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Revenue Department
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No 204

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 8 February 1881

Read the following

No 34

From W. S. Whiteside Esq
Collector of North Arcot

To C. A. Galton Esq
Secretary to the Board of
Revenue, Madras

Sir

When I visited Venkatagirikota in the course of last year and inspected the Sub Magistrate and Deputy Tahsildars cutcherri there, I noticed several cracks in the walls of the main building, while the ryots shed was in the worst possible order and shewed signs of speedy collapse. I thereupon requested the Local Fund Engineer to inspect the buildings and report on their condition and the measures that in in his opinion, should be taken to remedy the defects. Mr Parsick, having accordingly inspected the cutcheri, reported in his letter* No 1103 dated 22d October last that "in the Court room of the submagistrate's cutcherry heavy trusses are placed over door openings about four feet above their soffits, and the result is that cracks are visible under the trusses, and that these cracks have extended downwards right through the centres of the flat arches over the door openings".

* Copy enclosed marked A

2 As regards the Ryots shed Mr Parsick reported that "the pillars supporting the roof have been thrust outward by the sagging of the Palmira rafters and are cracked right through a little above the basement; the sagging of the rafters results from their having a section of from 4×2 inches to $2\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ inches instead of a scantling of $5 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, but even the

latter scantling might be insufficient as the roof consisting of four or five pantiles one above the other is an unusually heavy one, and the reapers have a section of from $2 \times \frac{3}{4}$ inch to $1 \times \frac{1}{2}$ inch and are in some cases mere shreds of fibre".

3 On receipt of Mr Parsick's report I addressed* the Executive Engineer of this division, observing that the buildings in question were only very recently constructed by the Public Works Department and that they should so soon exhibit signs of collapse showed that they were faulty in construction.

* Copy of letter No 2[illegible] d 3d Novr 1080 is enclosed marked B.

4 The Executive Engineer Captain Campbell in his letter° of the 15th Ultimo No 3157 informs me in reply that he inspected the buildings and that there are cracks about the width of a hair above the doors in the submagistrate's room, but that they are so trifling as scarcely to deserve notice. Captain Campbell however

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however agrees with Mr Carsick in his remarks about the ryots shed. He observes that the pillars which are 8 feet high are badly cracked and are 3 inches out of the perpendicular and ascribes this to the rafters in the roof having sagged. He is of opinion that it will be necessary to rebuild the shed completely, using such of the old materials as may be available.

5 If the Board will be pleased to refer to my letter of the 18th December 1875 No 681, they will observe that when these very buildings were in course of construction, having reason to fear from information I received that the work was not being properly executed I directed the Tahsildar of the Palmanair Taluq to inspect the work and furnish me with certain information about it but that owing to the hindrance then raised by the D.P.W. subordinates in charge, the Tahsildar was unable to carry out my orders

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6. It is scarcely four years since these buildings were completed at a very large expenditure, and the fact that the walls have already begun to crack, and that the Ryots shed needs to be pulled down completely and rebuilt shows, I submit that those entrusted with the supervision of the construction of these buildings failed in their duty.

7 I leave it to the Board to take such notice of the matter as they think proper in communication with the Superintending Engineer of this circle.

N. Arcot Collector's Office }
Camp Palmanair 27th Jany/81 }

I have &c
(Sd) W. S. Whiteside
Collector

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Submitted for the orders of Government.

2 The matter seems to call for enquiry in the D.P.W. The Local Fund Engineer and Executive Engineer are at issue as to the extent of the mischief as regards the main building; they agree in thinking that the ryotsshed must be entirely rebuilt.

(True copy Extract)

Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Govt R.D.
with 3 Enclos. to be returned.

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G. Master
Secretary to Govt.

12th February 1881.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 8th February 1881
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G.O. 3879 - 12 - Decr/68.
" 1627 - 7th July/76
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" " 138 - Octr 1871
" " 147 - 17th Aug/72
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Mis Pr. 72 - 11th Novr "
G.O. - 749 - 24 - Mar/76

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Ch. Eo. 429 of 21st Feby/81.

