

Emergent

Government Central Museum
Madras 20th May 1882.

No 444

From

Surgeon Major George Bidie M.B.,
Superintendent Government Central
Museum.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Coatacamund.

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to the notice
of the Right Honourable the Governor in
Council, that for some time past I have been
caused much anxiety by the inroads of white
ants into the large book cases in the new public
Library. A mistake appears to have been made
in placing the cases in direct contact with the
wall, as even a small interval would have
proved a check.

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White ants
can bridge
over 2 1/2 in
3 inches

Attt

2 / As matters now exist the insects
suddenly appear in the most unexpected places,
and no vigilance can entirely prevent their
mischiefs.

3 / I have the honour therefore to request that
the Government Architect, who designed the
building and superintended its erection, may
be

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1 Fund
2-83.

The Supg. Engr. 4th May
Examiner, P. W. S. R.

be instructed to inspect the cases and see if
any remedy can be devised.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

Edie M. Surgeon Major
Superintendent Govt. Central
Museum.

W. J. D.

transferred to
the P. M. Dept. for
prompt attention
as Mr Chisholm's
part.

C. M. Astor
Asst. Chief Secy.

22/5/82

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Communicated
to the Consulting Architects
to Government for early
attention and report

Att

23/5/82

C. B. Cook ✓
Public Dept ✓

Public Dept
Ad. S. 32/5
Desd
26/5
Lay
26/6

Public (1882) Department
(Pub. Museum)

From

The Superintendent
Government Central

Museum

No 444

Dated 20th
Despatch " May 1882.
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Bringing to notice ^{appearance} of the swarms
of white ants in the large book
cases in the new Public Library
and requesting that the Govt.
Architect may be instructed to
inspect the cases and devise a remedy.

Subd. in Receipt Key