

ROADS AND BUILDINGS.

No. 198

CONSULTING ARCHITECT'S OFFICE,  
Chennai, 24<sup>th</sup> June 1880

From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO GOVERNMENT,

To

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

SIR,

I have the honor to lay before you the following report on the progress of the Madras Palace Works.

The underpinning on the north side of the Judges Court has now risen to a height of about 12 feet over the plinth and the double stones have been fixed for wedging. The underpinning on the south side has been built from ground level to a height of 12 feet throughout and must already afford great relief to the strained masonry of this Court. The underpinning on the north side of the great Courtyard has been carried from the west end of the central pavilion to the east end and is now nearly up to the ground level. The excavation for the foundations of that portion west of the central pavilion are open but great difficulties occur here owing to a few huts abutting the Palace



|    |                                   |       |
|----|-----------------------------------|-------|
| 12 | Taluk Overseers Office            | 535   |
| 13 | Dismantling the Racket Sawh       | 93    |
| 14 | District Munsiffs Court           | 9790  |
| 15 | 3 Lightning Conductors            | 1330  |
| 16 | Set of Racks for Records          | 1620  |
| 17 | Securing Superstructure           | 24000 |
| 18 | Accommodating the f. S. Court     | 24010 |
| 19 | Completing the Restorations       | 41620 |
| 20 | Restoring clock tower             | 2340  |
| 21 | Sholavandan Sub Registrars Office | 1300  |
| 22 | Napier Gateway                    | 4650  |

Rupers. 148,870

In order to lighten the general Estimate of restoration the Estimate of each Office was made to bear the cost of restoring the particular part of the Palace in which it was located, as nothing has been done in the way of restoration for some years past Estimates have remained incomplete only in one or two items. I have ordered these items to be transferred to the general Estimate of restorations and completion reports to be made out for the following works.

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Block Tower                | 2340 |
| Range Office               | 2970 |
| Deputy Collectors Butchery | 3236 |
| Collectors Panel room      | 4507 |

Names of Works

|    |                                            |                 |
|----|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 13 | Dismantling the Racket Sawh                | Brought forward |
| 14 | District Munsiffs Court                    | 93              |
| 15 | Lightning Conductors                       | 1330            |
| 16 | Set of Racks for Records                   | 1620            |
| 17 | Securing Superstructure                    | 24,000          |
| 18 | Accommodating the Civil and Sessions Court | 24,010          |
| 19 | Completing the Restorations                | 41,620          |
| 20 | Restoring the clock tower                  | 2,340           |
| 21 | Sholavandan Sub Registrars Office          | 1,300           |
| 22 | Napier Gateway                             | 4,650           |

Amount Order of sanctioning of the estimate

Remains Rs.

|         |          |
|---------|----------|
| 38,117  | Rs. 1584 |
| 93      | Rs. 1584 |
| 1330    | Rs. 1584 |
| 1620    | Rs. 1584 |
| 24,000  | Rs. 1584 |
| 24,010  | Rs. 1584 |
| 41,620  | Rs. 1584 |
| 2,340   | Rs. 1584 |
| 1,300   | Rs. 1584 |
| 4,650   | Rs. 1584 |
| 148,870 | Rs. 1584 |

To Rs. 1153 by subscriptions and Rs. 600 from Provincial funds.

29/6/80

|                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Verandah of Collectors Court room | 2740--                  |
| Dais for                          | 330--                   |
| Punkah                            | 51--                    |
| Lightening Conductors             | 1330--                  |
|                                   | <u>Ruppes 17504 " "</u> |

I have gone carefully through the items of all the Estimates and I find that none of them will be exceeded except such as certain items for underpinning indeed it would be unnecessary to revise any of them were it not that some 5 or 6 thousand Ruppes worth of work not estimated for at all was executed last year, and it will be necessary that the sums so expended should be accounted for under the proper heads.

Underpinning should I think have originally been a separate Estimate similar to iron ties and I have accordingly ordered it to be separated and at once submitted.

Now that the Entrance Gateway and stone plinth approach completion it would be advisable in my opinion to lay out the central courtyard as a garden and make the place look well and cared for. A sum of Rs 881 and odd was provided in the Estimate without

details, I propose now to arrange the items in detail and submit plans.

