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From J. A. JONES, Esq., Vice-President, Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Presidency Postmaster, dated Madras, 21st April 1884, No. 420.

I have the honor to inform you that the first portion of your communication will receive attention and remedy if possible. The second portion ought to be referred to the Consulting Architect for the construction of the works necessary to connect the pipes to the main sewer and for communication with me in regard to same.

From S. SULLEN, Esq., Presidency Postmaster, to the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, dated Madras, 9th May 1884, No. 525.

The road leading from the western gateway of the new general post office to the esplanade is in need of repair, and as our mail carts and vans have to pass that way when going to and returning from the Railway Central Station and the suburban offices, I have the honor to request the favor of your issuing orders for the early repair of the said road, which is a good deal cut up behind the Scottish School and Messrs. Parry and Company's.

2. As the covering of the sewer alluded to in my No. 268, dated 18th April 1884, has not been taken in hand up to date, I shall feel obliged by your directing it to be done, as it is impossible for any one to stand at the gateway from the stench which emanates from the sewer.

From J. A. JONES, Esq., Vice-President, Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Presidency Postmaster, dated Madras, 14th May 1884, No. 531.

Replying to your letter, No. 525, of the 9th instant, I have the honor to inform you that instructions have been issued to repair the road referred to.

2. With regard to the 2nd paragraph of your letter, I find that the nuisance complained of arises from the water-closets in the post office being connected with the public sewer, for which no permission was given. I have addressed the Consulting Architect to Government on the subject.

From J. A. JONES, Esq., Vice-President, Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Consulting Architect to Government, dated Madras, 14th May 1884, No. 530.

With reference to the accompanying extract from letter, No. 525, dated 9th May, from the Presidency Postmaster, I have the honor to inform you that I have inspected the sewer and made inquiries in regard to the smell complained of. I find that the water-closets in the post office are connected with the sewer, but I cannot find that any permission has been granted for such connection which, therefore, has been illegally made, if I am correct in my supposition that there is no sanction for such connection.

If you will kindly refer to my No. 91 of the 23rd January 1882, of which I enclose a copy, you will see that any such connection was objected to.

I may, moreover, add that the deposit of such matter in any sewer belonging to the municipal commissioners is an offence under the Act.

The nuisance is very great, and I will be glad if you will kindly take the matter into your early consideration and arrange for the disposal of night-soil according to law.

Extract from letter, No. 525, dated 9th May 1884, from the Presidency Postmaster, to the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

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From S. SULLEN, Esq., Presidency Postmaster, to the Vice-President, Municipal Commission, Madras, dated Madras, 16th May 1884, No. 605.

Referring to your No. 531, dated 14th May 1884, I have the honor to inform you the general post office portion of the building has no water-closets.

I presume you refer to those on the telegraph side.

From Major J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., Officiating Consulting Architect to Government, to the Vice-President, Municipal Commission, Madras, dated Chepâk, 16th May 1884, No. 239.

I have the honor to acknowledge your Public Works and Conservancy No. 530, dated 14th May 1884.

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2. The manner in which the drainage of the new post and telegraph offices was to be carried out was fully considered by the Government of Madras, who passed final order on the whole question in their P.W. No. 1282 W., dated 22nd May 1882 (copy enclosed). In this order it is stated that "the Sanitary Commissioner, who has had the subject before him, is generally of opinion that the Consulting Architect would seem to have made the best possible arrangements within the building itself" (for latrine accommodation); and, again, that "the Right Honorable the Governor in Council accordingly directs that the sanctioned arrangements be first tried. Should any inconvenience ultimately result, it will, no doubt, be quite possible to apply an adequate remedy."

3. The Consulting Architect replied to the letter you quote in his letter, No. 822, dated 25th January 1882; and in his letter, No. 895, dated 24th February 1882, he forwarded to you a "plan of the post and telegraph offices showing the drains from the latrines."

4. The latrines in the new buildings have therefore been constructed in accordance with the orders of Government and the details have been carried out by your own department of Public Works.

5. All these circumstances, with which I cannot but think you were not fully acquainted, completely alter the complexion of the case and prevent it from being viewed solely from an apparently legal aspect.

6. The subject considered practically is this: The latrines in the post and telegraph offices have been constructed on a system carried out under the specific orders of Government and by your own municipal officers. In the final connection of the system with your main sewer "an inconvenience" (anticipated by Government) characterised by you as "very great" has arisen. The Postmaster and I have therefore a month ago asked you "to apply an adequate remedy," which I trust you will now see proper to do at your earliest convenience.

7. I shall be happy to meet you at any time to arrange matters satisfactorily on the lines laid down by Government. In any case, I beg to be allowed to hold myself clear of all responsibility should, unhappily, any disaster result from the "very great nuisance" complained of.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, dated 22nd May 1882, No. 1282 W.

Read—the following papers :—

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Do. Consulting Architect to Government, dated 27th March 1882, No. 1001.
Do. Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, „ 31st „ „ „ 253.
Do. do. „ 12th April „ „ C. 1.
Do. Consulting Architect to Government, „ 19th „ „ „ 43.
Do. Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, „ 4th May „ „ 419.
Do. Consulting Architect to Government, „ 10th „ „ „ 111.

