

- (1) பக்கங்களின் எண்ணிக்கை 18
 (2) புதுக்கித் திருப்பிய நாள் 3/8
 (3) ஆதாரங்குறிப்பவர் சுருக்கொப்பம் 16/8

தமிழ்நாடு ஆவணக் காப்பகம்.

தமிழ்நாடு அரசு

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அரசாணை எண். 884 அச்சகம்
 மு. கோப்புத் தாள் எண். 884 பலவகை

நாள் : 17-3-1890 198 .

மடிக்கவோ கண்டபடி கையாளவோ கூடாது

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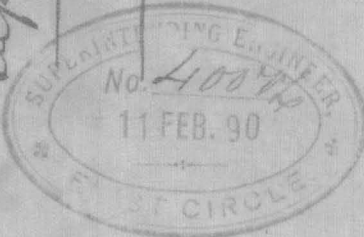
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W. C. C. and
Sup. 2 Engrs

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Berwada

31st January 1890.

From

C. J. Walker
Asst. Engr.

To The Superintending Engr.
1st Circle
1st Supr Engr. 2nd Circle

Sir

It is with deep regret
I find that Government
has been pleased to super-
sede G.O. No. 2655 W dated
23/9/89, and in G.O. No.
3441 W dated 4/12/89, to pass
so severe a censure and
to inflict so heavy a pen-
alment on me, and I trust
I may be permitted to offer
further explanation, as in
my letter No. 945 dated 20th
July 1889, I omitted to notice
certain statements in the
Joint Superintendents' letter
No. 549 dated 12th June 1889,
which I fear may have

led to misapprehension.

(2) In the Jail Superintendent's letter No. 549 addressed to the Inspector General of Jails it is said: "On the 10th of January last the Executive Engineer was requested to inspect the buildings and frame an estimate for the necessary repairs, no notice has been taken by that Dept. although four reminders were sent" - As I have been so severely censured by Government for "neglecting to reply to the numerous letters of the Super of the Jail, or to at once visit the Jail and ascertain what was wanted" I may be permitted to explain that the Jail Super's letter of the 10th of January (the others being reminders) was written by that officer, at my own

request, after I had visited the buildings unaccompanied by the Sub-Divisional Officer and the Jailor on the 4th of January. This is proved by the following note written on that date by the Jailor and which has been communicated to me by the Inspector General: - "The Executive Engineer visited the Jail buildings and requested a letter for general repairs of the Jail" (3) The Jail Superintendent appears to have overlooked this fact, as from his letter it would appear that the initiative in the matter had been taken by him, and that I had failed to take any notice of his request to inspect the buildings, whereas as a matter of fact his letter was written at my request.

the day after I had inspected
the buildings. I would
submit that this was
a case as regards
the fire for my reply
ing to the Jail Suppl.
letter, for something to do
which I have been so re-
cently censured.

(4) Again with reference
to the tie beam which
saw way in No. 1 Compas-
ment No. 1 Ward, the Jail
Suppl. in his letter under
reference says "There was
a beam which I considered
very unsafe, it had gone
in the middle and was
upheld only by an iron clamp."
By the expression "gone in the
middle" I believe the Jail
Suppl. meant to convey that
the beam was snapped. Now
certainly when inspected by
me there were no signs of
the beam being cracked nor
were there any visible signs

of decay, and I would
submit for consideration
whether it is probable that
I would have been so negligent
of my own interests as to
omit to have an eminent
Estimate prepared for roofing
the Compartment had I seen
any reason to suppose that
there was any probability of
the beam going away.
The "iron clamp" referred to
was simply the usual strap
connecting the King post and
tie beam.
(5) The fracture of the beam
occurred at its center where
it was seriously weakened
by the excessive dimensions
of the mortise cut to receive
the King post tenon - the
mortise having been cut
 $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches into the tie beam,
the depth of the latter being
8 inches. - But of course
this fault in construction
could not be ascertained
until after the failure of
the beam.

(6) The Jail Superintendent's letter of the 11th June reached me late in the afternoon of that day. I immediately replied, and sent word to the Sub-Inspector to meet me at the Jail early the following morning, but I was unable to keep the appointment owing to an attack of jungle fever.

The crack in the tie beam was first observed by the Jail Dept. on the 10th June, and had intimation been sent to me immediately there would have been time to take measures to prevent the partial collapse of the roof on the morning of the 12th June.

(7) I would earnestly request that an Enquiry may be made, and, if it is found that my failure to detect the state of the roof was rather an error of judgment than carelessness or neglect of duty, I may be relieved

by Government of some position at least of the very serious censure and punishment inflicted.

(8) I would also earnestly request that consideration may be given to my previous service in the Department of Twelve years during which I have no reason to believe that I have given dissatisfaction to the Officers under whom I have served. Six years ago I was transferred from the Sub-Division to which I was recently posted as my services were specially applied for by the late Col. Hunt-Pomeroy to assist him in preparing the Tank Restoration Scheme, and shortly afterwards I was promoted, as a Special Case, to the grade of Temporary Executive Engineer by the Government of India on recommendation of the Government of Madras.

