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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

12th July 1879, No. 1,842 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers :—

✓ No. 81.	From the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, dated 21st February 1879, No. 1,802.
No. 81-A.	From the Accountant-General, Madras, dated 21st May 1879, No. 2,027.
✓ No. 81-B.	From the Acting Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, dated 14th June 1879, No. 547 F.G.
No. 81-C.	Endorsement of the Political Department, dated Ootacamund, 11th July 1879, No. 1,401.

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, 12th July 1879, No. 1,842 W.

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(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.
" Political Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1879) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FIFTH CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July 12th.

Issued

Recd.   Encl.

G. O., 12th July 1879, No. 1,842 W.

JULY.

Nos. 81-32.

Tanjore Palace.—An immediate report called for on the expenditure, &c., for the restoration of the —.

No. 1802-

Superintending Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly 21st February 1879

From

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The Superintending Engineer
5th Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W. Department
Madras

Roads & Bur. Buildings

Sir,

With reference to your Memorandum No. 654 dated 13th instant requesting to ascertain whether any expenditure has been incurred upon the Tanjore Palace work I have the honor to inform you that the outlay on the work up to date amounts to Rs 3411-15-8 & the outstandings remaining to be paid aggregate to Rs 160.

The work was commenced in July 1878 & reported to have been carried on progressively up to the stoppage of all works in December 1878.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. servant
G.E. Manson.
For Ag Superintending Engr. 5th Circle

No. 759.

Transferred to the Political Department with reference to memo=randum No. 655 of the 13th instant.

J. Mantunort
Col R.E.
Acting Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.

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Prog 12-7-79 No 1842

Roads & Buildings

From
The Supg Engineer
5th Circle

To
The Chief Engineer
D.P.W.
Madras

No. 1802-
Dated 21st Feb/79

Tanjore Palace Work-
Informs of the outlay
incurred on the —

81

Transferred
—

2- I found this could not

No 759.

Poll (1879; DEPARTMENT.
Tanjore Palace
Buildings

From
the Public Works Dept.

No.
759

Dated 25th } February/79
Received 25 }

No. 88

Transferring letter from the Supg Engr 5th Circle reporting the outlay incurred on the Tanjore palace—

Transferred

No 547 T.J. Supg Engrs Office 5th Circle
Trichinopoly 14th June 1879
Fd 16th
1842/4

From
J. W. Rundall Esqre
Ag Supg Engineer 5th Circle

To,
Colonel R. H. Sankey R. E.
Chief Engineer P. W. D.
Madras —

Sir,

With reference to para 2 of G. O. Political Department No 243 of the 3rd June communicated with G. O (P. W. D) No 1559 W of the 10th June, I have the honor to state that the Estimates already prepared for the restoration of the Tanjore Palace were sent back to me by the Government Agent, with a request, that as directed in Chief Secretary's Memo No 453 of the 21st February 1879, the Estimate might be divided into sections for different members of the late Rajah's family.

2 — I found this could not be

done, unless we had at least a ground plan of the building, and this now being prepared.

3. The Palace is a most complicated mass of buildings, and I fear it will not be possible to make the detailed arrangements intelligible, and show distinctly the allotment of buildings to various families, unless several plans are drawn. I have detailed one Sub Overseer specially to the work, but it will take time.

4. All work has been suspended since December last on the Tanjore Palace.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obdt. Servt.

J. W. Rundall
Ag. Supg. Engineer
5th Circle

No 2283 d/19 June 79

Copy forwarded to the Political Deptt for information with reference to their Pro: No 243 dated 3rd June 1879. It seems extremely doubtful whether the information being collected is worth the labour spent on it.

(Sigd) J.P. Major R.E.
Ag. Under Secy to Govt.
P.W.D.

To.
The Political Deptt

Pro 9th-7-79 No 1842 Pr

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Roads & Buildings

From
The Supy Engineer
5th Circle

To
The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
Madras

No 547 T.J.
Dated 14th June /79
Despd - 16th
Recd.

