

- (1) பக்கங்களின் எண்ணிக்கை 18 + Map
 (2) புதுக்கித் திருப்பிய நாள் 8/11
 (3) ஆதரங் குறிப்பவர் சுருக்கொப்பம்

தமிழ்நாடு ஆவணக் காப்பகம்.

தமிழ்நாடு அரசு

PWD துறை

அரசாணை எண். மு. கோப்புத் தாள் எண்.	938 W	அச்சகம் பலவகை
நாள் :	22-3-1890	199

மடிக்கவோ சுண்டபடி கையாளவோ கூடாது.

ஆவண. கா. 1-18,006-6-9-90.

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1/435 No. 1426 P.R. 1/938

Letter from Lieut Colonel G. R. Hodges
officiating Superintendent of Police to
the District Magistrate Madras
dated 29 July 1889 No 773.

Your first note 976 dated 1 July 89
on copy of letter No 493 dated 24
June 1889 from Mr C. B. Target
Executive Engineer to II Peiyar.

2 Inspector Abdul Subhan in
charge of Madras Town was deputed
by me to make a careful enquiry
into the case and has come to the
conclusion that it was purely a
case of accidental fire caused by
the dhoby as Mr Target himself
thought at the first and at the
first enquiry the dhoby admitted
he had a fire there, which Mr Target
then saw, but now the dhoby has
I think got alarmed and denies
that he had a fire there on that
date

as doubtless
given rise to the rumour that
Mr Target alludes to.

3. As the fire broke out within
a few feet of where Mrs Target
was seated writing in broad
day light, I have no doubt that
it was a case of accidental fire
from a spark from the dhoby's fire
owing to the high wind that
was blowing at the time.

True Copy

No 1254
6-8-89. Communicated to Mr
Target Executive Engineer to II
Punjab Division for information with
reference to his letter d/24 June 1889
No 498.

1304 M Sreenivasa Rao
for ag District Magistrate

No 775

True copy forwarded to the Suptg
Engineer

Engineer Punjab Project Works with
reference to his No 1045 dated 21-6-89

1304 C.B. Target,
Executive Engineer,
to II Punjab Division.

Natchikulam }
11. 8. 89 }
8/12 — }

Copy forwarded to the Chief
Engineer for Irrigation for
information in continuation of
remarks contained in para 16
of report for July 89

394 PR
8-8-89

on 17/8/89
on 17/8/89

2/430
J. B. S.

Colonel R

Punjab - 2
August 1892
Suptg Engr Punjab Project

To
The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation

Sd

No. 1426 P.R.

From, CHIEF ENGINEER
FOR IRRIGATION.
20 AUG 89
The Supt. Engineer
Periyar Project

To
The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation

Dated 15th August 1889.

Forwarded to the
for information.

20/8/89
E.I.
Periyar
24 Aug.
24/8/89

Store shed at Perumai

Forwarded for in-
formation copy of
letter from the Supt.
of Police, Madurai,
reporting that the
fire to the — was
accidental —

3/8/89

Memorandum from the Chief Engineer,
Periyar Project, to the Executive Engineer,
to the Periyar Division dated Natchikulam
4th August 1889, No. 1333 P.R.

Ref. His letter No. 693 of 28th July 89.

Under the circumstances stated
and in consideration of the heavy loss
which Mr. Target himself has sustained
the writing off of the articles destroyed
is sanctioned, and the undersigned
will be prepared to sanction the
cost of repairing the damage done
to the building, the estimate for which
should be submitted as soon as possible.

2. The undersigned strongly advises
Mr. Target not to press his demand
for compensation for his own loss, if
pressed, the undersigned will have
no option but to report the matter to
Government, in which case it is quite
certain that the demand for com-
pensation will not be listened to,

and

and exceedingly probable that Mr Target will be held personally responsible for the loss of Government property, the immediate cause of the fire having been his disregard of departmental rules regarding the occupation of buildings, and of the expressed disapproval of the undersigned.

3. This disapproval was expressed in writing in April or May last and repeated verbally in Mr Target's presence on the occasion of the last inspection of the undersigned although in consideration of the inconvenience which would be caused to Mr Target and his family it was not considered necessary actually to prohibit the occupation of the building.

4. Mr Target is entirely mistaken in supposing that the undersigned ever suggested or approved the addition of the thatched pandal all round the building; until the undersigned

undersigned's visit in June last, he had no idea that any such erection was contemplated.

Copy.

J. B. S.

Colonel A. L.

Chief Engr. Srinagar Project
11/3/90

Ref

No 467 P.R.

Office of the Chief Engineer,
Punjab Project Works,
Punjab 11th March 1890.

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From

Colonel J. Cunningham R.E.,
Chief Engineer, Punjab Works

To

The Chief Engineer,
P.W. Department.