(9) In conclusion I have
to request that you will
be so good as to forward
this letter to the Chief In-
spector.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Yours ob: servant

Wm. H. ...

No. 49213,

887/6

FROM,

J. D. Grant Esquire
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

DOWLAISHWERAM, 27th February 1890

Recd 4th March 1890

SIR,

I have the honor to forward a letter from
Mr. B. J. Tisser arguing that for the reasons given, he
should be relieved in some degree from the Censure con-
veyed in G.O. no 344/16 dated 4th December 1889.
2. I have seen the truss which collapsed and I can
quite understand that it might have collapsed without
any sign of weakness being apparent, but as I only saw it
after it failed, I cannot say from personal knowledge
what its appearance was when in position. There is
however no doubt that the truss came down, but whether
Mr. Tisser had it pointed out to him as dangerous or
not is a matter I cannot speak certainly of; the
Jail Superintendent states that the beam was pointed
out, Mr. Tisser cannot remember the circum-
stances and I can only suppose that the beam
was



Recd
24/7/90
From

B. J. Tisser Esq
Asst Engineer

To
The Superintending Engr
1st Circle
And the Asst Engr
2nd Circle

Dated 31st Jan 1890

Tisser B. J. Mr -
Censure & punishment
inflicted on Asst Engr - for
neglect of duty while in
Vijayapatnam Prison.
Requesting a reconsider-
ation of - in the light of
the explanation now given

Resubmitted for orders
with file
27-2-90
L.V

With an endorsement
within file 2362/P
8-2-90

was casually pointed out to Mr. Tasher but that he did not understand that it was believed to be in a dangerous state.

3. It is incredible that an officer of Mr. Tasher's age and experience should deliberately neglect to act on a Requisition for emergent repairs to a jail, as he must know the immense importance that is attached by Government to the safety of prisoners and I am satisfied that the neglect to attend to the work was purely accidental.

4. All that Mr. Tasher need have done was to order the Sub-overseer to ^{prop} ~~keep~~ up the beam and I can imagine no reason why he should wilfully neglect to take this trifling amount of trouble, knowing as he must have done (if he thought the beam in danger) that an accident would inevitably be reported.

5. I have known Mr. Tasher for a great many years and do not think him likely to be guilty of neglect in his work, I would therefore beg to recommend that his appeal be favorably considered.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

L. W. Hunt

Superintending Engineer
I circle

FROM,

J. D. Grant Esquire

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

DATED

DESPATCHED

RECEIVED

27th February
4th March
10.3.90

1890

No. 4920.9.

ENCLOSURES 1

SUBJECT.

Mr. L. J. Fisher late
Executive Engineer in
charge of Vizagapatam
Division —

Submitting an explana-
-tion from — recommend-
-ing that his appeal may
be favourably considered.

No. 5993C4/21-12-89
.. 5755C .. 9-12-85
.. 3441W .. 4-12-89
.. 5644C .. 3-12-89
.. 5612C .. 29-11-89
.. 2655W .. 23-9-89

No. 884 W of 17. March 1890

4.12.3.90 or 14.3.90

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No. 2 Department

Read the following.

Franklin Suply. Engineer 1 Circle No. 492 W.L.
of 27. February 1890.

For orders.

1st the letter of 10 Jan was sent
at Mr. Fisher's suggestion he
must have seen & acquiesced
in its necessity, and his sub-
sequent neglect for nearly
2 1/2 months to take steps
or to see that steps were taken
for the repairs is aggravated
rather than otherwise. If
he thought he had to take such
so slight an expenditure there
is the less excuse. His case
does not seem to me bettered
by this appeal and the order
issued must I think stand.

Wro
13 Mar

Wro
11.3.90

Wro
11.3.90

Cy

C. D. W.

B.
Orders

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

From Mr C. J. Walker, Genl Supt 27.31.1.20.
Supt. by the S.D. II Circle No 2362 K.S. 28.2.20.
From the S.D. I Circle No 492 V.S. 27.2.20.

His Excellency the Govt
in Council observes
that if the file Supt's
letter of 10. January was
sent at Mr Walker's
suggestion, he must
have seen and acquiesced
in its necessity, and
his subsequent neglect
for nearly six months
to take steps, or to see
that steps were taken
for the repairs necessary
is aggravated rather
than otherwise. If
the trouble he had
to

to take was so slight as
represented ^{by the SE.} there is the
less excuse for him.

2. There is nothing
in Mr. Lester's appeal
to induce the Ex. to
modify its order no
3441W of 4th Decr 1889.

WMS

15.3.90

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15.3.90

No 884 W of 17th March
1890

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No 3441W. 4.12.89
5975C. 21.12.89
5755C. 9.12.89
5644C. 3.12.89
2658W. 23.9.89

2/15/3

S.S. II Circle for comm-
15th Decr

S.S. I Circle for inform-

Cu 2/19/3