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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

10th September 1879, No. 2,306-A W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers :—

No. 34-A. From the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, dated 28th July 1879, No. 850 T.J.

No. 34-B. From the same Officer, dated 4th August 1879, No. 965 T.I.

No. 34-C. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1879, No. 2,306-A W.

As it appears that the memorandum in the Political Department, No. 453 of 21st February last, was, though unintentionally, so worded as to convey the impression that information was required which could not be properly given without a plan of the building, His Grace the Governor in Council acquits the Superintending Engineer of blame in connection with the delay which has been caused by the preparation of this plan.

2. For the remainder of the delay which has occurred in carrying out the instructions of Government, Mr. Rundall is not responsible.

3. His Grace the Governor in Council regrets however that he is unable to extend this acquittal to the Executive Engineer, Captain Brockman.

4. Nearly two years ago, His Grace the Governor personally ascertained from that officer, then District Engineer, that there was no difficulty of access beyond that of making an appointment, that the rooms might be vacated where inhabited by females.

5. In November last, His Grace expressed dissatisfaction at the delay that had taken place in the preparation of the necessary estimates, having on his previous visit inspected certain portions of the building and having then been assured that the complete estimate would be at once given.

6. A large amount of work was put in hand without the submission of an estimate, or the grant of any regular sanction, and though extensive preparations were made for unauthorised plastering and scaffolding erected, the most essential work, the drain, has not even yet been done, nor has the estimate been yet submitted in a shape that will enable the subject to be finally disposed of.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.
Political Department.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of [1879] Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
FIFTH CIRCLE.

Dated September 10/79.

To

From

G. O., 104 September 1879, No 2300 A W

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 34-A-34-G.

Tanjore Palace. - Requite Mr. [Name] the Superintending Engineer of [Name] respect to the delay in carrying out the instructions of Government regarding [Name] but reports nothing to extend the account to the Executive Engineer, Captain [Name] Breakpen.

N^o 965-2-2 *Supd Engr Office*
Tuchinopoly 4 August /79
From

J. W. Rundall Esquire
As Superintending Engineer
do. do. 5 mile
Colonel R. H. Sawney R.E.
Chief Engineer [Name]

In accordance with your
memo N^o 104 of the 12th Ultimo, for-
warding G. O. N^o 1842 W. of the same
date, I have the honor to inform you
that revised Abstracts of the Estimate
for repairing the Palace Buildings
at Tanjore have this day been sent
to the Government Agent for trans-
mission to you.

2. The Estimate which has now
been reduced to Rs 63,500 by exclu-
ding all improvements and a large
portion of the provision originally
made for replastering has been

divided into sections of families, and has been forwarded to the Government Agent with a view to his informing the Government whether in his opinion the various families are entitled to have the buildings repaired at Government expense.

3. Captain Brockman has also prepared and forwarded a separate series of Abstracts by which the work is divided into portions according to the emergency of the repairs and the nature of the work to be carried out.

4. A copy of Captain Brockman's letter accompanies the Abstract Estimates which the Govt Agent has been asked to send on with the least practicable delay.

³
2300 P
5. Your Memo was received by Captain Brockman in camp on the 21st ultimo and the revised Estimates have been prepared and despatched by him within the 14 days fixed by you for their compilation.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servt
J. W. Randall
Agd Supt Engineer
5. Carel

15) Building No. 1.
No. 574

From

The Sup^r Engineer
Circle

To

The Chief Engineer

D.W.

40th Sept. 79 No. 2006. Mr.

No. 965-2-2.

Dated 4 August 79
O.C.

Palace Building, Tanjore.

States that the revised
Estimates for the repairs of
the — have been for-
warded to the Govt. Agent
for transmission to the
Chief Engineer.

23060
No 85075, Sup^r Engr's Office 52 miles,
Chinaganam 18th July 1891
Set 21st

From,

J. W. Randall Esquire
Crg Sup^r Engineer

To,

Rondor Buildings

Col R. H. Sankar R.R.
Chief Engineer P. W. D.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your memo No.
1011 of the 12th Instant, enclosing
a G. O. of the same date regarding
the Estimate for the repairs of the
Tanjore Palace.

2 Captain Brockman will be
requested to recast the Estimate
as directed and forward it within
the date fixed by you.

3 I beg however to state that
I am to blame, not Captain Brock-
man, for ordering a ground plan
of the Palace to be prepared, and
consequently for the delay which the
Government complain of.

