(1) பக்கங்களின் எண்ணிக்கை 30

(2) புதுக்கித் திருப்பிய நாள் மே 1989

(3) ஆதாரங்குறிப்பவர் சுருக்கொப்பம்

# தமிழ்நாடு ஆவணக் காப்பகம்.

## தமிழ்நாடு அரசு

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P. W. C. W. ~~413~~ Encs

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SUPG: ENGINEER'S OFFICE
No. 1144
10 JAN. 90
P.W.D.
SIXTH CIRCLE.

P. W. D.

No.

1/975

From

W Jopp Esqr.

Executive Engineer,

Trichinopoly Division.

The Superintending Engineer,

VI Circle,

Trichinopoly.

No. 454 S. E.

Dated 8 "
Despatched 9 " January 1890
Received

Enclosures.

Subject.

Nawab's palace in the Fort at Trichinopoly and a portion of the Registrar's office at the same. Bringing to notice the occurrance of damage to a portion of the old — owing to an explosion of gun-powder & requesting permission for demolishing the portions being at present in a dangerous state.

Camp Negapatam.

No. 957 rc d/11 January/90
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Submitted to the Chief Engineer P.W.D for early orders for demolishing the dangerous portions of the buildings, as proposed by the Exec: Engr.

Under my orders the most dangerous portions of the Nawabs palace have been carefully removed, but more remains to be done.

The retiring room attached to the Registrar's office will have to be demolished.

The irregularity of the Tahsildar will probably be noticed in the Rev. Department —

1/16 Jan 90

A. Smith
Lt Colo.
Supgt 6 Circle

Rec. 16-1-90 R. 18-1-90

No. 454 S.

TRICHINOPOLY DIVISION OFFICE.

Camp Trichinopoly.

Date 8th January 1890

b/ 9th

From

W. Jopp Esquire,

Executive Engineer,

Trichinopoly Division.

To

The Superintending Engineer,

VI Circle,

Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice the occurrence of damage to a portion of the old Nawab's palace in the Fort at Trichy and a portion of the Registrar's Office at the same place owing to an explosion of gun powder on the morning of the 8th ~~instant~~ ultimo

2. On the 9th ~~instant~~ ultimo I received a communication from the Registrar intimating the occurrence of the accident & requesting my inspection of his cutchery as it seemed to be in a dangerous state.

I inspected the building on the same day and found the floor walls & roof of the detached building which adjoins the Nawab's old palace to be shaken & cracked so badly that it is in a very dangerous state.

The Nawab's palace adjoining was also examined and the North East corner was also found to have been wrecked.

3. It was ascertained on the spot that a large quantity of powder after having been manufactured in this vacant portion of the Nawab's palace under the orders of the Tahsildar for the illumination of the town during His Royal Highness Prince Albert's visit had been stored in a temporary room in the North East corner - that owing to some accident the powder exploded and, caused the damage now under report. Fortunately at the time of the explosion, all the Operatives had just left the place except two - These two were killed.

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4. I immediately reported the matter to the Collector in a demi official letter to save time, asking him that if it was the fact that the manufacture was being carried on under the orders of the Tahsildar, he would request him to desist as it was dangerous, as the Buildings were in charge of the Department and as no permission had been asked for or granted for, occupying or using them for such purpose.

5. Both the detached building in the sub-registrar's Office and the shattered portion of the Nawab's old palace being at present in a dangerous state will with your permission be demolished.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient St.

W. Jopp

8/1/90

Executive Engineer

M 16/12.

No. 356. C d/ 20 Jany/90

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
20 JAN 90
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Referred to the Revenue Department for the Collector's report.

Rudrahi Vonchman
Lt Col. R.E.
Ag. Joint Secy to Govt
Road

To the Revenue Dept
with copy of note by
the H.M.

1/ Rev 181/90

1/ Rev 1904/90

P.W. Department

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Note by the Honoble Member d/ 17 January 1890.

A report on the matter should be got from the Collector. I now hear of the occurrence for the first time

(Signed) H.E. Stokes

Lost of Articles of the late Muhammadan School Trichinopoly
lost in the Accident of the 7th December 1889.