Order—dated 22nd May 1882, No. 1282 W., Public Works.

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2. The only site available seems to be the reclaimed ground nearly opposite the post office building on the beach, and this Mr. Chisholm is of opinion is a most unsuitable position, not only on account of the appearance of such an object in the sea-view from the building and the beach, but on sanitary grounds generally, the prevailing winds being from that quarter. He, moreover, considers that, owing to the distance and other inconvenience connected with the site, latrines in this position would not be much used.

3. The Sanitary Commissioner, who has had the subject before him, is generally of opinion that latrine accommodation outside the building would be preferable, but that the Consulting Architect would seem to have made the best possible arrangements within the building itself.

4. In this opinion the Chief Engineer concurs, and considers the proposal to place the latrine at the back of the building as the only feasible plan under the circumstances.

5. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council accordingly directs that the sanctioned arrangements be first tried. Should any inconvenience ultimately result, it will, no doubt, be quite possible to apply an adequate remedy.

(True Extract.)

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

8. The net result is that the misgivings expressed in the Government Order above referred to have been justified, and that the system fails as it is not adapted to the drainage of the city. It must be remembered that the whole scheme of drainage now being carried out in Black Town is based on the supposition that night-soil deposits will be excluded and will be dealt with by separate agency. Mr. Chisholm was under the impression (letter, No. 822, dated 25th January 1882) that "as the building will be the last on the sewer draining into it before it empties itself into the sea, the general question of carrying night-soil by water carriage cannot be applied except so far as the building itself is concerned." Mr. Chisholm, however, overlooked the fact that the sewer in question runs along the beach in front of the High Court and of all the mercantile and other offices there, and that the whole of this area would be exposed to intolerable nuisance from the ventilators and rain-overflows of the sewer, if a regular discharge of night-soil into it were permitted. Moreover, the intercepting sewer in question will no longer discharge into the sea when the drainage pumping operations come into force, but will be connected with the main pumping station at Ráyapuram, where all solid deposits are removed by a strainer before the sewage passes to the pumps.

9. The opinion expressed to Mr. Chisholm by the Vice-President at the outset has now unfortunately been confirmed by practical experience, and nothing remains to be done but to adopt the system of dry conservancy which was asked for by the municipality and was on different grounds advocated by the Postmaster-General and the Sanitary Commissioner as explained in the Government order already referred to.

10. I beg, therefore, that Government will be pleased to issue the necessary orders on the subject.

Enclosures.

From J. A. JONES, Esq., Vice-President, Municipal Commission, to the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, dated Madras, 30th May 1884.

I have the honor to forward, for your information, certain correspondence which has passed between this office and that of the Consulting Architect to Government regarding the disposal of the night-soil from the water-closets of the Telegraph Department.

Letter from	Consg. Architect,	19th Jan. 1882,	No. 801.
Do.	Vice-President,	23rd ,, ,,	,, 91.
Do.	Consg. Architect,	25th ,, ,,	,, 822.
Do.	do.	24th Feb. ,,	,, 895.
Do.	do.	8th Jan. 1884,	,, 1351.
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Do.	Presidency Postmaster,	16th May 1884,	No. 665.
Do.	Consg. Architect,	16th May 1884,	No. 239.
Do.	Vice-President,	28th May 1884,	No. 611.

The nuisance is very great and the postmaster has not exaggerated its inconvenience.

While the deposit of night soil in the sewer is illegal under section 317 of the City of Madras Municipal Act, 1883 (Madras Act No. I of 1884), I may add that the nuisance will, in course of time, be extensive as deposits will, no doubt, take place in the intercepting sewer along the beach which is joined by the sewer at the back of the post office. This will be the cause of complaint by the occupants of the many buildings, public and private, facing the harbour, and will cause nuisance at the outfall of the new sewage works.

The system adopted is not approved of by the best sanitary authorities of the present day, and it is a method of disposal entirely opposed to the whole conservancy system of the city of Madras.

I would direct your attention to letter, No. 1351, of 8th January 1884, from the Consulting Architect to Government, requesting alterations in the piping, &c., in connection with the water-closets. This letter was passed on to the water works department for execution of the necessary works, but the letter did not mention that pipes were to be led from the water-closets in the sewer, nor was the Acting Vice-President, Mr. Scott, aware of the previous correspondence. Had I been aware of, or able to trace this letter sooner, I would have probably somewhat modified the statement contained in my No. 611, of 28th May 1884, to the Consulting Architect as regards the work having been done without orders, but I must still maintain that, whatever orders might have been inferred from the orders given on that letter of the Consulting Architect, no orders directing the junction of the water-closets with the sewer have ever been issued from this department.

From G.O., No. 1282 W., Public Works, dated 22nd May 1882, paragraph 5, it was evidently anticipated that the latrines in the building would become a nuisance, and they undoubtedly are so. An inconvenience has now resulted, and the only remedy I can suggest is to adopt dry-earth latrines outside the building but in proximity to it, and thus bring matters into accordance with the present conservancy system and conform to municipal law.

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From R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., Consulting Architect to Government, to the Vice-President, Municipal Commission, Madras, dated Chepâk, 19th January 1882, No. 801.

I have the honor to request your attention to the conservancy of the new post and telegraph office.