Subms for the orders of Govt with remarks, letter from Collr of N. Arcot reporting that the walls of the Dy Tahsildar's & Sub magistrate's cutcherry at Venkatagirikota are cracked and that the ryots shed is in very bad order

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923/4

No. 429 of 21st Feby/81.

Memorandum

The Chief Engineer has the honor to request the Supg Engineer 2nd Circle to report when the erection of the roof of the ryots' shed attached to the Vencatagiricotta Cutcherry was commenced and completed, and who was the Executive Officer in charge during its construction

2. The information will probably be obtainable from the records of payment to the contractor.

3. The original plan of the shed should also be forwarded.

(By order)
Sd J. P.
Dy: Ch.

To
The Supg Engr Second Circle

Desd
21-2-81

C.E. No 429 of 21st Feby /81

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No. 134. ~~3RD~~ 2d CIRCLE, SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Camp Ootacamund 26th March 1881.

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
2d ~~3RD~~ CIRCLE,

TO

The Chief Engineer
D.P.W.

SIR,

Enclosure
1 Plan

With reference to your Memo. No 429 dated – February /81 I have the honor to report that erection of the Ryotshed attached to the Venkatazherrycottah Cutcherry was commenced and completed between Septr. 1874 and January 1876 and that the Executive Officer in charge of the work was T. Parthosarathy Iyengar late a Sub-Engr.

2 The enclosed plan which is believed to be the original plan of the shed is herewith forwarded.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servant

Major R.E.
Supg Engineers 2d circle

P. W. C. No 1964

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From

The Supg. Engineer,

Second Circle.

Dated 26th }
Despd. 28th } March 1881
Recd. 29 }

No. 134

Encl: 1

Venketagherry Cotta Cutchery

Reporting when the Ayots' shed attached to the — was commenced and completed; also the name of the Executive Officer in charge of the work.

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P. W. 1881 DEPARTMENT.

No. 2812

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From

The President L. F. Board

North Arcot.

No. 76

Dated 30 April

Recd. 9 May.

SUBJECT.

Forwarding a list of build
available for transfer to
L. F. Boards North Arcot D

Disposal.

C.E. No. 1168 d/ 10th May/81

Referred to the Supg. Engineer 2nd Circle, with advertence to his letter No. 299 d/ 22nd September last.

(By order)

Sgd/ C.C. Rawson Capt R.E.

Ag. Dy. Chief Engr.

Despd. with C. No. 81 P.W.D.

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No 76.

North Arcot President's Offic
Camp Palmanair 30th April 188

From

The President,
Local Fund Boards,
North Arcot

To

The Deputy Chief Engineer, D. P.
Madras

Sir,

With reference to your No 23
dated 23rd October last, I have the
honor to forward herewith a Sta
-ment Shewing the buildings the
-in said to be available for trans
to Local Fund Boards, with som
remarks against each. From this
You will observe that I am no
able to identify some of these buil
-ings and could not therefore t
charge of them in the absence of
particulars in respect of them

2. It is mentioned in your lis
that there is a Rest House at Chitto
There is, however, so far as I can
learn, no such a building beyond

the

P.W.C. No. 2812

he Traveller's Bungalow which has
p. been in the charge of the Local
Board for many years.

There is a Rest House at
Arconam, but this is reported
be in charge of the Military De-
partment, and I can hear of no
ther.

P.K. 3010/81
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I request that you will be
Good enough to inform me on this
nd other points raised in the
Statement before I proceed to
he charge of the buildings.

Recd: 9th May/81

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most obedient Servant

President

Cl. No. 1168 d/ 10 May/81.

Referred to the Supdg Engr 2d Circle, with advertence to his letter No. 299 d/ 22 Sept 1880.

(By order)

Capt R.E.
Actg Dy Chief Engr P.W.D.

C.31-3.