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| Description of articles &c | No | |
|---|---|---|
| Benches | 6 | eaten by white ants & quite unserviceable |
| Writing desks | 4 | Two in good order, altogether worth Rs 30 |
| Black Board | 1 | In good order. Value Rs 7. |
| Chairs | 6 | 5 out of order. |
| Terrestrial Globe | 1 | Slightly damaged. Value Rs 3. |
| Ink bottles | 4 | |
| Broken tin boxes | 2 | quite unserviceable. |
| Maps | | |
| British isles | 1 | |
| World map | 1 | |
| Map of Europe | 2 | one is quite unserviceable |
| do of Asia | 2 | one is quite unserviceable |
| do of India (English) | 1 | unserviceable |
| do do (Tamil) | 1 | unserviceable. |
| do do (Hindustani) | 1 | |
| " Western Hemisphere (Hindustani) | 1 | |
| " Madras Presidy (Hindustani) | 1 | |
| " do (Tamil) | 1 | |
| " Trichinopoly District (Tamil) | 1 | |
| Library Books. | | |
| Holy Bible (Tamil) | 1 | |
| Other books | | |
| History of Bhopal Persian | 1 | |
| Standing orders (Educational) | 2 | |
| Duncan's Geography of Europe (Hindustani) | 1 | |
| do of Asia (Hindustani) | 1 | |
| Madras English II Reader | 1 | |
| Morden's English III Reader | 1 | |
| Garthwaite's English II Reader | 1 | |
| Bardward Smith's Arithmetic | 1 | |
| Selections of English Poetry No 1 | 1 | |
| Cunningham's Sanitary Primer | 1 | |
| Morris History of India (English) | 1 | Eaten by white ants. |
| World's History (Hindustani) | 2 | old |

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...y to the collector of Trichinopoly

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|---|---|---|
| History of India (Hindustani) | 3 | |
| First Book (English & Hindustani) | 1 | |
| Second Book do | 1 | old and useless. |
| Moral Class Book | 1 | old and useless |
| Morris's English Grammar | 1 | |
| Grammatical Primer | 1 | |
| Persian Prose. | 1 | |
| Persian Poetry | 1 | |
| Hindustani First Reader | 2 | |
| do 2nd Reader | 2 | |
| do Poetry | 1 | |
| Hindustani Short account of Madras Presidy | 1 | |
| Colenso's Arithmetic Part I Hindustani | 1 | Torn and useless. |
| do do Part II | 1 | |
| Tamil 1st Reader Part I | 1 | |
| do Part II | 1 | |
| Tamil 2nd Reader | 1 | |
| Tamil Pope's Grammar | 1 | old |
| English Copy Slips | 16 | old |
| do | 12 | old. |
| Hindustani Copy Slips | 22 | |
| Hindustani Copy Books | 2 | |
| Records | | |
| Books of accounts & registers | 17 | 1 |
| File Books | 2 | |

The remarks in black ink are ~~in the~~ found in the list prepared by my predecessor in 1887. The red ink remarks are mine.

D S Kumaraswamy
Sub. Assistant Superintendent of Archæology
Trichinopoly

fire works for use on the occasion

by the collector of Trichinopoly

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Dy Collector's office Trichinopoly.

6/475 10th February 1890

No 85

From MRRy.

CR. Chennakesavulu Nayadu Garu

Dy Collector & Magistrate

Trichinopoly.

To

The Collector & Dy Magistrate

Trichinopoly.

Sir,

Replying your letter No $\frac{106}{14.12.89}$ (magisterial) and Communication No $\frac{38}{5.2.90}$ (Revenue) I have the honour to report as follows:—

2. A portion of the Nabab's Palace buildings to the east of the District Registrar's office formerly occupied by Mahomedan School was in Charge of the Educational Department. This place was selected by myself and the Tahsildar for the preparation of red and blue lights and other fire works for use on the occasion

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Dy to the collector of Trichinopoly

of the visit of H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor as it was a dome being entirely built of brick and chunam without any combustible materials such as bamboo, timber &c. The workmen themselves were glad at and liked the selection. On the evening of the 7th December last 15 coolies (12 men and 3 females) were working in it. Thirteen of them having gone out to see the Raja of Pudukotai who was driving along the road close by, there were two workmen in the building when the gun-powder fire-works and other combustibles stacked there for manufacture caught fire and exploded.

2. A portion of the building came down and it was damaged as alleged by the Executive Engineer in his letter No. 454 / 8.1.90. The furniture



which had belonged to the late Mahomedan School above referred to as per list enclosed and fire works valued at about Rs 295-10-8 were destroyed by the accident. Venkatachellam one of the two workmen was burnt almost to death and the other Kappu Sahib was also very severely scorched. The former died the very night and the latter, two days after, in the Hospital.

