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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following letter from W. MORGAN, Esq., Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 21st November 1887, No. 2851 :—

I am directed to forward to Government letter, dated 14th November 1887, No. 524, from the District Judge of Salem, together with its enclosures, and to request that the Government will be pleased to direct a superior officer of the Public Works Department to examine the District Munsif's Court-house at Tirupatūr, in the district of Salem, and report on the defects brought to light, as they appear to reflect upon the officers engaged in the construction of the said Court-house.

Enclosures.

From C. W. W. MARTIN, Esq., District Judge, Salem, to the Acting Registrar, High Court, Appellate Side, Madras, dated Salem, 14th November 1887, No. 524.

I have the honor to forward three reports from the District Munsif of Tirupatūr regarding his Court-house.

2. On my recent visit to Tirupatūr I inspected the Court-house, and it was then pointed out to me that, since the report of the Munsif, the action of the rains have brought to light a more serious state of affairs than he had thought to exist when he wrote about it.

3. The building is a modern one on the standard plan, and was only completed about five years ago. The film of colouring and plastering, which was put on at first, is now wearing away, and the fact that many of the bricks used in the building were either only sun-dried, or so badly prepared and little burnt as to be hardly better than sun-dried, is beginning to be apparent. In fact there is reason to believe that the tower, at all events, may before long become unsafe.

4. I think therefore that a special report by a superior officer of the department on this building is very desirable.

5. I had communicated with the Executive Engineer on the subject before I saw the building, and he had promised to take the necessary steps to remedy the defects, but, so far as I could judge from my unprofessional observation, the matter is likely to be sufficiently serious to call for an inquiry into the conduct of the officers and contractors engaged in the construction.

From the District Munsif of Tirupatūr, to the District Judge of Salem, dated Tirupatūr, 3rd September 1887, No. 79.

While inspecting the work of repairs now going on in the Court-house, I happened to come round the tower, where records are kept, and observed that a few bricks were worn out in the wall of the tower and their inside completely exposed to the naked eye. I observed that these

bricks were made of pure mud, and several pleaders of the Court who were with me were also of opinion that these bricks were either raw or unburnt. I cannot state in what state the other unexposed bricks of the tower are. But in the other portions of the building I see that in some exposed parts burnt bricks are used, and in other exposed parts unburnt ones are used. But all the exposed bricks in the tower appear now as pure mud. I am afraid that the action of rain may tend to wash out more bricks of the tower and weaken its walls further and further, and, in a very few years, the whole tower may collapse should there be a very heavy rain. I am supported in this opinion by the opinions of the other gentlemen who inspected these parts with me. I believe that it will be better to protect the outside of the walls of the tower and the whole building with good chunam and plastering, so that the future action of rain may do as little injury as possible to the walls themselves, or that any other step that may be necessary for the preservation of the building be taken at an early date. My opinion is unprofessional, but I feel that it is my duty to report to you what I think.

From the same Officer, dated Tirupatūr, 10th October 1887, No. 91.

In continuation of my former report about the state of the Court-house, I beg to inform you that a portion of the tower at the top of it is resting upon a wooden structure, which has openings in it on all sides like venetians; that, during yesterday's rain, water entered into the interior of the tower through these openings in large quantity and flowed down into the record-room; that the tower walls have become wet and a portion of the plastering of the ceiling in the third floor of the record-rooms has fallen down owing to the severity of the rain.

2. The taluk overseer visited the Court-house and tower some time ago on the instructions of his superior officer; I was present with him at the inspection. He appeared to have generally concurred with me in his opinion about the state of the building.

3. He is absent this day from the station. I sent for the Local Fund overseer of this station and desired him to visit the tower. He informed me that water should not be allowed to enter into the tower, that there is no present danger, but that steps should be taken at an early date to place the building in order.

From the same Officer, dated Tirupatūr, 15th October 1887, No. 95.

With reference to the Proceedings No. 73, and dated the 12th instant, of the District Court, I have the honor to report that I sent for the Public Works Department overseer and requested him to suggest any arrangements by which water may be prevented from entering into the tower and also to suggest what ought to be done for repairing the damage to the ceiling. He thought that bamboo mats may be placed against the holes to prevent the water getting in, but that this can be done only after spending some 30 or 40 rupees for scaffolding, &c. He was of opinion that the present damage to the ceiling cannot be repaired, and that such damage to any extent will not affect the roof of the building, as the plastering was provided in the original estimate only as proof against fire. He informed me that his superior officer ordered him to prepare an estimate for pulling down the tower and rebuilding it with proper materials, and that it is likely that the tower will either be totally pulled down or that extensive repairs would be made in it, and that therefore no additional expense need now be incurred on account of the tower.

2. I therefore consider that, if any steps be taken at an early date for the preservation of this building, an expenditure of some 50 rupees for adopting arrangements to prevent the water getting into the tower may be avoided.

