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அரசாணை எண். 3441 W அச்சகம்  
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நாள் : 30. 10. 1888 198

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30TH OCTOBER 1888, No. 3441 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.  
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper:—

From Lieut.-Colonel R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, R.E., Superintending Engineer, I Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 8th October 1888, No. 1868 G.D.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the old District Court-house at Rajahmundry in the Godavari Eastern division is in an unsafe condition and is not worth repairing (see late Superintending Engineer Colonel J. Beatty's report printed with G.O., No. 209, dated 8th February 1876, communicated with this department G.O., No. 152, dated 17th February 1876).

2. The Executive Engineer has communicated with the heads of other departments agreeably to para. 980 of the Public Works Code and received replies saying that they do not require it. A copy of the Sub-Collector's letter No. 401, dated 16th August 1888, with the Collector's endorsement thereon to the address of the Executive Engineer, is enclosed for your perusal.

3. I have therefore the honor to request that you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for the demolition of the building and for the sale of its materials by public auction under para. 1033 of the Public Works Code.

4. The booked value of the building is Rs. 12,000.

ENCLOSURE.

From H. MOBERLY, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, Godavari District, to the Collector of the Godavari District, dated Rajahmundry, 16th August 1888, No. 401.

With reference to your endorsement No. 841 on the Eastern Division Executive Engineer's letter No. 57 C. of 19th ultimo, I have the honor to state that I know of no use to which the old District Court-house here can be put by the Revenue Department. The building is, I understand, in such a bad state of repair that it is not worth while repairing. I would suggest that it be demolished and the materials sold by public auction. The site should not be sold nor should it be again built on. If my proposal be acted on the site will be the only one fronting the river which is not built upon, through it fresh air will be admitted into the town which is sadly in need of air. This vacant site could, with very little expense, be converted into a public garden.

No. 144.

Forwarded to the Executive Engineer, Eastern division, Godavari, in reference to his letter No. 57 C., dated 19th July 1888.

COCANADA,  
22nd August 1888.

(Signed) W. A. HAPPELL,  
Collector.

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30TH OCTOBER 1888, No. 3441 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

ORDER—dated 30th October 1888, No. 3441 W., Public Works.

The building should be demolished and the materials sold by public auction as proposed.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle.  
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.  
" Judicial Department.

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

Govt. of (1888) Madras.  
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 30th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 30th Oct. 1888, No. 3441 W.

OCTOBER.

Old District Court-house at  
Rajahmundry

The demolition of the — and the sale of  
the materials by public auction, sanctioned.

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Courts.

No. 32. Read the following letter from T. WEIR, Esq., Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 4th February 1876, No. 409:—

I am directed to forward, for the orders of Government, the accompanying letters, dated 14th and 22nd December and their enclosures, from the District Judge, Godavery, representing the necessity for the construction of a Court-house for the District Court at Rajahmundry. The building in which the Court is now held appears to be in an insecure state, and temporary arrangements may be requisite for lodging the District Judge and his establishment elsewhere.

From F. BRANDT, Esq., Acting District Judge of Godavery, to T. WEIR, Esq., Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side, dated Rajahmundry, 14th December 1875, No. 309.

Soon after my arrival here in August last, my attention was directed to the apparently dangerous state of parts of the Court-house in this station.