3. As soon as I heard of the accident, I drove to the scene of the disaster and inspected the place. I then went over to the house of Venkatachellam who was taken to his house by his people who would not listen to his removal to the hospital. I saw him very badly burnt and thought he was on his deathbed. I at once sent for

By the Collector of Trichinopoly

medical help and all that could be done was done against hope itself. Venkatachellam learning that I was there volunteered to explain the accident. According to his version his attention was drawn by the other workman Bappu Sahib to a light by fire in a corner of the room and knowing blue, reds and such other lights burn at times spontaneously rushed into the room to separate and take out the burning material, but before he could do so, other powders caught fire and exploded. He was severely hurt and ran out of the room, a distance of about 100 ft and dropped in the yard entirely disabled through burns all over the body. From the enquiries subsequently made, I learnt that this Venkatachellam, a clever man in his business and generally



of a reckless disposition was grinding certain powders for the manufacture of blue and red lights and having been at the time slightly under the influence of liquor made a mistake either in mixing or grinding the powder which resulted in the production of fire and explosion. This seems to me to be nearer the truth as it is borne out by the fact that the two eyes of the deceased Venkatachellam who must have been in sitting posture while grinding were blown out at the very moment of explosion and his genital organs and other parts below the loins were more severely burnt than any other portion of the body. If at all any one could be blamed in the matter of this accident, it is Venkatachellam himself who is beyond the reach of blame.

By the collector of Trichinopoly

4. Referring to the complaint of the Executive Engineer against the Tahsildar that his permission was not taken for the use the building was put to, I have to inform you that it has not been in charge of the Public Works Department. It was handed over to the Trichinopoly Municipality sometime ago, for locating the Mahomedan School and on its abolition, the building was taken charge of by the Sub Assistant Inspector of Schools apparently on behalf of the Municipality. I as officiating Chairman of the Municipality granted the required permission verbally to the Tahsildar and he took the key from the Sub Assistant Inspector of Schools Southern Range. The Executive Engineer who inspected the building after the explosion of a portion and observing it as



unoccupied and under no lock and key thought perhaps that the Public Works Department exercising dole charge of it. As this portion was made over to a Private Body, I do not think that the Public Works Department have anything to do with it, till it is taken back by Government.

5. As for the manufacture of powder after the explosion only some unfinished things were worked and nothing fresh was made.

6. I regret the delay in the submission of this report. much time was lost in obtaining details information from the Town Sub-Magistrate and the Tahsildar.

7. I beg also to report that at the next meeting of the Reception

Copy to the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sub Committee, I intend proposing the grant of small sums of money out of the remaining funds to the widows or others left behind & helpless by the deceased.

Venkatachellam and Bappu.

8. Executive Engineer's letter No. 454/8.1.90 is herewith submitted.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant

Chairman & Secretary
Dy Collector & Magistrate.

PP

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Copy to the collector of Trichinopoly

No 89/9

G Ref

1890

P.W. Incl 1774/90

From

The Dy Collector & Magistrate
Trichinopoly

To, The Collector & Dt. Magistrate
Trichinopoly

Dated 10 } February 1890
Desp. 10 }
Re.

No 85

Encl 1
F.R. No 106
14.12.89

Reporting on the explosion of gunpowder in the old Nabob's palace on the 7th December last.

Encl 2.

No 64/4

Submitted to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) with reference to its reference dated 31st January 1890.

2. The selection of the building as a place for the manufacture of blue lights &c was not reported to me. It was not really in charge of the Public Works Department though I think it ought to have been.

3. The accident is very much to be regretted. It was apparently brought on by the man's carelessness.

C. Kennedy
for Ag. Collector

Trichy Collector's Office
16th Feby 1890

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue).
Dated 7th March 1890.
No 1563 Mis
Mr H. W. Bliss
Mr W. S. Whiteside

Read the following:—

1. Endorsement of Government, Revenue Department, dated 24th January 1890 No 545, and the following reference thereon, dated 31st January 1890:—

Communicated to Collector for early report.

2. Endorsement of the Collector of Trichinopoly dated 14th Feby 1890 No 64/4 on report from his Deputy Collector dated 10th Feby 1890 No 85.

Resolution Submitted to Government with reference to its endorsement No 545, dated 24th January 1890.