In your letter, No. 405, dated the 24th July 1880, you recommended dry conservancy, but now that the new sewer runs close behind the latrines, I think it open to question whether the wet conservancy would not be preferable.

There would be over 400 people using the latrines, and the danger of keeping the "poudrette," on the premises for 12 or 14 hours, even with the best arrangements, seems to me greater than the possible danger arising from a well-devised water conservancy.

An additional trap might be placed at the road level, and if the upper end of this were to ventilate to the roofs, I think the arrangement would be perfect. Kindly let me have your opinion.

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In reply to your No. 801, dated 19th January, I have the honor to inform you that your proposal for the wet conservancy of the post office is opposed to the principles of the conservancy system carried out in Black Town, and that the scheme of drainage now being carried out has not been designed with the idea of disposing of night-soil by means of water carriage, and that therefore I am unable to agree to your proposal for wet conservancy for the general post office.

I will, however, be glad to have a plan at your early convenience showing the position of the drains carrying off the rainfall from the building.

From R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., Consulting Architect to Government, to the Vice-President, Municipal Commission, Madras, dated 25th January 1882, No. 822.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 91, dated 23rd January.

I am quite aware that wet conservancy is opposed to dry, and that the latter is the general system applied to Black Town, but I fail to see that these facts present a reason why a large building should not be treated on its own merits; and, further, as the building will be the last on the sewer draining into it before it empties into the sea, the general question of carrying night-soil by water carriage cannot be applied except so far as the building itself is concerned.

I will forward you the points for connecting the rainfall in the course of a day or two.

From R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., Consulting Architect to Government, to the Engineer to the Madras Municipality, dated 24th February 1882, No. 895.

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I have the honor to forward you herewith a plan of the post and telegraph office showing the outlets for drainage from the main building. A A are drains from the latrines.

From Mr. J. M. LEWIS, Manager, Consulting Architect's Office, to the Vice-President, Madras Municipal Commission, Public Works and Conservancy Department, dated Chepâk, 8th January 1884, No. 1351.

I have the honor to request that you will kindly arrange to fix the water-closets and make the necessary alterations in the piping at the post and telegraph office. Sergeant Smith, the Supervisor in charge, will give your men any assistance that may be required.

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From S. SULLEN, Esq., Presidency Postmaster, to the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, dated Madras, 18th April 1884, No. 268.

The sewer which runs in front of Duffy's hotel has an iron grated opening right in front of one of the gateways on the west of the new general post office and telegraph building on the beach; and as it is exceedingly offensive, I have the honor to request the favor of your kindly directing such measures to be adopted as will put a stop to the nuisance I complain of.

Some arrangements are also necessary for the outlet of the water which falls from the pipes into the drains of the new general post office enclosure.

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From J. A. JONES, Esq., Vice-President, Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Consulting Architect to Government, dated Madras, 28th May 1884, No. 611.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 239, dated 16th May 1884.

Your letter informed me, for the first time, that the connections between the telegraph office latrines and the main sewer were done by this department. I find the connections were so made by a subordinate without any orders and unknown to the head of the department.

I regret I cannot suggest any remedy, and, as I consider that the arrangements cannot be allowed to remain as they are, it is intended to refer the matter to the Government for disposal.

No. 1263, Financial.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
11th June 1884.

(Signed) J. D. REES,
Acting Under Secretary.

From Major J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., Officiating Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepâk, 7th June 1884, No. 369.

I have the honor to forward copies of correspondence, as per margin, relating to the drainage of the new post and telegraph offices for such action as you may seem fit to direct.

2. We have endeavoured to act loyally according to the orders of Government, and I hardly think the Municipality of Madras have met us half way.

1. Letter from Vice-President, Municipal Commission, to Consulting Architect, No. 530, dated 14th May 1884.
2. Answer of the Consulting Architect, No. 239, dated 16th May 1884.
3. Reply of the Vice-President, No. 611, dated 28th May 1884.
4. Letter from Postmaster, No. 792, dated 3rd June.

ORDER—dated 13th June 1884, No. $\frac{1477 \text{ W.}}{\text{A}}$ Public Works.

In the circumstances explained by the President of the Madras Municipal Commission, immediate arrangements should be made by the Consulting Architect for introducing a dry conservancy system for the new post office and telegraph building, and for excluding night-soil from the municipal drains.

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3. The following telegram was despatched to the Consulting Architect on the 13th instant:—

> "Immediate arrangements should be made for introducing dry conservancy for new post and telegraph building and excluding night-soil from municipal drains."

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Consulting Architect to Government.
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Dated June, 13th.

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G.O., 13th June 1884, No. 1477 W. / A

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New Post Office and Telegraph Building

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P. W. C. No. 634

Municipal Office,
PUBLIC WORKS AND CONSERVANCY DEPARTMENT,
Madras, 5th June 1884.

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From A. G. Arundel Esq.
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A Arundel
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Buildings

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Chepauk, 19th January 1882.

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Sir,

I have the honor to request your attention to the Conservancy of the new Post and Telegraph Office.

In your letter No 405 dated the 24th July 1880 you recommended dry conservancy but now that the new Sewer runs close behind the Latrines I think it open to question whether the wet conservancy would not be preferable.