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No. 210

Supg Engrs office 2d Circle
Camp Ootacamund 16th May/81

From
The Supdg Engineer
Second Circle

To
The Chief Engineer
D.P.W.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 1168 d/ 10th May/81 on letter No. 76 of 30th April/81 from the President Local Fund Boards North Arcot District, I have the honor to forward a statement showing the position and locality of each of the Buildings referred to in the list that accompanied the above letter.

Enclo 3
1 Statement
1 Original with enclosure

2 The original letter and its enclosure are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servant

Major R.E.
Supdg Engineer 2d Circle

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Memo.

(Quote C. No 300 of 81)

The statement forwarded to the President L. F. Boards North Arcot with reference to his letter No 76 of 30 April 1881, the enclosure of which is herewith returned.

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Dy W.

To The President L. F. Bds

N. Arcot, with 2 enclos.

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21-5-81

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Dated 16th }

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No. 210

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Statement show

names of Rest

and store shed

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Enclosure No: 2

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In a letter No. 210 of 15th May 1881 from the Supdg. Engineer second circle

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Endorsement of Chief Engineer No. 1168 of 10th May 1881 with list of Buildings

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following :—

Endorsement from the Rev. Dept. No. — d/ 12th Feby 1881.

From the Supdg. Engineer 2nd Circle — } No. 134 d/ 26th March 1881.

It is obvious to the Government that there is nothing the matter with the main building. Mr. Parsick's report regarding which is greatly exaggerated.

2. The sagging of the rafters which has caused the injury to the roof of the ryots shed is probably due not to originally insufficient dimensions, the effect of which would have shown itself in less than five years (the building which Mr. Whiteside say was completed very

2 The Collector will take the necessary measures for the repair of the roof of the ryots shed, obtaining the assistance of the Executive Engineer if the work is likely to cost more than Rs 1000.

very recently" was actually completed in 1873) but to gradual decay.

3. Palmyra coupled roofs unless made of the very best and soundest material, which in the present day can hardly be obtained, always give trouble from sagging

4. The building in question was inspected by the present Deputy Chief Engineer in April 1876, it was then complete, and showed no signs of bad material, but the actual soundness of the rafters could only be detected by examination before fixing.

5. With regard to para 5 of the Collector's letter, a reference to the correspondence printed with G.O. No. 749 of 2d March 1876 shows that Mr. Whiteside then stated that he desired the Tahsildar to inspect the building in order to "bring him certain information," but neither then nor at any other time did he give the smallest hint that there was any "reason to fear that the work was not being properly executed" - If he really had information to that effect it was his duty to have brought the matter to the notice either of the District Engineer or of Govt.

6. As a fact however there

The sagging of the rafters is probably due to gradual decay and there appears no ground for assuming the existence of bad workmanship in the building, which it is stated was completed five years ago.

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there is no ground for assuming that any bad work has been done, and this opinion was confirmed by the Depty Engineer (Major Mead) in person on a recent visit to the Chief Engineer's Office

7. The Government learn that on the occasion in question the Tahsildar was only prevented from examining the main building and not the ryots shed, which is perfectly open and unenclosed.

8. The submission of an estimate for rebuilding the ryots shed should be expedited.

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Copy

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To The Rev: Board
with 3 enclos
The S. Eng: 2d Circle
with one enclos

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From the Superintending Engineer 2nd Circle No. 134 dated 26th March 1881.

FOR ORDERS.

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4. It may be added that on the occasion in question the Tahsildar was only prevented from examining the main building and not the ryots shed, which is perfectly open and unenclosed.

R H Sankey
Col R.E.
Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

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R.O.E.

No 923 W

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. 923/16

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 6th April/81

Read the following

Endorsement from the Rev. Dept. } No 710 d/12 Feby 1881.
From the Supt'g Engineer 2 Circle } " 134 d/26 March 1881.

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To The Rev: Board
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Supdg Engr: 2 Circle
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PUBLIC WORKS.

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Encl.

G. O., 6 April 1881. No. 923 W

Nos.

Sub Magistrate's Cutchery
at Venkatagiricotta, Nort
Arcot Dt. Orders on ref
from the Collector regarding
the condition of the —