(True copy and extract)

(Signed) M. Hammick.
Secretary

To
The Secy to Govt R.D.
With Govt Ref P.W.D and its Encls
(note) returned and with Collr's letter and its enclosure (List) to be returned
Copy to the collector of Trichinopoly

P W C No 2724

( 1890. )

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 1904.

ABSTRACT.

Rd 17-3-90
Enc 5

Endorsement No 1736

From

The Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue).

Transferred to the
Public Works Department.

Secretary to Government

Fort St George
13th March 1890.

Dated 7th March 1890.
Received 8th March 1890.
Enclosures 5

No. 1563.

Wk. No 975 W 2/26 - March 1890

SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government report from the Collector of Trichinopoly, re: the occurrence of damage to certain buildings in the Fort at Trichinopoly owing to an explosion of gun powder.

Endorsement

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

READ the following:—

From the Supt Engineer VI Circle
No: 957 I.C dated 11th January 1890.

FOR ORDERS.

I cannot understand why such an unheard of act as making gun powder in a public building in our charge and without our permission was perpetrated.

a report on the matter should be got from the Collector. I now hear of the occurrence for the first time

Uso
7 Jan

Recd 16.1.90

For orders

Resubmitted to the Hon. Member with Current No. 2724 containing the Deputy Collector's report.

Rue DH 19.3.90

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The accident was apparently due to the main own carelessness. but the Dr. Colr. & Chairman of the Munt. showed great want of judgment in selecting this building in close proximity to an important office like the registrars. for such an accident.

WS
Engineer

H.m. 16-1-90 & 18-1-90

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Copy of Memorandum from the Supty: Engineer & Circle to the Executive Engineer Trichinopoly Dn. No. 1005-2 of 25th January 1890.

Estimate of Rs 250 Submitted by the Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly Dn. for sanction, for demolishing the damaged portion of the old Nabobs Palace at Trichinopoly

× in No. 488 of 21st January/90.

The Executive Engineer's letter No. 450 sg. of the 8th instant reporting the accident to the above building was submitted to the Chief Engineer in this office No. 957 TC of the 11th idem for sanction for demolishing the damaged portions. The Executive Engineer has been already authorised by the undersigned to demolish at once the most dangerous portions, he has done this.

2. It is observed that the estimate provides for a watchman to prevent people going near the

building. If the remainder of the damaged portion is so dangerous that its demolition cannot be safely deferred until the receipt of sanction of the Chief Engineer, the Executive Engineer can proceed with the work at once on emergency on the above estimate which is returned herewith duly sanctioned.

No 1006-C

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer P. W. D. in continuation of this office No 957 TC of the 11th instant —

Aldsmith L. Coke
Supty: Engineer & Civil

Trichinopoly
25 January/90

14/975

P. W. Cel. 2755

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From

The Supt. Engineer
VI circle.

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No. 1006 TC
Dated 25
Desp. 25 } January/90.

No. 975 W d/ 26 March 1890

Submits copy of letter to the Exec: Engr. Trichinopoly Dn, sanctioning an estimate of Rs 250 for demolishing the damaged portion of the old Nabob's Palace at Trichinopoly –

Recd 25.1.90

Recd 28.1.90 Dec

No. 975 W d/ 26 March 1890

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
~~RAILWAY BRANCH.~~

B/ Arrangement

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

READ the following

Letter from the Ex. Engineer Trichy Dn (H.E. No. 454 S.E. d/ 8.1.'90)
Endorsement thereon by the S.E. VI Circle ( " " 957 T.C. d/ 11.1.'90
From the Supt. Engineer VI " ( " " 1006 T.C. d/ 25.1.'90)
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue ( " " 1563 Mis d/ 7.3.'90)
Endorsement thereon in the Rev: dept ( " " 1736 d/ 13.3.'90)

The accident reported in these papers was apparently due to the carelessness of the man Venkatachellum, but the Government observes that the Deputy Collector and Chairman of the Municipal Council showed

great want of judgment in selecting for the manufacture of fireworks, a building in close proximity to an important office like that of the Registrar.

2. The orders issued by the Supty Engineer for the demolition of the dangerous portions of the old Nawab's palace and Registrar's office are approved.

No 975 W dt 26 March 1890

S.E. VI Contd.
Exr P.W. Acctt.
Rev dept. 27/3
(The Secy to Government Revenue dept. for favor of counterinitials)

MCM
21.3.90

PMCM
21.3.90
23/3

RS. 22-3-90 R 25-3-90