There would be over 400 people using the Latrines and the danger of keeping the "poudrette" on the premises for 12 or 14 hours even with the best arrangements seems to me greater than the possible danger arising from a well-devised water conservancy.

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An additional trap might be placed at the Road level and if the upper end of this were to ventilate to the roofs I think the arrangement would be perfect. Kindly let me have your opinion.

I have the honor &c
(Sd) R. F. Chisholm.
Consg. Archt to Govt.

(True Copy.)

A. S. Rundall
President
Municipal Commission.

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P. W. C. No. 91.

Municipal Office,
PUBLIC WORKS AND CONSERVANCY DEPARTMENT,
Madras, 23rd January 1882.

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From
J. A. Jones Esq.
Vice President, Municipal Commission.

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To
The Consulting Architect
to Government.

Sir,

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I will however be glad to have a plan at your early convenience showing the position of the drains carrying off the rainfall from the

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building.

I have the honor &ca.
(Sd) J. A. Jones
Vice Presdt. Munl. Comm.

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A. Arundel
President,
Municipal Commission.

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No 822.

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From
The Consulting Architect,
to Government.

To
The Vice President,
Madras Municipality.

Dated 25th January 1882.
Received

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 91 dated 23d January.

I am quite aware that wet conservancy is opposed to dry and that the latter is the general system applied to Black Town but I fail to see that these facts present a reason why a large building should not be treated on its own merits and further as the building will be the last on the sewer draining into it before it empties into the sea, the general question of carrying night soil by water carriage cannot be applied

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(Sd) J. A. Jones
Vice Presdt. Munl. Commn.

(True Copy.)

A. Arundel
President,
Municipal Commission.

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except sofar as the building itself is concerned.

I will forward you the points for connecting the rain fall in the course of a day or two.

I have the honor &ca.
(Sd.) R. F. Chisholm
Cnsg. Archt. to Govt.

(True Copy.)

A Brundell
President,
Municipal Commission.

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No. 895.

From
The Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras.

To
The Engineer to the
Madras Municipality.

Dated 24th February 1882

Recd.

Your letter No. 91 dated 23rd Jany. 82.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you herewith a plan of the Post and Telegraph Office shewing the outlets for drainage from the main building. AA are drains from the latrines.

I have the honor &ca
(Sd.) R. F. Chisholm
Cnsg. Archt. to Govt.

(True Copy)

A Brundell
President,
Municipal Commission.

Pros of the Madras Govt W. Dept. 1477/A 8/p 8

22d May 1882, No. 1282 W., Public Works.

Government of Madras
Public Works Department.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 119

Read — the following papers:—

Letter from	Postmaster General	dated	22-3-82	No.	9610–118
"	Consulting Archt. to Govt.	"	27-3-82	"	1001
"	Sany. Commr. Madras	"	31-3-82	"	253
"	" "	"	12-4-82	"	C. 1
"	Consulting Archt to Govt.	"	19-4-82	"	43
"	Sany. Commr. Madras	"	4-5-82	"	419
"	Consulting Archt to Govt	"	10-5-82	"	111

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No. 1282

Order — dated 22nd May 1882, W., Public Works.

In his letter of the 22nd March 1882, No. 9610–118, the Postmaster General submits for the orders of Government the question of latrine accommodation in connection with the new Post office building on the Beach at Madras. In the sanctioned designs this is provided for in the main building, and as about 200 clerks and other officials are expected to occupy the building, the Postmaster General

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General considers that on sanitary grounds the latrines should be built on a separate site.

2. The only site available seems to be the reclaimed ground nearly opposite the Post Office building on the beach, and this Mr. Chisholm is of opinion is a most unsuitable position, not only on account of the appearance of such an object in the sea view from the building and the beach, but on sanitary grounds generally, the prevailing winds being from that quarter. He moreover considers that owing to the distance and other inconveniences connected with the site, latrines in this position would not be much used.

3. The Sanitary Commissioner, who has had the subject before him, is generally of opinion that latrine accommodation outside the building would be preferable, but that the Consulting Architect would seem to have made the best possible arrangements within the building itself.

4. In this opinion the Chief Engineer concurs, and considers the

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proposal to place the latrine at the back of the building as the only feasible plan under the circumstances.

5. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council accordingly directs that the sanctioned arrangements be first tried. Should any inconvenience ultimately result, it will no doubt be quite possible to apply an adequate remedy.

(True Extract)

(Sd.) R. H. Sankey, Col. R.E.
Secy. to Govt. P. W. D.

To the Consulting Architect to Government.
" Postmaster-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Financial Department.

(True Copy)

President,
Municipal Commission.

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Consg. Architect's Office

No. 1851 Chepauk 8th January 1884.

To

The Vice President,

Madras Municipal Commission,

S. W. Conservancy Dept.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will kindly arrange to fix the Water Closets and make the necessary alterations in the piping at the Post and Telegraph Office. Sergt. Smith the Supervisor in charge will give your men any assistance that may be required.

As the work is one of urgent necessity, I request that you will be so good as to issue instructions for the execution of the work at your earliest convenience.

I have the honor &c.

/Sd./ I. M. Lewis
Manager, Consg. Archt's Office.

