

19TH MAY 1882, No. 1270 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 109.

READ—the following report from Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 30th March 1882, No. 125:—

In forwarding the report on the Coimbatore Huzur Treasury by the Executive Engineer, the Superintending Engineer can only remark that a tiled building with an enclosed verandah round two sides of it, inaccessible to the guard, is not a safe and proper treasury.

2. The measures proposed by Mr. Davidson would add much to its safety, but would not, it is believed, raise the standard of safety to that that Government wish their Huzur Treasuries to be.

3. The Superintending Engineer would urge that the question of Huzur Treasuries be considered; they are all, it may be said, in an unsatisfactory state, and cannot, except by the erection of new buildings, be made what they should be.

No. 109-A.

READ—the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 9th May 1882, No. 36:—

I have the honor to return the enclosures of your memorandum, No. 40 E., dated 25th April 1882. I am doubtful what report is desired from me.

2. The Government of India want every treasury to be “a strong room,” and perhaps if they had gone a little further and explained what minimum of strength constituted one, it would not be so difficult to know what they desire these treasuries to be.

3. The Executive Engineer has condemned the Huzur Treasury here because he thinks the safety of the contents depends on the guard over it and not on the building, and his superior officer backs his condemnation. My own opinion is that the treasure which may be kept in the present building is safe from anything but an organised attack of thieves, and that in the present circumstances such an attack is not so probable that it need be provided against now. I also think that if the changes proposed by the Executive Engineer were made and iron safes provided, the safety of the cash would be very much greater, but even with these changes the Executive Engineer will not certify the building absolutely safe, and most certainly it will not come up to my own idea of a “strong room.”

4. For reasons very similar to those given against the Huzur the Executive Engineer has condemned the Taluk Treasury of Satyamangalam, and it seems likely that Government will, if this order has been properly understood here, find a great many more treasuries condemned.

5. With reference to paragraph 2, I presume special permission is not required for building now in use; if it is, it seems desirable that the Government should accord it for the continued use of these two buildings. They must be safer than any places to be found on the spur of the moment.

No. 110.

ORDER—dated 19th May 1882, No. 1270 W., Public Works.

The Government approve of the Executive Engineer's proposal to make the present enclosed passage E on the plan available for the patrol, and to provide a point of view east and west by a strong iron barred grating. The work should be carried out at once.

2. The treasury, although stated to be below the standard of strength contemplated by the Government of India, must continue to be used. Upon this point generally the Government of India will be specially addressed.

(Here enter No. $\frac{1270}{A}$ W., dated 19th May 1882.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, with Plan.
,, Financial Department, with copy of letter to Government of India.

No. $\frac{1270}{A}$ W., dated 19th May 1882.

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Dated May, 19th.

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G.O., 19th May 1882, No. 1270 W.

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Nos. 109-110.

Huzur Treasury, Coimbatore.

Safety of the.—Orders on the subject of
the —.

19TH MAY 1882, No. $\frac{1270 W.}{a}$, PUBLIC WORKS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 111.

LETTER—from

COLONEL R. H. SANKEY, R.E.,

*Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
Madras,*

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In paragraph 2 of the Resolution of the Government of India in the Department of Finance and Commerce, No. 4028,* dated 4th November 1881, it is laid down that without the special permission of the Local Government no place shall be used as a strong room, unless it be first certified to be secure and fit for use as such by an officer of the Public Works Department not under the grade of an Executive Engineer. I am directed to inquire whether this ruling is intended to apply to existing buildings, or only to those which may be hereafter brought into use.

2. I am to point out that many of the District and Taluk Treasuries throughout the Madras Presidency do not approach the standard of strength contemplated by the Government of India, and the Local Government are not in a position to provide funds for attaining it everywhere. No precaution will, however, I am to say, be neglected that is within the means of this Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19th May 1882.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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As to the safety of the District and Taluk
Treasuries throughout the Madras Presi-
dency.

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter, *Proceed*

ings of the Board of Revenue dated 3rd
June 1882 N^o 4021 M^oir through the Rev^d
Dep^t.

Read the following letter from
J. Lee Warner Esq^r Acting Collector
of Mellore to the Secretary to the Board
of Revenue, dated Mellore 9th May
1882 N^o 2058.

On receipt of the Board's
Proceedings, N^o 2945, dated 25 Nov^r
1881, Communicating the Resolutions
of Government of India on the
subject of storage of coins in strong
rooms the Executive Engineer in
charge of the Mellore Division
was requested to inspect the present
Muzur Treasury room, and to
grant the prescribed Certificate. In

his

his letters marginally noted he has practi-^{ally} declined to give the certificate. ^{N^o 146 of 30 May 1882}
-cally declined to give the certificate. ^{194 of 28 April 1882}

2. The Huzur Treasury is now located in a strong detached Rectangular building to the West of the Main building used as the Collector's Office, its length being $6\frac{1}{2}$ feet N. to S. and breadth $22\frac{1}{4}$ feet E. to W. During the day time the Treasury Accountants ~~are~~ are accommodated in the Northern end of this long room, the South end being reserved for the treasure and railed off from the remainder by iron rails $6\frac{2}{3}$ feet in height. The Executive Engineer in his first letter complained that as these railings could be easily climbed the railed off portion of the buildings could in no sense of the words be called a strong room. On this I asked him to treat the whole building as one strong room and

and to inform me whether on that understanding he would feel inclined to grant the certificate. His present objection is that when the whole building is locked and placed in charge of the Police Guard, they are not likely to do their duty, as there is only one small verandah in front of the door of the building ($8\frac{1}{4}$ by 7 feet) and they will Congregate there neglecting the duty of patrolling round the back especially in bad weather, there being no protection provided. I certainly consider that the existing arrangements for the night patrol are inadequate; and request that early sanction may be accorded for executing the necessary improvements. In the meantime as regards the Resolution of the Government of India, above referred to, I request that the Special permission of the Local Government may be obtained for continuing to use

use the building for the storage of coins,
as I have no doubt that the coins are
perfectly safe there, so long that is
as the Police Guard do not wilfully
betray their trust.

Submitted for the orders of
Government.

2 It is evidently necessary
that, for the present, existing arrange-
ments should continue and the Board
accordingly recommend that the re-
quisite sanction be given by Govern-
ment under para 2 of the Resolution
of the Government of India, printed
with G. O. 18th November 1881, No 2263 & 2,
and that orders be issued in the
P. W. Department for the execution
of such repairs as may be required
to enable the Engineer to certify that
the Treasury is secure and fit for
use as a strong-room.

(True Copy & Extract)
(Signed) E. Gibson

Md
Ag. Secretary Order

Order thereon 19th June 1882 No 510 N.

This should have been submit-
ted to Government in the Financial
Department.

2 It has been determined to make
a general reference to the Government
of India on the subject of the treasuries
in this Presidency (G. O. No 457 Df.
14th June, 1882, Communicating P. W. Pro.
No 1270 W. Df. 19th May preceding),
and mean-while this treasury, like
others may be used.

(True Extract)

E. Gibson
for Chief Secretary

To The Board of Revenue with enclosures
Public Works Department

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Govt. of (188) Madras.

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No 1682 w d/4th July/82

To

Communicated
to the S. E. Second
Circle.

The P. W. Dept

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1-7-82

Recd 28th June/1882

Proceedings, dated 19 June 1882.
No. 5102

Subject.

No 1682 w d/4th July/82

Regarding storage
of Combs & the
necessary repairs
to the Treasury
Room to render it
safer.

Supl. Secy Second Circle

Despatched 6/7/82.

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