Late Rajah's Palace at Tanjore -
Explains the delay in revising the Estimate for repairs &c ——

Copy

Poll (1879) DEPARTMENT.
(Tanjore Palace buildings)

From
the Public Works
Department.

No.
2283

Dated 19 }
Received 23 } June/79

No. 314

Forwarding copy
of letter from the
Supdt. Engr. 5 Circle
regarding the Tan-
jore Palace building
with reference to G.O.
No 243 3 June 1879.

Political DEPARTMENT. 1842/8

No. 64.

Political Dept 1842/61

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No. 453.

Official Memorandum

Referred to the Government Agent, Tanjore for consideration and early report, in communication with the Superintending Engineer, what portion of the expenditure is necessary for the lodging of the more immediate members of the late Rajah's family breaking up the total estimate into sections and excluding improvements.

2 Mr. Webster's attention is requested to preventing improper occupation of the buildings by persons destitute of any claim to be lodged there.

Madras }
21st February 1879 }

(sd) C. G. Master
Offg. Chief Secretary

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ng to Rs. 1,32,580.

2. As to the expendi

already incurred, it is

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Political DEPARTMENT.

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No. 64.

From The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department,
d 13 February 1879, No. 65

FOR ORDERS.

I find no report
stating why certain
improvements — costing
large amounts — are
needed [illegible]
Whether intended — [illegible]
[illegible]
work merely ;
maintain structure
or substantial repair

The Secretary to Government Public Works Department submits, with explanation of the cause of delay, the estimate for the repair of the Pal buildings at Tanjore am ing to Rs. 1,32,580.

2. As to the expendi already incurred, it is stat

stated, that the Superintending Engineer has been desired to report.

3. The estimate is for a large sum of money, which, in the present condition of the finances, the Government of India are not likely to accept or sanction as an Imperial charge.

Orders requested.

but I note heavy charges which are apparently additions in gratings &c, and Almirahs with Glass fronts &c —

I presume there are some such report &
it sd be answered

It is impossible for Govt. without some report to form any opinion as to the absolute necessity for much of this estimate in order to attain what I consider are reasonable grounds for asking G. of I.s sanction viz: a political Charge for putting the State buildings in a condition of habitable repair so far as necessary for health & reasonable comfort. It is evidently impracticable to enforce on a mass of inmates of all classes & positions & varying means the maintenance in repair of a great mass of buildings jointly occupied by them. Any different consideration is due to the claims of different sections of the occupants with refce to their social position. I can also

E.H. 17/2/73

bound to prevent a nuisance
from growing up in the
heart of a large town.

I think the estimate had
better be referred to Mr. Foster
[illegible] as soon as he
resumes charge for
consideration & report in
communic. with the
Supdg. Engr. - what portion
of the Expendre. is necessary
for the lodging of the more
immediate members of
the Rajah's family - breaking
up the total estmt. into sections
excluding "improvements"

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lodged there

FOR ORDERS.

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Letter from the Ag. Supdg. Engineer
Fifth Circle No. 547 T. J. d/14th June/79.

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S.O. 2/8/79

No. 2283

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19th June 79

Major R.E.
Ag. Under Secy: to Govt. P.W.D.

To,
The Political Dept.

No. 2283
Wd. 19.6
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Political DEPARTMENT.

No. 314.

From

The Public Works Department,
d/ 19th June 1879, No. 2283

FOR ORDERS.

I think the letter does not reflect credit on the Tanjore branch of the D.P.W. No orders were given to get up detail ground plans &c —

What was originally ordered was clearly stated in G.O. 8 Aug 1876 – 263 – after much suspense in 1878 estimates were at last rendered —

[illegible] pressing

It appears from this letter from the Superint Engineer, Tanjore, that the is no immediate prospect of the plans and estimates for the repair of the Palace buildings at Tanjore being completed, while the Public Works Department remar "It seems extremely doubtful whether the information being collecte

is worth the labor spent
on it".