/True Copy./

A. T. Arundel
President,
Municipal Commission.

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Consg. Architect's Office
Chepauk 8th January 1884.

No. 1851

To

The Vice President,
Madras Municipal Commission,
P. W. & Conservancy Dept.

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(Sd.) I. M. Lewis
Manager, Consg. Archt's Office.

(True Copy.)

A T Arundel
President,
Municipal Commission.

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No. 268 1477/A 8/p11

Post office of India.

Madras, 19th April 1884

From

The Presidency Postmaster,
Madras.

To

The President,
Municipal Commission
Madras.

Sir,

The sewer which runs in front of Duffeys Hotel has an iron grated opening right in front of one of the gateways on the west of the new General Post office and Telegraph building on the beach and as it is exceedingly offensive I have the honor to request the favour of your kindly directing such measures to be adopted as will put a stop to the nuisance I complain of.

Some arrangents are also necessary for the outlet of the water which falls from the pipes into the drains of the new General Post Office enclosure.

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I have the honor &c.
/Sd./ W. Pullen,
Presy. Postmaster.

/True Copy/

A T Arundel
President
Municipal Commission.

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P. W. C. No. 420

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Municipal Office,
PUBLIC WORKS AND CONSERVANCY DEPARTMENT,

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Madras, 21st April 1884.

From J. A. Jones Esq.
Vice President, Municipal Commission.

To The Presidency Postmaster
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that the first portion of your communication will receive attention & remedy if possible. The second portion ought to be referred to the Consulting Architect for the construction of the works necessary to connect the pipes to the main sewer and for communication with me in regard to same.

I have the honor &c.
/Sd./ J. A. Jones
Vice Presdt. Municl. Commn.

/True Copy/

A T Arundel
President,
Municipal Commission.

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Post Office of India.

Presidency Post Office,
Madras, 9th May 1884.
No. 525.

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From
The Presidency Postmaster,
Madras.

To
The President,
Municipal Commission,
Madras.

Sir:

The road leading from the western gateway of the new General Post Office to the Esplanade is in need of repair, and as our mail carts and vans have to pass that way when going to & returning from the Railway Central Station and the Suburban Offices, I have the honor to request the favour of your issuing orders for the early repair of the said road which is a good deal cut up behind the Scottish School and Messrs. Parry & Co's.

2. As the covering of the sewer alluded to in my No. 268 dated 18-4-84 has not been taken in hand up to date I shall feel obliged by your

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directing it to be done as it is impossible for any one to stand at the gateway from the stench which emanates from the sewer.

I have the honor &c.

(Sd.) S. Mullen,

Presy. Postmaster.

(True Copy)

A T Arundel

President,

Municipal Commission.

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P. W. C. No. 531.

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Municipal Office,

PUBLIC WORKS AND CONSERVANCY DEPARTMENT,

Madras, 11th May 1881.

From J. A. Jones Esq.

Vice President, Municipal Commission.

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To The Presidency Postmaster,

Madras.

SIR,

Replying to your letter No 525 of the 9th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that instructions have been issued to repair the road referred to.

2. With regard to the 2d para. of your letter I find that the nuisance complained of arises from the water closets in the Post Office being connected with the public sewer for which no permission was given. I have addressed the Consulting Architect to Government on the subject.

I have the honor &c.

(Sd.) J. A. Jones.

Vice Prest., Muncl. Commn.

(True Copy)

A T Arundel

President,

Municipal Commission.

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P. W. C. No. 530.

Municipal Office,

Public Works and Conservancy Department,

Madras, 14th May 1884.

From J. A. Jones Esq.
Vice President, Municipal Commission.

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To The Consulting Architect
to Government
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the accompanying extract from letter No. 525. dated 9th May from the Presidency Postmaster, I have the honor to inform you that I have inspected the sewer and made enquiries in regard to the smell complained of. I find that the water closets in the Post Office are connected with the sewer but I cannot find that any permission has been granted for such connection which therefore has been illegally made if I am correct in my supposition that there is no sanction for such connection.

If you will kindly refer to my No. 91 of the 23rd January 1882 of which I enclose a copy you will see that any such connection was objected to.

I may moreover add that the deposit of such matter in any sewer

sewer belonging to the Municipal Commissioners is an offence under the Act.

The nuisance is very great and I will be glad if you will kindly take the matter into your early consideration and arrange for the disposal of night soil according to law.

I have the honor &c.

(Sd) I. A. Jones.
Vice Presdt. Munl. Comm

Extract from letter No 525 dated 9th May 1884 from the Presidency Postmaster, Madras to the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

As the covering of the sewer alluded to in my No 268 dated 18-4-84 has not been taken in hand up to date, I shall feel obliged by your directing it to be done as it is impossible for any one to stand at the gateway from the stench which emanates from the sewer.

(True Extract)

(Sd) I. A. Jones
Vice Presdt. Munl. Comm.

(True Copy)

A T Arundel
President,
Municipal Commission.

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Presidency Post office,
No 605. 1477/A Madras, 16th May 1884.

From

The Presidency Postmaster
Madras

To

I. A. Jones Esq.
Vice President, Municipal Commission,
Madras.

Sir,

Referring to your No 531 dated 11th May 1884, I have the honor to inform you the General Post office portion of the building has no water closets.