Enclosure.

Sir,

With reference to your No 1265C of 7th Instant, I have the honor to state that there is no doubt whatever that Mr Target has suffered considerable loss from the two fires at the Peranai and Natchikulam and if the Government can see their way to granting him any compensation I for one shall be very glad.

2. Certain points must however be borne in mind, in considering the question of compensation.

3. In the first place Mr Target occupied both buildings in succession entirely for his own convenience, and

not

not in the public interests. He occupied the storeroom at the Peranai without sanction, without my knowledge and in the face of my expressed disapproval of his proposal to occupy it. I did not know that he had actually occupied it until some time after his occupation had begun, and only refrained from directing him to vacate it in consideration of the inconvenience which a further change would cause to him and to his family.

4. His subsequent occupation of the bungalow at Natchikulam was (though some what unwillingly) sanctioned for the same reason.

The circumstances are fully explained in my letter No 1547 J.R. of 31st August 1889 and 1824 J.R. of 10th October 1889 disposed of by G. O. No 2682 W. of 25th Sept. 1889.

5. The loss to Government owing to Mr Target's occupation of these buildings (assuming the theory of incendiarism to be correct) has been about Rs. 3000.

6 J.

⑦ vide
G.O. No 1014 J.R. of 12th Aug 1885

6 I remember that in 1885 Messrs Traill and Hancock lost nearly the whole of their camp ²⁹equipage and personal property owing to a flood, and compensation was refused to them although their presence at the place when the flood occurred was necessary for the due performance of their duty, and certainly Mr Target's claim to compensation cannot be compared to theirs.

7. As to Mr Target's theory that one or both of the fires in question was due to the instigation of a contractor, I can only say that it does not appear to me deserving of serious discussion. I have never heard a particle of evidence in favor of it, and shall be very much surprised to hear that it is credited by either the District Magistrate or the Superintendent of Police. If it is credited by either of them it is strange that no steps whatever have been taken towards the prosecution of the offender.

8. Mr Target states that I threatened him.

him with personal responsibility for
the damage to the Perandai Store shed.
A copy of my letter on the subject
(No 1333 of 4 August 1889) is enclosed
from which it will be seen that I
advised him not to press his claim
for compensation lest he should
be held responsible for the damage
to public property. It is somewhat
remarkable that Mr Target has
taken seven months to decide that
the claim should be pressed.

9. In connection with this first fire
it must be borne in mind that
there was no evidence that it was
other than accidental, and that
the view that it was so was taken
by the Police as well as myself;
even now the only ground for thinking
that it was intentional is the
occurrence of the fire; no
direct evidence on the subject has
been obtained.

10. It must ^{also} be borne in mind that
the building was occupied without
orders and that the fire broke
out

out in a thatched verandah which
had been added by Mr Target for
his own convenience and without
sanction. 7/28

11. I am sorry that I cannot
endorse Mr Target's statements
as to his relations with contractors
and subordinates, but the matter
is in any case irrelevant to the
question at issue.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours most obedt Servt,

Perumal
Colonel R.

Chief Engr, Seriyar Project

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No. 1265047-3-90

3285W. 20-11-89

2682W. 25-9-89

2998W. 22-10-89

4832C. 22-10-89

3304W. 21-11-89

3149W. 5-11-89

2108W. 6-8-89

3857C. 28-8-89

3544C. 5-8-89

1014J. 29-11-85

338J. 30-3-85

474J. 22-5-85

339J. 30-3-85

N. 467 P.R.

From

The Chief Engineer
Pernam Project

To

The Chief Engineer
P.M.D.

Dated 11th }
Received 15th } March/90.

Encl.

N. 938 W. d/22-3-1890

Compensation to Assistant
Engineer Mr. Sargah for
the loss sustained by
the two fires at the
Pernam & Natchikulam.

Gives certain points
in considering the question
of granting—

Wm

For orders with
reference to the A. M.
note on current No.
2099.

Wm

17.3.90

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There is no proof that the fire
was the work of an incendiary
or if it was that the security of
the property is not any thing to do
with Mr. Sargah's official work.
In any case I don't see how com-
pensation can be given under the
rules. I would regret the ap-
plication with regret.

Wm
19 Mar.

N. 938 W. d/22-3-1890

Am. 17-3-90 R20-3-90

Wm

N. 938 W. d/22-3-1890

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

From C.A.M. Target Encl. d/1.3.90
- the Chief Encl. P. Project No. 467 P.R. d/11.3.90.

The Government
regret that Mr. Target's
application cannot be
complied with.

Wm

20.3.90

Wm
20.3.90

C.A.M. Target Encl. d/1.3.90
Ch. S. P. Project.

floods.

No 938 1/2 22 2/3

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