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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 97.

Read the following papers:—

From Captain H. H. COLE, R.E., Curator of Ancient Monuments in India, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 3rd July 1882, No. 288.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Order dated 12th June 1882, No. 1458 W., Public Works, stating that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council does not consider that the works of repairing and adapting Tirumal Naick's Palace for the purpose of public offices comes within the purview of Captain Cole's appointment.

2. The Resolution of the Government of India, dated the 2nd February 1881, defines the duties of the Curator of Ancient Monuments as being to superintend, under the Supreme Government, the conservation of the most celebrated and important examples of national archaeology and architecture throughout India; and on the 12th August 1881 the Government of India, in continuation of this resolution, explained that the main object of my appointment is to give the Government of India and the Local Governments the advantage of professional advice in questions concerning the restoration and conservation of Ancient Monuments throughout India, and points out that all schemes for such works should therefore be considered by Local Governments in consultation with me.

3. Referring to Colonel Sankey's letter to the Government of India, No. 1326 W. of the 27th May 1881, and to the note which accompanied it, on archaeological remains and repair to old buildings in Madras, it will be observed that the Palace of Tirumal Naick's heads the list and was first taken in hand by Lord Napier.

4. This palace is undoubtedly the finest specimen of secular architecture in the south, and as such is noted by me in my list of Madras buildings.

5. It is doubtless no part of my duty to be concerned in the practical repair and adaptation of the building for the purposes of public offices, and I have no wish to interfere in such work, particularly as it is in the hands of so competent an officer as Mr. Chisholm, the Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras. I should however fail in the duty confided to me by Her Majesty's Secretary of State and the Supreme Government if I refrained from drawing attention to any apparent oversight in the architectural treatment in this or any other monument.

6. The enclosed tracing is from an old drawing and shows the great arches of the palace. The cornice at A A A has been replaced by an eave painted with red and white stripes, and the superstructure B B B has been wholly omitted in the restorations.

7. I asked Colonel Sankey, in April last, to procure for me Mr. Chisholm's drawings of the palace, with the view of having them published on behalf of the Madras Government, with other drawings of fine national monuments, the object being to spread abroad the knowledge of all kinds of Indian Architecture and to show buildings that have been restored or are about to be put in hand.

8. Hoping that the points brought to notice will receive consideration and that the drawings may be placed at my disposal for publication.

No. 577.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

OOTACAMUND,
17th July 1882.(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Acting Under Secretary.

No. 495 E.

Copy of extract paragraphs 6 and 7, with the tracing referred to, forwarded to the Consulting Architect to Government for any remarks he may wish to offer, and for report whether he can furnish the drawings required by Captain Cole.

28th July 1882.

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

No. 97-A.

From R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 4th August 1882, No. 356.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum No. 495 E., dated the 28th ultimo, on the subject of the Madura Palace restorations.

2. The old drawing which Captain Cole, R.E., encloses is the counterpart of one common in Madura some years ago, and either this or a *fac-simile* of it was carefully examined by me about the time the restorations were commenced.

3. There appears to be some confusion of technical terms in the words "eave" and "cornice," but if I understand Captain Cole rightly, he means to say that I have drawn on my imagination for a feature which did not exist, and altogether omitted others which did exist. I need scarcely point out to Government that this is not the case. The contour of the member which I placed on the *façade* under consideration followed the old lines, portions being still left at either side of the court.

4. With regard to the second point, I have been careful to add nothing calculated to exercise my imagination, unless of course in the modifications essential to make the structure useful; nor does it appear clear that Captain Cole himself would have added the excrescences shown in the old drawing even supposing them to have existed at one time.

5. With regard to the production of the drawings, they were drafted for a particular purpose and they are not, in my opinion, suited for publication. I shall be most happy if the Government desire it to put them into a suitable form and then place them entirely at the service of Captain Cole.

6. As my only desire is to see the work completed in the spirit of the original designers so far as that can be at present ascertained, and as two heads are proverbially better than one, I shall be most happy to receive any suggestions or results of research which Captain Cole may favor me with, but I would beg that any such communication should be as full and as explanatory as possible.

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ORDER—dated 15th August 1882, No. 2085 W., Public Works.

The letter from the Consulting Architect to Government will be communicated to Captain Cole with reference to his No. 288, dated 3rd July 1882.

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(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

To the Consulting Architect to Government.
" Curator of Ancient Monuments in India.
" Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1882) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 15th.

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G.O., 15th Aug. 1882, No. 2085 W

AUGUST.

Nos. 97-98.

Tirumal Naick's Palace.

Letter from the Consulting Architect to Government regarding suggestions of Captain Cole in connection with the improvements to —, communicated to the latter, and Mr. Chisholm requested to prepare drawings of the works to be placed at Captain Cole's disposal.

No. 288

From
The Curator of Ancient Monuments in India
To

The Chief Secretary to the
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Dated Simla 3rd July 1882

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Curator of Nat. Mus. in India
Bombay

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No 495 E d/28th July 1882

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(S) R. H. Sankey
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Recd to Capt MB
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 The Cons Architect to Govt
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P. W. Dept
 Public Works
 (Archaeology)

Recd n^o August 12

From

The Curator of Ancient
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Dated 3rd July 1882

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Consulting Architects Office
 Chepauk 4th August 1882

From

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V. M. Wheeler

Consulting Archt. to Government

P. W. D. No. 43

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Roads and Buildings

From

The Consulting Architect
to Government

To

The Chief Engineer, P.W.D.,
Roads and Buildings
branch

No 356

Dated 4th August 1882.

Received 10th August 1882

No. of enclosures

Madura Palace restorations

P. W. DEPARTMENT

Read the following:—

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Endorsement Public Department dated 17th July 1882.
on a letter from the Curator of Ancient Monuments in India
from the Consulting Architect to Government No 356
dated 4th August 1882.

FOR ORDERS.

C. A. Hanbury
Colonel, R.E.

Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

Obtained,
August 1882 }

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R.S.

No 2085

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 15th August 1882
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To,
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" Curator of Ancient Monuments ✓ 3
in India.
" Mr. Southwell ✓ 50

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R.H.

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G. O., 15th Aug 1882, No. 2085/3.

Nos. 97 & 98

Trinmal Naick's Palace

Letter from the Cons.
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