I would in conclusion solicit <sup>permission</sup> ~~provision~~ to proceed with the Collectors Cutcherry. The Estimate amounts to Ruppes 13570-- of which Ruppes 11,655 + 3.9 have been expended leaving a balance of Rs. 1914-12-3. No excess is likely to arise.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

your most Obedt. servant

*M. S. W.*

Commg. Archt. to Government.

ROADS AND BUILDINGS.

P.W.D.

24 JUN 80

No. *198*

From

The Consulting Architect  
to Government,

To

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

No. *198*

Dated *24 June 1880.*

Received

No. of ENCLOSURES.

*Inspection report on Madura  
Palace Works.*

*Subd. in Receipt Regr.*

S. A. W.

It is not very clear whether the figures given in June 5 of this letter are there as actually sanctioned or whether they are the amounts after from June to the several 'sector when' estimates of the work required for that purpose, as explained in June

6 -  
Let me have a list of the actual sanctions with less and dates of J. O. sanctioning them

Return stating when this expenditure was made your added sanction  
Also when it was first sanctioned  
to the Sanctioning

FROM MAJOR D. H. TRAIL R.E.,

OFFG. EXAMINER P. W. ACCOUNTS,

M A D R A S

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. 84 W.

MADRAS, 16 AUGUST 1950.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BRING TO YOUR NOTICE THAT A SUM OF RS. 27,258-7-0 APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN EXPENDED IN PREVIOUS YEARS ON "RESTORING THE TIRUMUL NAICK'S PALACE" WITHOUT A DETAILED ESTIMATE, NOR ARE THE DETAILS OF OUTLAY BY SUB-HEADS OF ESTIMATE FORTHCOMING, AS DETAILS WERE NOT FURNISHED IN THOSE YEARS.

2. FROM THE G.O.'S QUOTED IN CERTAIN SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURE (OR PROGRESS) REPORTS AS THEY WERE FORMERLY CALLED, IT IS OBSERVED THAT PERMISSION WAS GRANTED FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE WORK, ON THE SANCTIONED APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SUBMISSION OF A DETAILED ESTIMATE; BUT WHETHER THIS DETAILED ESTIMATE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SANCTIONED OR NOT, IT IS DIFFICULT TO TELL.

2. THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO GOVERNMENT STATES THAT THE ABOVE AMOUNT IS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE ESTIMATE RE

IS NOW CARRYING OUT, AND THAT THE PREVIOUS WORK WAS DONE  
ON SPECIAL GRANTS AS A TENTATIVE MEASURE WITHOUT ESTIMATE.

4. UNDER THE ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES, I BEG TO BE INFORMED  
WHETHER THE OUTLAY IN QUESTION MAY BE TREATED AS A DISTINCT  
WORK AND ACCEPTED FINALLY WITHOUT ESTIMATE OR COMPLETION  
REPORT, AS I CAN GET NO FURTHER INFORMATION EITHER FROM  
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MADURA DIVISION, OR FROM THE CON-  
SULTING ARCHITECT, ANENT THE OUTLAY OF RS.27,255-7-0 RE-  
FERRED TO ABOVE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT

*M. Lang.*

FOR OFFG. EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS.

W.B.  
14/11

1978.

Forwarded to the  
Consulting Architect for  
report as to the nature  
of the work done, and  
for such information  
as he is able to afford  
as to the details of Expen-  
diture

The orders under  
which the expenditure  
was incurred should  
also be quoted; those  
quoted by the Examiner  
convey sanction to  
expenditure of Rs 10,000  
and Rs 7200 respectively.

(By order)

James P. — Major R. B.

Dy. Chief Engr?

P.W. Dept

25<sup>th</sup> Aug/80

P.W.D.

17 AUG 80

No

5206 5689

FROM THE EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. 84W

DATED 16 AUGUST 1980.

RECD. 17

ASKING IF THE EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON RESTORING TIPUMUL NAICKS PALACE WITHOUT A DETAILED ESTIMATE CAN BE ADMITTED.

Encl. in Receipt Regr.

Forwarded.

No. 372

From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT  
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

The Chief Engineer P.W.D.  
Roads & Buildings branch

Dated 8<sup>th</sup> September 1880.