4 I regret that I have misunder-
stood the Chief Secretary's memo
No 453 of the 21st February.

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Recd 1.9.79. Dtd 5.9.79
Cir 11.8.79. Dtd 18.8.79
In Order 27-8-1612-7-

5. What was ordered was the breaking up of the total Estimate into sections. I understood this to mean sections of the Building and that it would be necessary to show what sections of the Building were occupied by the more immediate members of the late Rajah's family. A ground plan of the Palace would enable these details to be readily understood.

6. The Estimate as sent up is divided into 100 sections; many of the Buildings are not however named, and the names of the occupants are not in every case given. These details can however be obtained and the Estimate will be recast and improvements excluded as now desired.

7. I regret the delay which my mistake has caused.

8. I beg to state that the Estimates were received by me from the Government Agent on the 5th April after Captain Brockman had left on 3 months leave.

5/3/68
9. I trust you will be good enough to lay this letter before the Government and that Captain Brockman may be held free from blame regarding the present delay.

10. The matter shall have my best attention and be disposed of as quickly as possible.

I have the honor to be
Sir

your most obedt servt

L. W. Randall
Ag. Supt Engineer

1842-12-7-79 Aug
 174-26-5-76
 75-15-9-76
 397-24-7-78 Pol. Dept

Roads & Buildings

From
 The Supp Engineer
 15th Corde
 To
 The Chief Engineer
 P. W. D.
 Madras

No. 850. I. J.
 Dated 18th July 1879
 Received 23rd

4th 10th Sept 1879 No. 2306

Tanjore Palace
 Repairs -

Explaining the
 Cause of delay in for-
 warding the Estimate
 for —

34A

Recd 1-9-79 Dtd 5-9-79
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 To Dtd 27-8-79 18-12-79

(4) I. W.

I think you had
 better take in hand
 the question of drafting
 in this case - Two
 drafts are required one as
 affecting Mr. Rundle
 which is a merely
 formal matter; the
 other however affecting
 the general relation of
 the Secretariat with
 various cases as while
 being sufficiently com-
 prehensive to insure
 that all drafts affecting
 either the work or
 individuals belonging to
 the Department which
 may originate in the
 other departments are
 invariably referred
 to us the working
 should be so guarded
 as to leave no scope

To Dtd 27-8

In creating the
decision which has
now been announced
by the House the Governor
and the H. C.

It seems to me that
in most cases an unofficial
reference would not only
suffice but would be
most convenient, the
Dept. in any one branch
simply sending the
file with the order
and proposed order
in draft to the Secy.
of the Branch immediately
concerned i.e. in cases
where the first branch
has to pass the order
— otherwise the transfer
should be made either
officially or U.O. for
disposal
Governor makes out
in draft according to your
own views & let me
see

14.8.73 Oth

11.306
to Hon W Huddleston
the Secy the Gov

(3)
For Order

Refurn of the Lingerie
Palace

The work to which
this correspondence refers
has I find been a very
long time pending,
much of this delay is
due to difficulties
access to a rambling
building of considerable
extent occupied by
natives; to insufficiency
of establishment in
collecting the various
information; to
carelessness of our
own Office; and last
to misapprehension
arising out of an
ambiguously worded

Order in the House of Reps.

I am unable myself
fairly to judge whether
the first set of courses
were beyond the control
of the Department;
though probably ^{they were} not
wholly so - as to
the carelessness in the
Central Office by which
it seems that the
Specification for the
proposed work was
kept over from October
1878 to February 1879
without the knowledge
of the Chief Engineer
that at least was
wholly inexcusable

I have not the
slightest wish to
excuse or justify
the delay up to this
point ^{or otherwise} so far as matters
lay within the reasonable

Central Office Reps.

Department might
be issued in future
either directly through
the Secretary (by transference
in disposal) or in
cases where the process
could not be convenient
that the "Keep written"
and proposed draft
order be sent "unofficial"
if necessary in verification

As a reciprocal rule
would of course be in
force in regard to our
own procedure where
other Departments are
concerned it seems to
me that mistakes
could be avoided

W.H.

