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 (2) புதுக்கித் திருப்பிய நாள் Aug 89  
 (3) ஆதாரங்குறிப்பவர் சுருக்கொப்பம் la

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Public Works Department.

Current No. 7429

Letter No. 856 R.

Dated 30<sup>th</sup> August/89

From the Judicial Dept.

Forwarded to H. IV of Santham

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NOTE OF REMARKS.

13.5.89

The site plan + the estimate under review amounting to Rs 1820 provide for constructing a Magazine at Malapuram in the Malabar District. —

The Magazine is to be built in accordance with the Standard design approved in G.O. No 2564 or dated 13<sup>th</sup> September 1883. —

It is stated in the letter from the Superintendent of Police Malabar that the quarters of the Malapuram special Force consist of thatched build-ings surrounded by Lantana and grass + there is much danger of fire during

during the dry season.  
He further states that  
there is at present a large  
stock of Ammunition  
kept in Armoury room  
besides Dynamite. It  
is a thatched building  
and very unsafe. Should  
any fire occur, the loss  
of life and damage to  
property is likely to be  
great & the erection of  
a Magazine at once is  
therefore strongly urged.

The quality of materials  
to be used in the building  
will be as follows:—

Walls of Magazine, Shed  
and compound wall including  
foundations are to be built  
of laterite stone in chunam,  
and plastered with 2 coats  
of chunam, the outsides  
of gable ends of Magazine  
are to be plastered with  
Portland Cement.

Roofing to shed within  
the compound is to be of  
Eroob

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Eroob wood rafters, keepers  
and Mission tiles complete.  
Doors & windows are to be  
of teak & painted with  
2 coats of chocolate paint.

The rates are fair.

Lump sum of Rs 450 for  
Lightning Conductor & Rs 35  
for teak wood gate are  
provided in the estimate.

The area of the Magazine itself  
is 285 sq ft. or Rs 3.12. per  
sq ft. The Magazine alone  
(exclusive of the shed &  
compound wall) costs Rs 1069.

The site plan & the esti-  
-mate have been counter-  
-signed by the Inspector  
General of Police and  
approved in the Jrd. L. Dept.

Sd/-  
12.8.89.

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Through Superintendent of Police  
Calicut.  
4 Deputy Mith. From  
no. 8 General S.R.

No. 108388  
Office of the Asst. Supdt. of Police,

23/6 Malapuram,  
19<sup>th</sup> January 1888.

Lt. E. Baudry Esq.,  
Assistant Superintendent of Police,  
Malapuram.

To  
Col. C. A. Proteus,  
Inspector General of Police,  
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a plan  
and estimate for constructing a  
powder magazine for the Special Police  
Force, at Malapuram, and request  
that sanction of Government to  
commence the building may be obtained  
at an early date, a fire, and lightning  
proof magazine being absolutely  
required as the following will show—

The quarters of the Malapuram  
Special Police which consist of  
thatched huts, and bungalows,  
built of sun-dried bricks, are  
situated at the Eastern end of the  
Malapuram plateau which rises  
abruptly, about 200 feet above the  
surrounding country. The predominant  
vegetation consists of Lantana and  
Grass, both of which dry up at the end  
of November, and become very  
inflammable. With few exceptions,

all the houses in the neighbourhood are thatched, and accidental fires are not uncommon.

When I assumed Charge of this Division in April 1886, the building which is at present used as a magazine, armoury, guard room, and lock up, was in course of construction. At the time, I strongly objected to having a thatched magazine with iron-barred windows and with no protection whatever from lightning.

My objection was overruled on the grounds that the Special Force was only a temporary institution, and that the present buildings would answer the purpose for "a brief period."

My report on the above was written on the 21st April. On the 3rd. idem the roof of one of the main lines caught fire on the outside. It was luckily discovered in time and no damage to speak of was done.

At the beginning of last year, a line of bazaar, in which some kerosene oil was stored, caught fire.

There is no knowing how far the

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Conflagration would have spread had not timely assistance been rendered by my men and the military.

Had the kerosene oil once got into the grass and lantana, it is impossible to calculate the amount of property which would have been destroyed. I was away on tour on the night that the fire occurred, but I was informed by my Inspector, European Head Constable, and the officers of the Detachment, that, as each tin of oil blew up, the flames ascended to a tremendous height at the same time scattering fire-brands which would most likely have caused the Conflagration to spread had there been the slightest breeze.

On reporting this fact, the force was provided with a number of buckets, and firehooks &c.

The danger of lightning is as great, if not greater, than that of fire.

Malapuram seems to be the centre of attraction for thunder storms which are of frequent occurrence, and invariably very severe.

On Sunday the 3rd. of October 1887.

the European barracks were struck  
and a portion of the roof of one of them  
was completely destroyed -

To my personal knowledge the  
electric fluid struck the ridge in  
front of my house three times between  
2.15.3 P.M. on the 23rd - A tree four  
hundred yards from our magazine, was  
also struck -

The fire hooks and buckets would  
be of great use in quenching an  
ordinary fire, but I submit that a  
man would think twice about standing  
on a burning roof knowing gunpowder  
and half a cwt. of dynamite to be  
a few feet beneath him -

In the event of an ordinary  
fire we might hope to save the arms,  
but, if an explosion occurred either  
from the effects of lightning, or other  
cause, the whole guards would be killed,  
our arms destroyed, and the Special  
Assistant Magistrate might be startled  
as his office is only 35 paces from the  
magazine -

Mr. Logan, our late District  
Magistrate, is a remarkable one of

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my reports in the fire above referred  
to writes: "It is certainly a tempting of  
" Providence to be without them. (buckets  
" &c.) I never knew so many fires as have  
" occurred this year -"

When recommending, last October  
that a bomb-proof magazine should  
be constructed, as Government had  
decided to keep up the Special  
Force permanently, Mr. Logan -  
remarked: "I think so too!"