2. The Court-house, as will be seen from the accompanying section-plans, stands high above, and directly overlooking, the Godavery river; it is built upon an artificially raised mound which is revetted on the southern, the western, and the northern sides with stonework, and on the eastern side, the side of approach; the ground is gradually sloped up to the entrance. The building is, I take it, of great age and of native construction; underneath it, through the artificial mound on which it is built, there are subterranean passages to which there is one entrance only. The entrance to these passages had been almost completely blocked up by rubbish and undergrowth, but I had it cleared out. The walls of the passage are faced with stone, and the superincumbent earth is supported upon heavy cross slabs of stone. Some thirty feet higher is the building itself; this passage evidently once branched into two or three more passages. Many of the cross slabs of stone were cracked and bulging inwards towards the centre; directly over this passage is the record-room, and the Recordkeeper was much alarmed for the safety of this part of the building. Assistant Engineer, Mr. Larminie, visited the place with me, but although he admitted that the place was in a bad state of repair he did not go so far as to say it was actually dangerous; but a few weeks later when I again went to see I found several more of the cross slabs newly cracked and further subsidence of the earth above; as it was impossible to judge what might be going on above, I ordered the Recordkeeper, much to his relief, to vacate the record-room, and I requested Major Beatty, the Superintending Engineer, to visit it with me; he at once ordered an emergent estimate to be prepared for taking up the floor of the record-room and for making the under parts secure. The walls of the Court-house itself on the southern and northern sides he found to be badly cracked and bulged, and although he was of opinion that their state was not imminently dangerous, he did consider that these two walls ought to be at once pulled down and rebuilt, if possible. At the same time when I informed him that the Court-house itself was inconvenient and inconvenient, he said that the space on which it is built made it almost impossible to make any additions, and was strongly of opinion that if additions were required it would be desirable to build a new Court-house on another site.

3. The most that either of the Engineer Officers ventured to say of the building was that as most of the cracks appeared to be of old standing there was no reason to apprehend an immediate crash; but this, I think, is not quite satisfactory to those who have to use the building; the wood-work of the outer windows is almost eaten up with white-ants. I learnt that these could not be removed without bringing the walls down, so the upper part of the wall rests on rotten wood.

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4. When my Court was very crowded during a trial which excited great interest, considerable anxiety was felt, as I afterwards learnt, to know whether any accident would happen, and many hesitated to come in and add to the crowd.

5. I should in any case have written to suggest considerable alterations and additions; the whole place presents an appearance of neglect and decay quite inappropriate to the Chief Court of the district.

6. But the letter of the Superintending Engineer, copy of which I herewith forward, shows, I think, beyond doubt that the only thing to be done is to build a new Court-house altogether; it would therefore be waste of time to show in detail how the present building is defective, but I will just state that some of my clerks actually sit in the Court-room itself; that there is no room for a proper prisoners' dock; there is simply a rail against which the prisoners lean, behind them is the only passage from one side of the Court to the other, and they and the bar take up the whole of the space marked A in the ground-plan. The public accommodates itself in the space marked D; and behind the pillars, and behind the bench itself has a safe retreat for unlimited conversation with little chance of detection. The only place for the Pleaders when not sitting at their table is in various corners behind the pillars where I am forced to let them sit and consult with their clients while cases are going on. In place of the dock shown in the plan there is a simple rail now, as otherwise there is no passage from one side of the Court to the other. One of the record-rooms built subsequently to and detached from the main building itself (and marked I) is cleft from top to bottom, and the Superintending Engineer admitted that this is in an imminently dangerous state and it has been altogether abandoned.

7. I have the honor to request that on the strength of the representations now made by me, and on the report of the Superintending Engineer, the Government may be moved to have plans and estimates for a new Court-house prepared without delay, and a site selected by that Officer, myself, and the Revenue authorities.

The two plans herewith sent are requested to be returned.

From Major J. BEATTY, R.E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, Godavery District, to F. BRANDT, Esq., Civil and Sessions Judge, Rajahmundry, dated Dowlaishweram, 8th December 1875, No. 2722.

With reference to our inspection of the Court-house a short time back, I have the honor to

1 Plan.  
1 Section.

furnish you with tracings showing the plan and sections of the building.

2. These are sufficient to make it pretty certain that in consequence of the peculiar position of the Court-house, on a lofty artificial mound, any attempt to correct existing defects by pulling down and rebuilding the side rooms may lead to settlements in parts not now affected, and involve an outlay that cannot at present be estimated.

3. Even to pull down the side rooms (which certainly look dangerous, though the old cracks would possibly go on increasing for years yet before the whole came down) and rebuild them, would cost some thousands of rupees, and if the lofty revetments have also to be taken down and rebuilt, it will treble the expense. If the revetments, now so full of cracks, are not rebuilt, any new work put upon them will probably commence cracking as soon as it has been constructed.

4. I would therefore suggest that the present Court-house be sold and a new one built. This will, I have little doubt, be found the cheapest and most satisfactory course in the end.

