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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following paper :—

From H. C. KING, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Madras Cricket Club, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, April 1893.

I have the honour to address you on behalf of the Madras Cricket Club and to lay before you a scheme which the club propose to carry out in connection with the cricket ground in the Chepâk Park.

The proposal is—

(*a*) To close the present entrances to the cricket ground on the north side of the ground with gates.

(*b*) With the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council to open up, in the wall on the west side of the ground at right angles with the pavilion, an entrance to the ground and to make a roadway therefrom to the pavilion.

(*c*) To erect in such entrance a large wooden or other suitable gate.

(*d*) To build on the ground on the inside of the proposed entrance a small lodge which would also be suitable for the Secretary's office.

2. I have the honour to inform you that if the proposed scheme referred to in sub-sections (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) is sanctioned, it will necessitate the destruction of one cocoanut tree or possibly two, which with others are at present leased out to toddy-drawers, and several other unimportant trees, some of which were planted by H. S. Thomas, Esq., in the year 1882 at the request of the cricket club.

3. The cricket club will be prepared to compensate the lessees of the cocoanut trees for any loss they may suffer through the destruction of any of the property leased to them and to undertake that they shall as hitherto have free access to the ground for the purposes of drawing toddy, &c.

4. I have the honour to request that you will be pleased to place this letter before His Excellency in Council with a view to obtaining the necessary sanction for the carrying out of the scheme proposed in sub-sections (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) or such order as His Excellency in Council may be pleased to make.

5. I have further the honour to request that if the sanction is granted, His Excellency in Council may be pleased to allow the work to be placed under the supervision of the Consulting Architect to Government Mr. H. Irwin, C.I.E.

Order—dated 3rd May 1893, No. 1200 W., Public Works.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has no objection on public grounds to the proposals of the Madras Cricket Club, but thinks that an approach down a dirty narrow street is objectionable. It is suggested that the proposed lodge and entrance

gates might be placed at the north-west corner of the ground close to the meeting of the four roads. It is presumed that access to the tennis grounds will not be interfered with.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Honorary Secretary, Madras Cricket Club.
" Consulting Architect.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. C. A. Munisawmy.
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Govt. of {1893} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 3rd.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 3rd May 1893, No. 1200 W.

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Cricket Ground in Chepak Park

Approving, with certain suggestions, of the proposals put forward by the Madras Cricket Club in connection with the —.

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Madras,
April 1893.

From.

H. C. King.
Honorary Secretary,
M. C. C.

To.

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

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The proposal is.

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c. To erect in such entrance a large Wooden or other suitable gate.

d. To build on the ground on the inside of the proposed entrance a small lodge which would also be suitable for the Secretary's Office.

2. I have the honor to inform you that if the proposed Scheme referred to in Sub Sections b. c. and d is sanctioned it will necessitate the destruction of one Cocoanut tree or possibly two which with others are at present leased out to toddy drawers, and several other unimportant trees some of which were planted by H. S. Thomas Esqre in the year 1882 at the request of the Cricket Club.

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3. The Cricket Club will be prepared to compensate the lessees of the Cocoanut trees for any loss they may suffer through the destruction of any of the property leased to them and to undertake that they shall as hitherto have free access to the ground for the purposes of drawing toddy &c.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. C. Rice

Hon. Sec. M. C. C.

P. W. CURRENT No. 3582

Recd: 14.4.93

P. Ws. Department.

19/4/93

Read the following:—

Letter (undated)
from Hon'ble Sec'y Madras
Cricket Club.

OR ORDERS.