I presume you refer to those on the Telegraph side.

I have the honor &c.

(Sd) F. Fullen
Presy. Postmaster.

(True Copy)

A T Arundel
President
Municipal Commission.

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Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk Madras,
16th May 1884.

1477/D No. 239.

From

The Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras.

To

The Vice President,
Madras Municipality.

Sir,

Enclosure 1. I have the honor to acknowledge your P. W. R. No. 580 dated 14th May 1884.

2. The manner in which the drainage of the new Post and Telegraph Offices was to be carried out was fully considered by the Government of Madras who passed final order on the whole question in their G. O. No. 1282 W. dated 22d May 1882 (Copy enclosed). In this order it is stated that "The Sanitary Commissioner who "has had the subject before him, is "generally of opinion that the Consulting "Architect would seem to have made "the best possible arrangements within "the building itself," (for latrine accommodation) and again that "The Right "Honorable the Governor in Council, ac"cordingly directs that the sanctioned

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4. The Latrines in the new buildings have therefore been constructed in accordance with the orders of Government and the details have been carried out by your own department of Public Works.

5. All these circumstances, with which I cannot but think you were not fully acquainted, completely alter the complexion of the case and prevent it from being viewed solely from an apparently legal aspect.

6. The subject considered practically is this:- the Latrines in the Post and Telegraph Offices have been constructed

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constructed on a system carried out under the specific orders of Government and by your own Municipal Officers. In the final connection of the system with your main sewer "an inconvenience" (anticipated by Government) characterised by you as "very great" has arisen. The Postmaster and I have therefore a month ago asked you "to apply an adequate remedy" which I trust you will now see proper to do at your earliest convenience.

7. I shall be happy to meet you at any time to arrange matters satisfactorily on the lines laid down by Government. In any case I beg to be allowed to hold myself clear of all responsibility should unhappily any disaster result from the "very great nuisance" complained of.

I have the honor &c.

(Sd) J. L. L. Morant
Major R.E.
Offg. Cons. Archt to Govt

(True Copy)

A T Arundel

President
Municipal Commission.

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(Sd) J. L. L. Morant
Major R.E.
Offg. Consg. Archt to Govt

(True Copy)

President
Municipal Commission -

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P. W. C. No. 611.

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Municipal Office,

PUBLIC WORKS AND CONSERVANCY DEPARTMENT,

1477/R Madras, 28th May 1884.

From
J. A. Jones Esq.
Vice President, Municipal Commission.

To
The Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 239 dated 16th May 1884.

Your letter informed me for the first time that the connections between the Telegraph Office latrines and the main sewer were done by this Department. I find the connections were so made by a subordinate without any orders and unknown to the Head of the Department.

I regret I cannot suggest any remedy and as I consider that the arrangements cannot be allowed to remain as they are it is intended to refer the matter to the Government for disposal.

I have the honor &c.

(Sd) J. A. Jones.
Vice Prest. Munl. Comn.

(True Copy)

President,
Municipal Commission.

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Municipal Office,

Public Works and Conservancy Department,

Madras, 30th May 1884.

From J. A. Jones Esq

Vice President, Municipal Commission.

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To

A. T. Arundel Esq

President, Municipal Commission.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information certain correspondence which has passed between this Office and that of the Consulting Architect to Government regarding the disposal of the night soil from the Water Closets of the Telegraph Department.

Letter from	Consulting Architect to Govt. dd.	19 - 1 - 82	No 801
"	Vice President "	23 - 1 - 82	" 91
"	Consulting Architect to Govt "	25 - 1 - 82	" 822
"	" "	24 - 2 - 82	" 895
"	" "	8 - 1 - 84	" 1351
"	Presidency Postmaster "	18 - 4 - 84	" 268
"	Vice President "	21 - 4 - 84	" 420
"	Presidency Postmaster "	9 - 5 - 84	" 525
"	Vice President "	14 - 5 - 84	" 531
"	" "	14 - 5 - 84	" 530
"	Presidency Postmaster "	16 - 5 - 84	" 605
"	Consulting Architect to Govt. "	16 - 5 - 84	" 239
"	Vice President "	28 - 5 - 84	" 611

The nuisance is very great and the Postmaster has not exaggerated its inconvenience.

While the deposit of night soil in the sewer is illegal under Section 317 of The City of Madras Municipal Act, 1878— Madras IV Act.

Act No. I of 1884. I may add that the nuisance will in course of time be extensive as deposits will no doubt take place in the Intercepting Sewer along the beach which is joined by the sewer at the back of the Post Office; this will be the cause of complaint by the occupants of the many buildings public and private facing the Harbour and will cause nuisance at the outfall of the new sewage works.

The system adopted is not approved of by the best sanitary authorities of the present day and it is a method of disposal entirely opposed to the whole conservancy system of the City of Madras.

I would direct your attention to letter No. 1351 of 8th January 1884 from the Consulting Architect to Government requesting alterations in the piping &ca in connection with the Water Closets. This letter was passed on to the Water Works Department for execution of the necessary works but the letter did not mention that pipes were to be

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led from the Water Closets into the sewer nor was the Acting Vice President, Mr. Scott aware of the previous correspondence. Had I been aware of or able to trace this letter sooner I would have probably somewhat modified the statement contained in my No. 611 of 28th May 1884 to the Consulting Architect as regards the work having been done without orders but I must still maintain that whatever orders might have been inferred from the orders given on that letter of the Consulting Architect no orders directing the junction of the Water Closets with the sewer have ever been issued from this Department.