No. 941 R., Judicial.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal. From the Administration Report of the Public Works Department for 1883-84, it appears that the Tirupatūr District Munsif's Court was commenced and completed in 1883-84 at a cost Rs. 12,589. Further work costing Rs. 1,543 was done on it later.

(By Order.)

For Sr. George,
9th December 1887.

(Signed) A. G. CARDEW,
Under Secretary.

To the Public Works Department with copy of note by Hon'ble Mr. Hutchinson.

ORDER—dated 15th December 1887, No. 3416 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, who will arrange for inspecting the building at an early date and reporting on its condition and the nature of the materials employed in its construction. The names of the officers and subordinates who were engaged on the work should also be reported.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
„ Judicial Department.

Exd. J. Moses.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of 1887 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated December, 15th.

Recd.

Encl.

P.O., 15th Dec. 1887, No. 3416 W.

DECEMBER.

District Munsif's Court at
Tirupatur

Orders on reports on the state of the —.

N^o 2857.

High Court of Judicature,
Madras, 21st November 1887.

From

W. Morgan, Esquire, ^{4/10}
Acting Registrar of the
High Court of Judicature
at Madras.

To

The Honorable H. E. Stokes,
Chief Secretary
to Government,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I am directed to forward to
Government letter dated 14th November
1887, N^o 524, from the District Judge
of Salem, together with its enclosures,
and to request that the Government
will be pleased to direct a Superior
officer of the Public Works Depart-
ment to examine the District
Munsif's Court-house at Tirupatur
in the District of Salem and report
on the defects brought to light, as
they appear to reflect upon the Officers
engaged.

engaged in the construction of the said
Court-house.

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

J. Morgan.

Acting Registrar,
Appellate Side.

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No. 524

From

C. W. W. Martin, Esquire.
District JUDGE,

SALEM,

To

W. Morgan, Esquire.
As. REGISTRAR, HIGH COURT,

APPELLATE SIDE,

MADRAS.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward reports from the District Munsiff of Tirupatur regarding his Court House.

On my recent visit to Tirupatur, I inspected the Court House, and it was then pointed out to me that, since the report of the Munsiff, the action of the rains have brought to light a more serious state of affairs than he had thought to exist when he wrote about it.

The building is a modern one on the standard plan, and was only completed about 5 years ago. The film of colouring and plastering which was put on at first is now wearing away and the fact that many of the bricks used in the building were

were either only sundried, or so badly prepared and little burnt as to be hardly better than sundried, is beginning to be apparent: In fact there is reason to believe that the tower, at all events, may before long become unsafe.

I think therefore that a special report by a Superior Officer of the Department on this building, is very desirable.

I had communicated with the Executive Engineer on the subject before I saw the building, and he had promised to take the necessary steps to remedy the defects, but so far as I could judge from my unprofessional observation, the matter is likely to be sufficiently serious to call for an inquiry into the conduct of the officers and contractors engaged in the construction.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Quanaasatoo
District Judge

District Munsiff's Court
Timpatur
31st September 1887.

No 79

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From

The District Munsiff of
Timpatur

To

The District Judge of
Salem

Sir,

While inspecting the work of repairs, now going on, in the Court house, I happened to come round the tower, where records are kept, and observed that a few bricks were worn out in the wall of the tower and their inside completely exposed to the naked eye. I observed that these bricks were made of pure mud and several pleaders of the Court who were with me were also of opinion, that these bricks were either raw or unburnt. I cannot state in what state the other unexposed bricks of the tower are. But in the other portions of the building I see that in some exposed parts burnt bricks are used, and in other exposed parts

parts unburnt ones are used. But all the
exposed bricks in the tower appear now as
pore mud. I am afraid that the action
of rain may tend to wash out more bricks
of the tower and weaken its walls further
and further, and in a very few years
the whole tower may collapse, should
there be a very heavy rain. I am supported
in this opinion, by the opinions of the other
gentlemen who inspected these parts
with me. I believe, that it will be better
to protect the outside of the walls of the
tower and the whole building with a
good chunam and plastering, so that
the future action of rain may do as little
injury as possible to the walls themselves,
or that any other step that may be
necessary for the preservation of the build-
ing, be taken at an early date. My
opinion is unprofessional, but I feel
that it is my duty to report to you what
I think.

I beg to remain
your most obedient servant

M. A. M. A.
District Muzaff

Wark 5974/7.

From

The District Munsiff of
Tirupattur

The District Judge of
Salem

Date: 3rd September
Re: And:

No. 79.

Subject

Reporting about certain
weakeness in the building
of the Court-house

10/9/97

Temporary arrangements of space
but should be adopted to prevent the
water getting in; the District Munsiff
will report what steps are necessary
to repair the present damage and
to guard against future damage.

Circular

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No. 91.