I do not see any
objection on
public grounds
to the proposal,
but if it is intended
to make the main
Carriage Road
to the Ground at
the place described
in Clause (b) of para
3 of the letter the
Cricket Club is
making a mistake.
It will necessitate
a drive down a
dirty road with
native houses close to
it on one side & a
turn at right angles
or nearly so from
that road into

the first- &
to the pavilion &
the Cricket ground to the
Chelsea Grounds
is pretty & convenient
It is no doubt
desirable & conducive
Cricket
the Ground on
the Northside, where
are quite shelter,
but a double
gate - "in" & "out" will
a cords between
the two gates as
the Club do for ground
gate would allow
a much more
convenient than
a hole in a wall
approached by
a considerable
descent & steel-rail
in & a small
inconvenient-sight

For W

I agree with Mr Wallis remarks &
I don't understand the object the
Cricket Club has in view. I fancy it
has something to do with gate
money. There was some difficulty
I think at the time of the matches
with Lord Hawke's team in getting
the crowd from all standing within
the railings. I observe that if the
Club is allowed to close the north
Entrance the present access to
Tennis Grounds will be cut off.
I have no objection to the proposal
as public grounds.

Circulate.

Mrs
H afw

I don't understand the object
of the Club either - I think that
Mr Wallis plan of 2 entrance
gates with a lodge between with
exit path to the Club pleases.
The 2 gates to be about where the
present turnstiles are - & on
ornamental walk - built between
them & parallel to the embankment

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1) The ~~Hon'ble Mr~~ Hon'ble Governor
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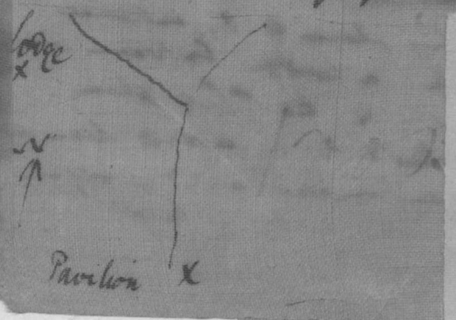
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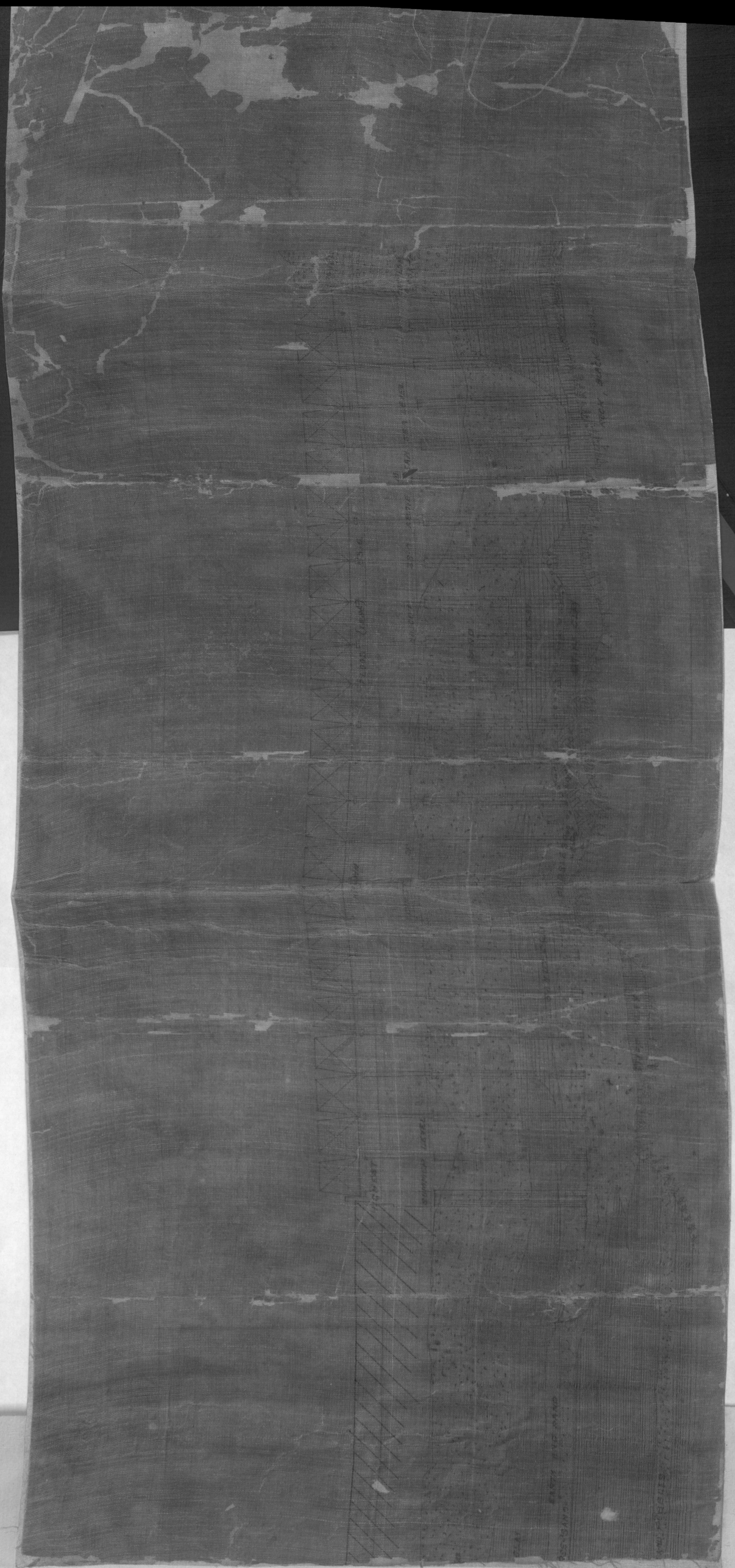
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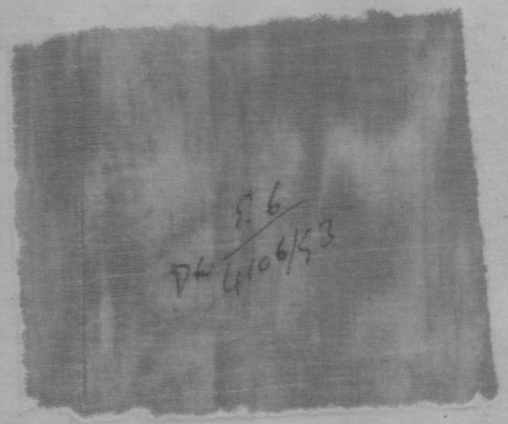
The Cricket Club propose to
take that piece of ground on the side
of the canal where arrow
flies & probably do so.