11/8/79

I hereby acquit Mr.
Lundell from blame
relative to the
the Sec. and the

provision that it
be followed in the
Secretariat. for
the observance of
S. the Sec. & Gov.
shd arrange. The
mission & com.
& Dept. pres.
appointing them &
take place in the
S. is mainly due
to the Sec. & Gov.
those alterations shd
be called to the
Gov. but frequently
such Dept. shd
issue in the Dept
mainly concerned

altho the com. has
been origination
in and then transfer
by O.M. is all
that is needed
in that J. O. & D

Mr. Randall is
altho also was
from same. I think
agree - and that
the previous suggestion
within the Secretariat
is correct I agree also
but the delays in
the district before the
S. & Gov. are
not excused in any
way - I personally

but what I wish to
submit for consideration
is that the delay which
has lately occurred
and which has drawn
forth the strong opinion
expressed of his Grace the
Governor as expressed
in 90 of 12th July 1879
No 1842 W (drafted in
the Political Department)
was to the best of my
judgment occasioned
by the terms of the
order No 453 of the
21st Feb. 1879 Political
Department and which
it will be observed
was not communicated
or transferred to the
Department for disposal
Mr W Randall in
his opinion in his
No 850 T 1 of the 18th July
observes para 5
"What was ordered

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"readily understood"
In. In. In.

He takes all blame
to himself in this an-
struction & excuses
Captain Parshman

His place in Government
in para 2 of the I.O.
under reference observes
that "no order were
"Given by Government
"requiring detailed
"Plans etc." and

2048
certainly there are
no words denoting
any such plans

But both Major Penny-
-creek and I are agreed
that we should have
planned ^{in the works} precisely the
same construction placed as
it by Mr. Randall
who I need hardly re-
-mind his place is in
General estimation con-
-sidered to be one of
the best Officers in the
Department, and certainly
one of the last to be
out of his way, and
give needless trouble
to the Officers under him.

Now had he felt the
slightest doubt would
he have hesitated to
ask for instructions -

In fact he did with
question what he con-
-sidered under the order
received it was his
undoubted duty to
do, precisely as I

as I hope I should
have done myself

The Estimates for the
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amounting to Rs 63,500
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despatched to the
Government Agent and
will no doubt soon
reach for disposal
but in the meanwhile
I think it desirable to
submit for consideration
that Mr. Russell
should be freed from
blame in the matter

I may also be per-
mitted to suggest
that with a view to
avoid possible com-
plications of this char-
acter all orders drafted
in any branch of the
Government Secretariat
involving orders connected
with the work of this

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Ascertained from the
D. Engineer that there
was no difficulty of
accus. beyond that
of making an appropriation
that the room might
be vacated - where
inhabited by females -
This was ~~the~~ nearly
2 years since - I
last November expected
my dissatisfaction at
the delay - having on
my previous visit - saying
within some of the
bills - or in Parliament
of place with the
D.L. also the necessity
to see what was
proposed & being

then agreed that the
bill estimate would
be at once given -

I place this in
your hands for the L. E.
because I think it
right he should know
what has occurred -

Large amount of
work was put in hand
of the Engineer without
estimate submitted or
any authority. The
L. E. of the day in
issuing instructions having
given the recommendation
I gave 3 of the L. E. gave
a certain authority as

3/28/68
Dr. W. W. - but the
1st work the drain on
the wet town near the
White extensive repairs
in unattended plating
it was made -
Suffering much -

W. W.

13
306
No. 288.

Transferred to the
Public Department
for issue

In return of the
original papers herewith
sent is returned
(My order)

C. M. Sawyer

Colonel

Sec. P. M. D.

5/9/79

Hon W. H. Dutt

2 Drafts in Approval

Refrains of the Tanjore
Palace

In accordance with the
notes of the members
of Government in the case
I beg to submit the
accompanying draft-
orders in approval
and issuing order in
the case itself and the
attoms dealing with the
General matter of the
inter-departmental business
of Government in the
Secretariat

Possibly the H. M.
may desire that the
letter should issue in
the Public Department
to which in that case
it will be transferred

30.8.79

By G. 10: Sept 79 No 230644

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No. 230644-8.

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 10th Sept 79.

Read the following:—

From
The Supy Engr- Fifth Circle. — (H. E. L. 850 J. d/28th July/79.)
Memorandum in the Political
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S. S. 5th. Linc. S. S. Dept. 10/9/79
Political Dept. S.
~~Dept. of S.~~ Despd 18/9/79

P. M.

Wm W. Hunter Co.

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Chief
held from 8/9/79
Secretary

of 1889
9/1

to Oct 24-8 R-12-9

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Govt. of 1870 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS

To

Dated

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Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 10 Sept 1870, No. 2306 AW

Nos. 34 & 40 C

Tanjore Palace - Acquits
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