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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

28th November 1877, No. 1,842 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following papers:—

No. 246. From S. W. BELL, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Madras Dramatic Society, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 19th November 1877.

With reference to Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 7th March 1877, No. 787, and letter from General Walker, No. 170-A, communicated to the Madras Dramatic Society, I am directed by the Committee of that Society to request that you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for the Society to erect a screen on the other side of the Hall, the same as that already erected, as suggested in the 2nd paragraph of Major General Walker's letter.

2. At the same time I would beg to be allowed to bring to the notice of Government that the recent rains have caused extensive leaks over the stage-portion of the building, and that the water has penetrated the wall on the east side of the Hall, and I am afraid has rendered it rather unsafe, as the crack which was already there seems to be extending.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for disposal.

20th November 1877.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

C. E. No. 4,028.

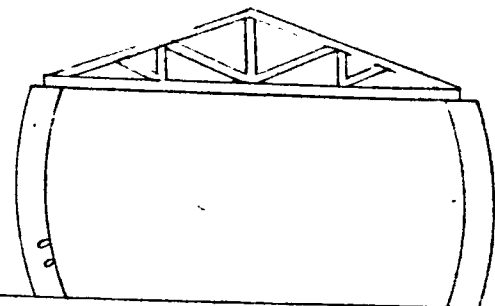
Forwarded to the Consulting Architect for early report.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th November 1877.

(Signed) W. FAREWELL, Colonel,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 246-A. From R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads Branch, dated Chepauk, 23rd November 1877, No. 1,235.

In reply to your memorandum No. 4,028, dated the 20th November 1877, I have the honor to state that I inspected the Old College Hall on the afternoon of the 21st instant. The roof is perfectly water-tight throughout, the rain has beaten in through some six or seven broken windows and through the window frames. The north wall has buckled as previously reported. I will have a careful measurement taken of the extent of the bow, and the wall watched. The roof of the Theatre is leaking in common with most other new roofs of terrace. I have ordered the leaks to be stopped.



2. I would particularly caution the members of the Dramatic Society against making holes in the main walls for any purpose. The inherent defect is a tendency for the walls to buckle out. (They were originally pushed out by the gallery) and however harmless a few holes may at first sight appear to be, in this particular position nothing more dangerous could be attempted.

No. 246-B. From the same Officer, dated Chepauk, 26th November 1877, No. 1,238.

I HAVE the honor to state in continuation of my letter No. 1,235 dated the 23rd November 1877, that the maximum buckle of the north wall of the Old College Hall is three-fourths of an inch. The cracks are ordinary cracks due to settlement and not buckling.

No. 247. ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1877, No. 1,842 W.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the Consulting Architect.
" Honorary Secretary, Dramatic Society

Exd S. T. Austin.
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ROADS AND BUILDINGS.

No. 1235

CONSULTING ARCHITECT'S OFFICE,
Chepauk, 23rd November 1877.

FROM

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO GOVERNMENT,

TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
BUILDINGS AND ROADS BRANCH.

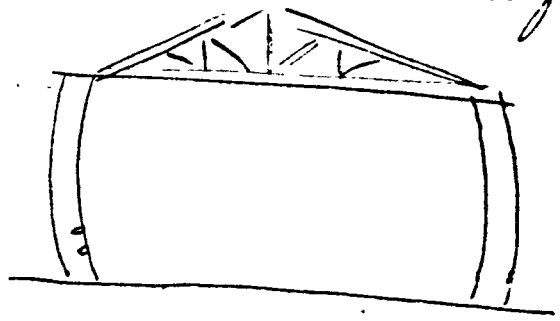
SIR,

Enclosures.

In reply to your Memo No. 4028 dated the 20th November 1877 I have the honor to state that I inspected the Old College Hall on the afternoon of the 21st instant. The roof is perfectly watertight throughout, the rain has beaten in through some 6 or 7 broken windows and through the window frames. The north wall has buckled as previously reported. I will have a careful measurement taken of the extent of the bow and the wall watched. The roof of the Theatre is leaking in common with most other new roofs of terrace. I have ordered the leaks to be stopped.

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Sir

Your most Obedt servt

R. Winston.

Consgr Archt to Govt.

ROADS AND BUILDINGS.

From
The Consulting Architect
to Government,
To
The Chief Engineer, P. W. Department,
Buildings and Roads Branch.

No. 1235

Dated 23rd November 1877
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*Return with WLS.
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*Madras
19th Nov 1877.*

*Sir
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*Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George*

*Sir
J. B. L. L.
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Madras Dramatic Society*

g. Qho 787 of 7th March 77

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Receipt

C.E. No. 4028
Forwarded to the
Consulting Architect for
early report.

Wm. H. Holmes
Under Secretary
P.W.D.

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CONSULTING ARCHITECT'S OFFICE,
Chopauk, 26 November 1877.

No. 1235

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THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO GOVERNMENT,

TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
BUILDINGS AND ROADS BRANCH.

SIR,

Enclosures.

I have the honor to state in continuation of
my letter No. 1235 dated the 23rd November 1877,
that the maximum buckle of the north wall
of the Old College Hall is $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch. The
cracks are ordinary cracks due to settlement
and not buckling.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedt. servant.

W. H. Holmes
Cons. Archt. to Government.

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The Consulting Architect
to Government,

The Chief Engineer, P. W. Department,
Buildings and Roads Branch.

No. 1238

Dated 26th November 1877

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Hon. Secy. Dramatic Society
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Architect on the construction
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