24/4/93

What the Cricket Club object to now is that
the public avail themselves of the open
state of the ground to come on to it, whenever
they like, and they wish to close the whole
of the north side with shrubs etc and
a light fence, thus preserving the beauty of
the ground, as it now exists. A wall
along there as proposed by the hon. Mr Gentin
would rather spoil this effect; besides
being costly, and I doubt whether the Club
could afford such an approach as he
suggests. I would tell them in
that the Govt. has no objection to their
proposals on public grounds, but thinks
that an approach down a narrow dusty
street is objectionable, and would ask
them if they could not put their lodge
and entrance gates at the N.W. corner
of the ground, close to the meeting of the
four roads - closing up the other road.







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Letter from the Secy. Madras Cricket Club (4.E.M. — 4 — April 93

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grounds will not be interfered with

Forwarded by the
Hon'ble the
Chief Secretary
to Govt.

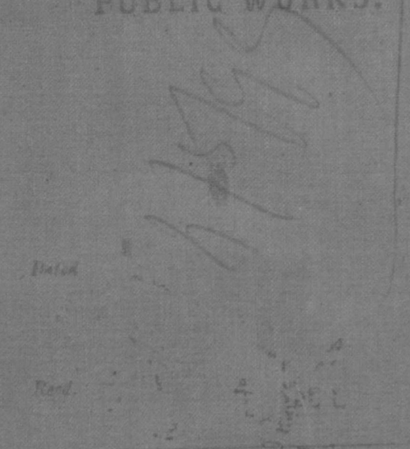
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G.O. 3rd May 1893 No. 1200 W

Ground
Cricket ~~Club~~ on
Chepauk Flats

Approved with
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