From F. BRANDT, Esq., Acting District Judge of Godavery, to T. WEIR, Esq., Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side, dated Rajahmundry, 22nd December 1875, No. 319.

In continuation of my letter of the 14th instant, No. 309, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a demi-official letter from the Superintendent of the District Jail who it appears,

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had undertaken to get the under parts of the Court-house cleared out for the inspection of the Assistant Engineer.

2. I was not aware until after I had despatched my letter that Dr. Bilderbeck had formed such a strong opinion about the insecurity of the building. In conversation, a few days ago, he informed me that he has for some time considered the Court-house radically unsafe, and that personally he would decline to conduct business in it, and that my predecessor, Mr. Horsfall, had serious apprehension about conducting business in it.

3. With the professional opinion before me of the Superintending Engineer that the building is not absolutely unsafe, I cannot press upon the Government the immediate necessity of providing accommodation elsewhere; and, indeed, I do not know where it could be provided, or, I think, I would in any case suggest it; but I can appeal to Dr. Bilderbeck's opinion as reliable, as that gentleman has had much experience in building, and I do say that the Judge and his establishment ought not to be called upon to continue to use this building longer than is absolutely unavoidable.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1876, No. 209.

The District Engineer will be directed in the Department of Public Works to submit an immediate report as to the actual safety of this building and to the steps required to render it safe.

(True Extract.)

*Chief Secretary.*

To the Hon. the Judges of the High Court, with enclosures.  
Public Works Department, with plans.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

25/10/78

P W 1876 Dept  
No 1219

Pro for February

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Order - The District Engineer Godavari, to  
be required to submit an estimate report as  
to the actual state of the building to which the  
District Court is held and as to what could  
be done to make it safe.

FEBRUARY  
Nos. 3233.

Recd  
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THE HON THE JUDGES OF THE  
HIGH COURT.

Recd 16 Feb. 1876.

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Ret. made to  
D. S. Engineer

Communicated to the  
District Engineer  
Godavary, who will  
submit the required  
report.

17<sup>th</sup> Feby/76

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D. S. Godavary  
with plans  
marked I & II

No. 401

Godavari  
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Sub Collector's Office  
Godavari District  
Rajahmundry 16-8-88.

From

H. Moberly Esq.

Sub Collector Godavari

To

W. A. H. Appell Esq.

Collector Godavari Dist

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This vacant site could, with very little  
expense, be converted into a public  
garden.

I have rec<sup>d</sup>  
(Ct) H. Moberly  
Sr Sub Collector.

(True Copy)

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Forwarded to the Engr<sup>s</sup>  
Eastern Dy Godavari in refer-  
ence to his letter No 57 C d / 19-7-88.

Casauada / Sd / W. A. Happell  
Collector

22-8-88

/ Sd / W. C. McManis  
Dy Collector

(True Copy)

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Sup<sup>r</sup> Engr 1<sup>st</sup> Circle

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FROM

Lieut Col R. Drake Brockman

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE.

TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

FOR IRRIGATION.

DOWLAISHWARAM, 8 October 1888.

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is Rs 12,000.

I have the honor to be

Sir,  
Your most Obedt Servant

Ruedrah - Krishna - Sunda Reddy

Superintending Engineer  
14/8/88

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FROM,

*W.C. No. 1039*  
*St. Col. R.H. Drake-Brockman*  
*Rb.*

~~THE~~ SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

~~FOR IRRIGATION.~~

*P.M.D.*

DATED 8<sup>th</sup>  
DESPTCHED 10<sup>th</sup> } *October* 1888  
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No. 1868 *Ed.*

ENCLOSURES. 1.

SUBJECT.

*Old District Court House  
at Rapaunundry -*

*Request to obtain the  
Sanction of Government  
for the demolition of -*

*S. E. C. C. S.*  
*E. P. W. C. S.*  
*Judicial Dept.*  
*(The Chief Secretary)*  
*In favor of discontinuance*

*10/11/88*

*25.4*  
*26.4.88*

*With order*

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated

By

By

G.O. 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1888, No. 3441/88.

Old District Court  
House at Rajahmundry

The demolition of the  
the sale of the materials  
by public auction  
is cautioned -

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