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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Read the following paper:—

No. 202 V.Z.

No. 176.

Report on the Treasury at Palkonda.

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3. One of the chests is a large one with a box-lock and also two large "Chubb's" padlocks which secure weak chains and hasps. The other chest is a small one with a large "Chubb's" padlock securing a stout hasp. In the large chest is kept the general store of coin and stamps (said to seldom exceed Rs. 10,000), in the smaller one only such an amount as it is considered will probably be required for one day's expenditure.

4. It is useless attempting to make a "strong-room" of the place, one of "Chubb's" burglar and fire-proof safes would be the cheapest arrangement for the place; but matters as they now stand would be somewhat improved by strengthening the chains, and especially their staples, with which the larger chest is fastened, and by furnishing the smaller chest with a second padlock, and so securing the smaller chest to the larger one that the former could not be easily carried away.

OOPPINAVALSA,
23rd February 1882.

(Signed) G. T. WALTCH,
Ex. Engr. in charge, First Circle.

To the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

No. 108 G.N.

Chicacole Treasury, Ganjam District.

THIS treasury is a specially-built "bombproof" building, situated in the court-yard enclosed by the buildings used as the Sub-Magistrate's and Tahsildar's Courts and the wall of the sub-jail.

2. The "strong-room" has no openings into it except the door, which opens into a small shroff's room in front of it.

3. The strong-room door is iron barred with a wooden frame and cross bars. It is secured by a fine Chubb's padlock which fastens a bolt shooting into a socket; the attachment of that socket is weak.

4. The chests in which the treasure is kept are wooden ones bound with iron, some fastened by two padlocks others by only one padlock. The chains and staples connected with these padlocks are absurdly weak.

5. The "shroff's room," in front of the strong-room, has two small iron-barred windows with wooden frames and a door similar to the one in the strong-room, but fastened with only a common padlock. In this room is kept the "Paymaster of Pensioners'" cash-chest.

6. The "strong-room" may be made really worthy of the name if the following precautions be taken:—

- (a.) Strengthen the attachment of the present door bolt.
- (b.) Add another bolt with a Chubb's padlock.
- (c.) To prevent the wooden bars and frame of the door being easily cut through screw on to the inside of them, with $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch screws, about 4 inches apart, flat iron bars 2-inch by $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch; the iron bars along the wooden cross bars to extend over the joint at each end on to and across the inner door frame. Also, "set up" (form a head to) one of the pintles on which the door hinges turn, so that even were the upper outer wooden frame cut away the door could not be lifted off the hinges.
- (d.) Keep all the treasure in chests, each of which should be secured by two locks, which, if padlocks, should have the chains, bars and hasps attached to them of reasonable strength.

7. If any treasure is to be kept in the shroff's room its door should be treated as recommended for the door of the strong-room (see (a), (b) and (c) paragraph 6), but it is of course advisable that all treasure should be kept in the strong-room.

NARASANNAPETTI,
28th February 1882.

(Signed) G. T. WALTCH,
Offg. Suptg. Engr., First Circle.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department,
in accordance with Government Order on the subject of treasuries.

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Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, First Circle.
„ Financial Department.

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THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
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Ex-Eng. in charge 1st Circle.

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