The Estimate which I submit has  
been prepared by the Executive  
Engineers, and amounts to Rs 2080 -

Considering that stones and most  
of the materials are close at hand,  
the figure seems high -

This is the first shot my office  
people have had at copying their  
letters - I send it with corrections  
as they would write in case of a failure  
of 6 offices for the present time  
4.3.88

Capt. H. Logan  
Off. Capt. Police  
21-1-88.

Re letter dated 12th Dec. 1887  
Blue

Must be  
Sd/- Police

28/1/88

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Yours most obedient servant,

G. E. Baudry

Asst. Supdt. of Police

South Malabar

Malapuran.

123. DR  
31 JUL 1889  
Buildings

Malabar - Spl. Police.

From  
The Asst. Supt. of Police,  
Malapuram.

To The Supt. General of Police,  
Madras.

No 6 dated 18.1.88

Subject

- Forwarding plan and  
estimate for the con-  
struction of a Powder  
Magazine for use of the  
Spl. Police at Malapuram -
- 2 Bringing to notice necessity  
of such a building -
  - 3 Remarking that the total  
of the estimate Rs 2080  
seems high considering  
that most of the materials  
are obtainable close at  
hand.

General Dept.

No. 1733.

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CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras, 6 April 1889.

FROM

Colonel J. K. Guthrie

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE,

TO

THE Chief Secretary  
to Government  
Cotacamund

SIR,

Enclosures  
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I have the honor to forward  
for sanction and appropriation  
of funds the G. P. M. Plans -  
and Estimates for Rupees 2,610 -  
for the Construction of a Magazine  
on the Standard design at  
Malapuram Malabar District  
for the Special Police force is  
stationed there.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant

J. K. Guthrie Colonel

Inspr Genl of Police

Ed. Mr.



Incl. 2

CURRENT No.

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DEPARTMENT.

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From

No.

Dated

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Enclosures

SUBJECT.

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CURRENT No. 1379

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DEPARTMENT.

J. MEREDITH

4 MAY 89



21 May 189

From

The Supr General of Police  
of Police for explanation as to  
the capacity for the building  
and for the execution of the  
Estimate. The compound  
wall and the beam to connect  
way round it do not seem the  
necessary.

No. 1733.

Dated 6<sup>th</sup> April  
Received 8<sup>th</sup> April  
Enclosures

SUBJECT.



Encl: 1/1989

No. 657.

FROM

George J. Logan Esq.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,

District Police Office,

Calicut 6 July 1889.

MALABAR.

To

The Assistant Inspector General  
of Police Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No. 2412  
dated 29.5.89 I have the honor to report  
that a Police Magazine is much needed for  
the Special Police at Malapuram.

1. The quarters of the Malapuram  
Special Force consist of thatched buildings  
surrounded by lantana and grass and  
there is much danger of fire during the  
dry season -

2. At present there is a large stock  
of ammunition kept in a room  
besides dynamite. It is a thatched  
building very unsafe. Should any  
fire occur the loss of life and damage  
to property is likely to be great.  
Mr. Logan, the late Collector strongly  
urges the necessity of erecting a  
magazine at once.

3. I forward reports from Mr. Baudry  
the Assistant Superintendent of Police  
Malapuram and from the Special  
Inspector Mr. Sweeney regarding  
the necessity for having the  
Magazine.

Magazine built without any  
delay.

4. As regards the reduction  
of the estimate, I enclose a copy  
of letter No. 614 dated 25<sup>th</sup> June 89  
from the Executive Engineer  
West Coast Division on the subject.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant

W. S. L. G. -  
Superintendent of Police  
Malabar.

W. S. L. G.

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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

ENCLOSURES  
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In a letter from the Inspector  
General of Police, dated *Madras*

*25<sup>th</sup> July 1889*  
*No. 3587-*

General Department.

No. *3587*

CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE,

*Madras, 25<sup>th</sup> July 1889.*

FROM

*Colonel J. K. Guthrie*

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE,

TO

*23<sup>rd</sup>*  
THE *Chief Secretary*  
*to Government*  
*Ootacamund.*

SIR,

Enclosures.  
*ten*

Adverting to C. No. 1379 —  
dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 1889 I.D., I have the  
honor to submit herewith a revised  
estimate for Rs 1820 for the construction  
of a magazine at Malapuram and to  
state that the building is very necessary  
as will be seen from the accompanying  
letters from the Superintendent and  
Assistant Superintendent of Police  
Malabar.

2. The estimate includes the  
Compound wall as the Executive  
Engineer considers it undesirable to  
change the Standard plan which  
provides

provides for the same, but the lean  
to covered way round it has been  
struck out.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obed<sup>t</sup> & servant  
H. Currie Col  
Insp<sup>r</sup>. General of Police



Sub Department.  
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper.

From the Inspector General of Police, dated  
6<sup>th</sup> April & 26 July 1889, Nos 1733 & 3587  
respectively, regarding construction of  
a magazine at Malapuram, Malabar Dist.

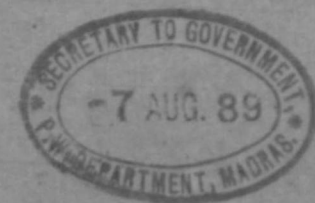
Order 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1889 No 8568.

The plans and revised estimates  
are approved and will be transferred to  
the Public Works Department.

(True Extract)

A. G. Currie.

Under Secretary.



To the P.W. Dept. with papers.

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The estimate is

returned to the City  
Engineer to be  
for location.

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with 5 inches.

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