From G. O. No. 1282 W. Public Works, dated 22d May 1882 para. 5 it was evidently anticipated that the latrines in the building would become a nuisance and they undoubtedly are so. An inconvenience has now resulted and the only remedy I can suggest is to adopt dry earth latrines outside

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outside the building but in proximity to it and thus bring matters into accordance with the present conservancy system and conform to Municipal Law.

I have the honor &c.
(Sd) I. A. Jones
Vice Presdt. Muni. Comn.

(True Copy)

President,
Municipal Commission.

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Madras Municipality.

FROM

THE PRESIDENT,
Municipal Commission,
MADRAS.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
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P.W.D. No. 634.

Dated. 5th
Despd. 5th/6 June 1884
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No. 1477/A w a/s 13th June/84

Subject.

Requests to direct the adoption of a latrine system for the new Post Office on the Beach which will prevent the deposit of night soil in the Municipal sewers.

(with an endorsement)

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No [illegible] Ord. [illegible] June/84

Transferred to the Public works Departt.

(By order)

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Ag Under Secretary

P.T.S. 31/6.

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Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
~~5~~ 7th June 1884.

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From

The Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

Sir,

Enclosures.

1 Letter from Vice President Municipal Commission to Consultg: Architect No. 530 dated 14th May 1884.
2. Answer of the Consultg: architect No. 239 dated 16th May 1884.
3 Reply of the Vice President No. 611 dated 28th May 1884
4 Letter from Post Master No. 792 d/ 3rd June

I have the honor to forward copies of Correspondence as per margin relating to the drainage of the new Post and Telegraph offices for such action as you may see fit to direct.

2 We have endeavoured to act loyally according to the orders of Government and I hardly think the Municipality of Madras have met us halfway.

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

J. E. Morant.
Major R.E.

Offg. Consulting Architect to Govt.

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P. W & C No. 530 Madras Municipality

P. W. & Conservancy Dept.

Madras 14th May 1884.

From

J. A. Jones Esqr. 1477/A

Vice-President, Mun. Commission

To

The Consg. Archt. to Govt, Madras

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Vice President

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Consg: Archt's Office.

P. W & C No. 91 Madras 23rd January 182

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J. A. Jones Esqr.

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Vice President, Mun: Commission

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The Consg: Archt. to Govt.

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(sd) J. A. Jones.

Vice-President M. C.

(True Copy)

(~~Sd~~) A Krishna Saccindow

No. 239

Consulting Architect's office
Chepauk Madras
16th May 1884

From

The Consulting Architect 1477/D
to the Government of Madras.

To

The Vice President
Madras Municipality.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter P. W & C No. 530 dated 14th May 1884.

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7. I shall be happy to meet you at any time to arrange matters satisfactorily on the lines laid down by Government. In any case I beg to be allowed to hold myself clear of all responsibility should unhappily any disaster result from the very great nuisance complained of.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(signed) J. L. L. Morant Maj
Offg. Consultg. architect
to Govt.

(True Copy)

~~Major R.~~

Akishia Saunders
Jr Offg. Consultg. Accountant architect to Govt.

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P.W. & C. No. 611.

Madras Municipality
P.W. & Conservancy Dept.
Madras 28th May 1884.

From

J. A. Jones Esqr.

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Vice-President, Municipal Commission

To

The Consg: Architect to Govt
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 239 dated 16th May 1884.

Your letter informed me for the first time that the connections between the Telegraph office latrines and the main sewer were done by this Department — I find the connections were so made by a subordinate without any orders and unknown to the Head of the Department.

I regret I cannot suggest any remedy and as I consider that the arrangements cannot be allowed to remain as they are it is intended to refer the matter to the Govern-

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-ment for disposal.

I have &c.

(Sd) J. A. Jones

Vice-President M.C.

(True copy)

Akishia Samirao

Accountant

Consg: Archt's Office

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No. 792

Presidency Post Office

Madras 3rd June 1884

From

The Presidency Postmaster 1477/A

Madras.

To

The Consg: Archt. to Govt

Madras.

Sir

No. 525 of 9/5/84 to the President Mun. Commission

No. 531 of 14/5/84 from – do –

In continuation of my No. 308 dated the 22nd April 1884. I have the honor to forward for your consideration and such action as you may deem called for copies of further correspondence noted in the margin relating to the opening in the sewer opposite one of the gate-ways towards the west of the new Post and Telegraph building.

In place of closing the opening we objected to the Vice-President, Mr. Jones has gone & made another right in front of the gateway leading out from the Post Office premises and not far from the clerk's Tiffin room.

I have therefore to beg you will be so good as to have both

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Accountant
Consg: Archt's Office

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G. O. No 885 dated 3-4-75
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" " 147 W " 18-1-81
" " 546 W " 2-3-82
" " 2264 W " 14-9-81
" " 1490 A W " 15-6-82
" " 1282 W " 22-5-82 original

File given to Mr Innes for Mr Russell of 12/7

P. W. D.

Roads and Buildings.