10th October 1887
Tirupattur District Munsiff's Court

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The District Munsiff
of Tirupattur

The District Judge
of Salem

In continuation of my former report
about the state of the Court house, I beg
to inform you, that a portion of the tower
at the top of it is resting upon a wooden
structure, which has openings in it on
all sides like Venetians, that during
yesterday's rain, water entered into the
interior of the tower through these
openings in large quantity and
flowed down into the record room,
that the tower walls have become
wet and a portion of the plastering
of the ceiling in the third floor
of the record room has fallen down
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owing to the severity of the rain.

The Talus Oversee visited the Court house and tower some time ago on the instructions of his Superior officer; I was present with him at the inspection. He appeared to have generally concurred with me in his opinion about the state of the building.

He is absent this day from the station. I sent for the Local Fund overseer of this station and desired him to visit the tower. He informed me that water should not be allowed to enter into the tower; that there is no present danger, but that steps should be taken at an early date to place the building in order.

I beg to remain

Sir

Yours most obedient servant

George H. H. H.
Dist. Comm. H. H. H.

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From

The District Munsiff
of Tripatore

To,

The District Judge
of Salem

Dated 10th
Rec'd. 10th } October 1887.
Recd.

No: 91.

Encl: Nil

Subject

Reporting about the present
state of the building of
the Court house.

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District Munsiff Court,
Tripatore.
15th October 1887.

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The District Munsiff
of Tripatore.

The District Judge
of Salem.

Letter to the Engineer
asking him whether it is likely
that the construction of the tower
will be sanctioned - If so whether
it is advisable to spend money
on repairing
the tower like the tower of the
tower whether the tower will be
dump on the body made by
is likely to bring down any part
of the tower on the people below &
Crown
17/10/87

With reference to the proceedings of 12th
and dated the 12th instant of the District
Court, I have the honor to report, that I
sent for the D.P.W. Overseer and requested
him to suggest any arrangements by which
water may be prevented from entering into
the tower and also to suggest what ought
to be done for repairing the damage to the ceiling.
He thought, that bamboos may be placed
against the holes to prevent the water getting in,
but that this can be done only after spending
some 30 or 40 Rs for scaffolding etc. He was
of opinion, that the present damage to the
ceiling cannot be repaired, and that such
damage to any extent will not affect the
roof of the building, as the plastering was
provided in the original estimate, only
as

as proof against fire. He informed me that his Superior officer ordered him to prepare an estimate for pulling down the tower and rebuilding it with proper materials, and that it is likely that the tower will either be totally pulled down or that extensive repairs would be made in it, and that therefore no additional expense need now be incurred on account of the tower.

I therefore consider, that if any steps be taken at an early date for the preservation of this building, an expenditure of some 50 Rs for adopting arrangements to prevent the water getting into the tower may be avoided.

I beg to remain,

Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Spencer Pearce
District Munsif

Amth 5974/9.

of
Hann.

The District Judge
of Tripoli.

To,

The District Judge
of Salem.

Dated 15th October 1887.

Received.

No. 95

Submitting a report with
reference to the proceedings
of the District Court dated
12th Inst No. 73.

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Ap. Enclosures to the
High Court's letter of 21st
November 1874 to 2851.

N^o 1780W of 24-7-80
" 1277W " 2-2-82
" 424W " 16-2-84
" 2440W " 20-7-82

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Medical DEPARTMENT.

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Of 9 December 1874 No 941

From *Malay Registrar High Court
Madras*

Transferred to the Public
Works Department for
disposal. From the Ad-
ministrative Report of the
Public W. Dept. for 1883/84,
it appears that the Infirmary
District Museum's work was
commenced and completed
in 1883/84 at a cost of Rs 12589.
Further work costing Rs 1363
was done on it later.

No.

Dated 21 Nov } 1887.
Received 22nd
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

By order

A. G. G. G. G.
Under Secretary.

Infirmary Museum's Const.

N^o 1780W of 24 July 1880
" 1277W " 2 July 1882
" 424W " 16 July 1884

To the Public Works Dept.
with ^{copy} Note by Hon Mr. Justice

over
with order

Also by
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Communicated to the
Suptg. Engineer IV circle
who will arrange for
inspecting the building
at an early date and
reporting on its condition
and the nature of the
materials employed
in its construction.
The names of the officers
& subordinates who were
engaged on the work
should also be reported.

W.M.
11/12/87

J.M.
12/12/87

90-624W-16-2-84
" 2440W-20-9-82
B.N. 297W-2-2-82
" 1780W-24-7-80
" 2732W-30-10-79

S.E. IV circle
judicial Dept.

Circ 13-12-87

Note by the Honorable Mr. Hutchins
on Current No 4981. judicial,
dated 2nd December 1887.

I am most decided-
ly of opinion that the work should
be reported on by a thoroughly
competent officer and if sundried
bricks or other defective materials
have been used the name of the
responsible person should be re-
ported.

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at Knappton

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