Received

Your letter No.

Dated

In returning the Original document received with Memo No. 1978 dated the 25<sup>th</sup> August Mr. Clisbolm begs to apologize for having inadvertently entered his Office Order in Red ink across the document.

Clisbolm.

ROADS AND BUILDINGS.

No. 367

CONSULTING ARCHITECT'S OFFICE,  
Chepauk, 6 Sep<sup>r</sup> 1880

From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO GOVERNMENT,

To

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

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Memo No. 1978 dated the 25<sup>th</sup> August 1880 on the subject of the expenditure on Serumal Naick's Palace in years gone by.

This question has arisen in consequence of a debit to my books of 27,000/- on account of the work by the Examiner Public Works accounts in March 1878. It is for this Officer to state how the sum was treated between the time the work was commenced in 1870-71 and the time when the expenditure was debited to me in 1878. As the work was originally undertaken without an Estimate on a special grant, it is probable that the Examiner saw no way of passing the sums allotted, and held them over pending the submission of the detailed Estimate to which he alludes in the second para of his letter No. 84 W. -

The whole of the work executed is there now, and I presume the details of expenditure are in the Madras Division, the same Overseer who executed the work is also there and the greater portion of it I superintended myself, under these circumstances the fullest and most accurate details of expenditure can be given or the works measured up and valued, <sup>but the</sup> production of such documents now would be manifestly waste of labor beyond the extent necessary to enable the Examiner to pass the unadjusted balances. The debit was made to my Estimate in a lump sum in March 1878 and must have been a credit to the Madras Division hence all Estimates and other documents must be with the records of that Division.

The expenditure was incurred under the following Orders.

G. O. P. W. D. No 1357 dated 29<sup>th</sup> September/69 (P. W. D. 1357)  
" " 1591 " 14 June 1871  
" " 1487 " 15 June 1872

I have the honor to be  
sir  
your most obedt. servant.

R. C. Wilson.  
Consgr Archt. to Government.

ROADS AND BUILDINGS.

P.W.D.

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No

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From

The Consulting Architect  
to Government,

To

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

No. 367

Dated 6<sup>th</sup> September/80.

Received

7<sup>th</sup>

No. of ENCLOSURES.

*Expenditure on Tirumal  
Naick's Palace.*

*Entd. in Receipt Bgr.*

FROM MAJOR D.H. TRAIL R.E.

OFFG. EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS.

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. 107 W.

MADRAS, 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 1880.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO INVITE YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS  
OFFICE LETTER NO. 84 W. DATED 16TH. AUGUST 1880, REQUESTING  
TO BE INFORMED IF THE EXPENDITURE INCURRED WITHOUT DETAILED  
ESTIMATE ON RESTORING TIRUMUL NAICK'S PALACE CAN BE  
ADMITTED, AND TO REQUEST THE FAVOR OF AN EARLY REPLY THERE-  
TO.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT.

*M. Lang.*

FOR OFFG. EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS.

*7.8/80*

4081  
C. nos 5206  
5689 }  
6399 }

Dr. W.  
For orders whether  
these papers may  
now be formally  
"Recorded" -  
C. has made no  
further move.  
C<sub>1</sub>  
26/7  
Yes S 26/7

P.W.D.  
OCTRO  
6399  
FROM THE EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS,  
MADRAS.  
TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,  
P.W. DEPARTMENT.

NO. 107 W.  
DATED 8 OCTOBER 1880.  
RECD. 9

Entd. in Receipt Bk.

REQUESTING EARLY REPLY TO  
THIS OFFICE LETTER NO. 107 W. DATED  
16TH AUGUST 1880.

C. No 5689  
with 6399

N<sup>o</sup> 1847 W PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 27<sup>th</sup> July 1881.  
Read the following:—

From the Consq. Architect to Govt. N<sup>o</sup> 198 dated 24 June 1880.  
" the Examiner P.W. accts. N<sup>o</sup> 84 W. dated 16 August 1880.  
" the Consq. Architect to Govt. N<sup>o</sup> 364 dated 6 Sept<sup>r</sup> 1880.  
" the Examiner P.W. accts. N<sup>o</sup> 107 W. dated 8 October 1880.

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