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From

The Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Dept.

No. 369

Dated 7th June 1884
Received 9th June

No. $\frac{1477}{A}$ w of 13-6-84

No. of Enclosures. 4 6.

Subject.—

Regarding the drainage of the New Post and Telegraph offices

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Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following

Letter from the President, Madras Municipal Commission (H. E. P.W.A. No. 634 d/ June, 5, 1884)
Endt. thereon in Financial Department (" 1263 d/ " 11, ")
Letter from the C. A. to Govt — (" 369 d/ " 7 ")
Same with its encls.

In the circumstances explained by the President of the Madras Municipal Commission, immediate arrangements should be made by the Consulting Architect for introducing a dry conservancy system for the new Post Office and Telegraph building, and for excluding night soil from the municipal drains.

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12-6-84

Cons. Architect to Govt.
Financial Dept.

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Ex. E.A.S.

~~The Hon. H. E. Sull~~

This order should be stored in file. C.A. 13.6

Superseded C.B. 13.6.82

From President. Madras Municipality.
No. 634. dated 4.6.82.

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There seems to be no doubt that the dry system of conservancy must at once be introduced into the new P.O. & Telegraph buildings, — and the attached order has been drafted accordingly for approval.

It is however desirable to know upon what representations the order dated 22.5.82 was passed, and I have sent to Madras for the original papers.

J. MacMount

12.6.82.

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Hon: H. E. Sullivan

SECRETARY TO GOVT. P.W. DEPARTMENT MADRAS
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With reference to the correspondence which I recently submitted regarding the drainage of the Post and Telegraph Offices and the alleged (by [illegible]) infringement of the Act, which prohibits the discharge of matter into the municipal sewers, I now submit copy of a letter which I have obtained from C.A.e

This shows that the action taken by Major Mirant was in concert with the municipal authorities & had their approval. It was their Overseer who carried out the work now objected to by the Vice President.

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8 January 1884.

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Copy of a letter from the Offg. Consg. Architect to Govt. to the Vice President, Madras Municipal Commission. No. 1351 of 8th January 1884.

I have the honor to request that you will kindly arrange to fix the water closets and make the necessary alterations in the piping at the Post & Telegraph Office. Sergt. Smith the Supervisor in Charge will give your men any assistance that may be required.

As the work is one of urgent necessity, I request that you will be so good as to issue instructions for the execution of the work at your earliest convenience.

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This draft can go to the Hon. member as proposed, but the original papers read with Pro: of 22-5-82. No. 1282 W. should be sent for -

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~~Note 12.6.84~~

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The original papers have now come up - There is nothing in the correspondence to indicate that the Municipality objected to the proposed arrangements on *legal* grounds. The C.A. said nothing of this. In para 7 of this letter referred to by D.W. Mr Chisholm alludes to the matter as a difference of professional opinion between himself and the Municipal Engineer- to which he attached little weight.

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submits for orders certain respondence that has recently ssed between the Vice President the Municipality and himself relating o the drainage of the new Post nd Telegraph offices.

In his letter No 530 of 16th May, 84, the Vice President took objection o the connection which had been stablished between the Post Office vater-closets and the Municipal sewer. He pointed out that permission had not been granted for this connection hich had therefore been illegally made. Deposit of matter in a municipal sewer s an offence against the Act. And in is letter No 11 of 21st Jany 82, he had bjected to any such connection.

Before the location of the Telegraph & Post Office Latrines in the new building several letters had passed between the Post Master General, C.E., P.W., & Sanitary Commissioner, and the final orders of Govt thereon were to the effect that Mr Chisholm had made under the circumstances the best possible arrangements which should therefore be tried.

This previous correspondence on which Govt passed these orders related, however, chiefly to the position of the Latrines, and the fact that the Municipal Commissioners had objected to the latrines being worked by wet conservancy & connected with the sewer, which was alluded to in para 7 of Mr Chisholm's letter

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authorities of the steps he wa
-taking in view to giving effe
to this order.

However, as in his letter of
28th May, 84, to C.A., the Vice
President states it is their intentio
to refer the matter to Government
this file may stand over till
receipt of the reference. When it
comes you will be in possession
of the facts.

CS
10-6-84

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Letter from C.A. No 369
of 7.6.84.

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To D.W. For orders.

The papers do not show what is the nature of the remedial measures proposed by the C.A.

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S.A.C.S.

In the correspondence the Vice President Municipality has stated that the connection objected to is an offence under the Act. What Act is not stated, was the act subsequent or anterior to the building of the connecting drain? Please have the Act looked up.

CS
10-6-84

D.W.

Sec: 252+, Act V of 1878 must be what Mr Jones refers to.

+ Repeated in Sec 260, Act I of 1884

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No. 1477 A W.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 13th June

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READ the following

Letter from the President Madras Municipal Commn. } (H.C. P.W.C. No: 634 d/ 5th June /84)
Endt. thereon in Fin. Deptt. (" 1263 d/ 11th June /84)
Letter from the Cons. Architect to Govt. } (" 369 d/ 7th June /84)

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Consulting Architect to Govt.
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