chief  
of  
Works  
15<sup>th</sup> July 1876  
No. 1827  
Smt. Engineer  
General  
Submits report upon  
the state of the  
Central Market  
in the  
city of the  
Presidency  
that in the  
Presidency  
the  
Central  
Market  
is in  
a  
state  
of  
decay  
and  
requires  
rebuilding  
at an  
estimated  
cost of  
Rs. 10,000  
per annum  
for the  
next 10  
years.

No 241

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PUBLIC WORKS.

The Revenue Department

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G. O. No. 1739.

Nos. 241-242

Sub. P. No. 8  
26-7-76

Central Ventilator in the  
Roofing of the Southern Shed  
of the Import Yard in the  
Sea Custom House - Madras

Letter from the S. Eng.  
Presidency reporting upon  
the fall of a portion of the  
— records of water  
tanks —