2. Orders requested as
the course to be adopted.

3. In the present state
the finances there is not
uch chance of the Govt:
India giving a grant
wards the repair of the
uildings.

4. The expenditure
lready incurred amounts to
Rs 4264-15-7. and all
ork has been stopped
nce December 1878.

G.O. 1606 drafted
in accordce with the
of G.S. remarks. All
ground plans are
needed.

Rect. 24/6/79

found Admiralty [illegible]
Services – evidently
either permission or improv
or not warrantably any
order – they ought not to
have been in the estimate

—

In fact – the estimates
were repaired to ~~to~~ Govt. approv
~~to~~ repair in [illegible] with
Sup. Engineer what
portion of the expenditure
(as by estimate) is
necessary for the
safety of the mere
[illegible]
of the latter Rs [illegible]
making up estimates
& excluding under

I do not make these
remarks without some idea
of the work having on 2 occasions
gone over the palace —
The estimate shd be
directed to be returned after
as desired within 14 days
without fail —

P.S. The necessary expenditure
has been apparently spent
without estimate or order

they that simple matter is
not done except from the
way the estimate was framed
when I saw it could have
been nearly done in [illegible]
work I cannot commend
& if Sanyasi Exec. Engr.
after 2½ years allowed
cannot say what is
necessary to maintain
in safe habitable condition
the portion occupied
as described ~~in estimate~~ (when
as well known) the [illegible]
He is required the letter
& he shd be told so —

FOR ORDERS.

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Political Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following ~~letter~~ papers:—

~~From the Superintdg. Engineer, 5th Circle,~~
thro P.W. Dept. d/ 21st February 1879, No. 802.

" " the Accountant General, Madras,
d/ 21st May 1879, No. 2027.

" Ag. Supdg. Engineer, 5th Circle, d/ 14th
June 1879, No. 547. with Public
Works Endorsement, No. 2283,
d/ 19th idem.

Vide G.O. Pol. 23d June 1879 No. 243

Order thereon.

His Grace the Governor in Council does not consider that the letter from the Superintending Engineer 5th Circle d/ the 14th June ~~to~~ reflects credit on the Tanjore branch of the Public Works

No

I think the order if any must go in the P.W.D. It is not in order for one Dept. to eulogise another in this manner J.H.

Works Department.

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~~the sooner he~~ by some other officer
~~is replaced the better~~ of duties which he fails
to perform
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~~told so~~ -

An immediate report
is desired

(From Orders)
G.L.L.

To the S.E. V Circle - in the
Political dept.
To The Public Works dept.
" Accountant General.
" Govt. Agent, Tanjore

Ex. A. 4/7/79

Mis: 1559 d/ 10-6-79
G.O. 654 d/ 10-2-79

Tanjore Palace
[illegible]

(15)

Govt. of 187 } Madras.

To

Dated }
Recd. } 187 . No.

Nos.

No. 1401.

G.O. 12-7-79 No. 1842 W

Transferred to the
Public Works Department.

C. G. Master
Offg. Chief Secy.

Ootacamund
11th July 1879

To the Public Works De:
:partment.

Recd. 12/7

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O. L. Sheet 24 July.

No. 1842 W d/ 12th July
Public Works Department, 1879

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

Read the following :—

G.O. 174 - 26.5.76.

Quote no. & date
From the Supy Engr
Fifth circle d/ 14th June
1879 no 547 & j

12/7

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Inserted as
initialled - & signed
the m/s. copy to
the S.E. V Circle
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To the S.E., V Circle in m/s.
Political dept

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Govt. of (1879) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

15-7-79

To

Dated

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G. O., 12 July 1879, No. 1842 W

Nos. 87 – 87

Tanjore Palace. An immediate report called for on the expenditure &c on the — for the restoration of the —