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Govt. of (1894) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated 18/6/94

Recd. Encl.

G.O. 16th June 1894 No. 1491 W.

District Munsif's Court-Houses

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Orders stating that no further estimates for – should be prepared, pending the issue of the ~~revised~~ type design now under revision by the Consulting Architect.

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V Circle for modification on receipt of the revised type design.

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Revised type design for District Munsiffs' Court Houses

(The Hon: the Chief Secy: for favor of counter-initials)

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P. W. CURRENT No. 4489 ~~2539~~

~~Judicial~~ {1894.} ~~Department.~~

No.

CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
18 MAY 1894

FROM

The Registrar of the High Court
of Judicature, Appellate Side,
Madras.

2008 W. 27 7 87.

Dated 16th May } 1894
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No: 1491 W d/16th June 1894.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Endorsement in the Judicial Dept. on letter from the Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side No. 1545 dated 16th May/94. } (H.E. No. 1107 d/2d June/94)

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The type design for District Munsiffs' Courthouses is now under revision by the Consulting Architect. Pending the issue of the revised design, no further estimates for buildings of this class should be prepared. The present estimate will be returned to the Supdg Engineer

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P. W. CURRENT No. 4489

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No. 1107

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

A. Butterworth.
Under Secretary

To the P.W.D. (with ~~plans~~ all enclos)

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2d June 1894

For Jud. Dept. ... d/ 2 June 94.

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SAW

What is the present stage of the question of revising the Standard plan for District Munsiffs' Court Houses? vide para 2 of the C.A's letter printed with G.O. 29 W d/ 8 Jany 94.

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4 June 94

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C.A.W.

The manager of C.A.'s office tells me that the work is in hand, & that the revised type design will be ready by the middle of July

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

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1893, and referred to in the Consulting Architect's letter to be found in G.O. No. 29. W. dated 8th January 1894).

2. I am accordingly to forward the plans and estimates to the Government with the request that the contemplated revision of the type design may be carried out and the plans returned to the Superintending Engineer to be brought into accordance with the design as modified.

I have the honor to be,
Honorable Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,

Registrar.

Every letter, whether printed or in manuscript, should be docketed and abstracted on the back; * * * and the abstract should state clearly the purport of the letter and not merely its title subject. * * * *

Enclosures and statements also, whether sent with letters, or merely under cover, should be numbered, docketed and abstracted. The headings of statements should be written in full to prevent mistakes. (G. O., 8th April 1893, No. 289, Public.)

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of {1894} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 16th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 16th June 1894, No. 1491 W.

JUNE.

District Munsif's Court-houses

Orders stating that no further estimates for — should be prepared, pending the issue of the type design now under revision by the Consulting Architect.

2339

No. 1545.

High Court of Judicature,
Madras 16th May 1894 —

From

H. W. Foster Esquire,
Registrar of the High Court of Judicature
Appellate Side, Madras.

To.

The Honorable J. F. Price,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

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Honorable Sir,

In G.O. dated 6th September 1893, No. 1814[×], Judicial, the Government directed the preparation of plans and estimates for the construction of a Court-house for the District Munsif of Villupuram in the South Arcot District. The orders have been carried out, but on examining the plans submitted for its approval, the High Court finds that they have been prepared according to the type[×] design of 1887 and that effect has not been given to the suggestions for revision of this (?) design contained in my letter No. 2285[*], dated 29th August 1893 (printed in G.O. No. 2510. W. dated 2nd October 1893.

× G.O. 2434 Wa/21-9-93

× G.O. No. 1098 Wa/21-4-87

* printed in G.O. of 20 Octr. '93, No. 2191 Jal.

(?) i.e. the type design, and not the design for the Villupuram Court particularly. C.S. 8 June 94.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
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Govt. of {1894} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated January, 8th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 8th Jan. 1894, No. 29 W.

JANUARY.

District Munsif's Court at Ellore

The plan prepared by the Consulting Architect for altering the —, forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, for preparation of the requisite estimate and for execution.

16th June 1894, No. 1491 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following paper :—

From H. W. FOSTER, Esq., Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 16th May 1894, No. 1545.

In G.O., dated 6th September 1893, No. 1814, Judicial, the Government directed the preparation of plans and estimates for the construction of a Court-house for the District Munsif of Villupuram in the South Arcot district. The orders have been carried out, but on examining the plans submitted for its approval, the High Court finds that they have been prepared according to the type design of 1887 and that effect has not been given to the suggestions for revision of this design contained in my letter No. 2285, dated 29th August 1893 (printed in G.O., No. 2510 W., dated 2nd October 1893, and referred to in the Consulting Architect's letter to be found in G.O., No. 29 W., dated 8th January 1894).

2. I am accordingly to forward the plans and estimates to the Government with the request that the contemplated revision of the type design may be carried out and the plans returned to the Superintending Engineer to be brought into accordance with the design as modified.

No. 1107, Judicial.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

Ootacamund,
2nd June 1894.

(Signed) A. BUTTERWORTH,
Under Secretary.

To the Public Works Department (with all enclosures).

Order—dated 16th June 1894, No. 1491 W., Public Works.

The type design for District Munsif's Court-houses is now under revision by the Consulting Architect. Pending the issue of the revised design, no further estimates for buildings of this class should be prepared. The present estimate will be returned to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, for modification on receipt of the revised type design.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, with six enclosures.
,, other Superintending Engineers.
,, the Consulting Architect to Government.
,, the Judicial Department.

Exd. J. Moses.
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Read—also the following paper :—

From the Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side, Madras, dated 1st December 1893, No. 3189.

With reference to G.O., dated 14th November 1893, No. 2334, referring, for the remarks of the Honorable Judges, letter, dated 16th October 1893, No. 2154, from the Consulting Architect to Government, I am directed to state that their Lordships approve of the alterations and additions to the District Munsif's Court of Ellore proposed by the Consulting Architect. They appear to be adequate and they meet the requirements in the way most compatible with economy.

2. The plan received with the Government Order under reply is herewith returned.

Order—dated 21st December 1893, No. 2659, Judicial.

Communicated to the Public Works Department with an expression of concurrence in the views of the Honorable the Judges with reference to endorsement, No. 3449 C., dated 25th October 1893, Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. BUTTERWORTH,
Under Secretary.

ORDER—dated 8th January 1894, No. 29 W., Public Works.

The plan prepared by the Consulting Architect will be forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, who will arrange for the preparation of the requisite estimate and for carrying out the proposed alterations and additions to the District Munsif's Court at Ellore.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, with plan.
„ Consulting Architect to Government.
„ Judicial Department.

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Dated October, 2nd.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 2nd Oct. 1893, No. 2510 W.

OCTOBER.

District Munsifs' Court-houses

Early report called for from the Consulting Architect as to the possibility and cost of revising the type design for — in the manner suggested by the High Court, the question of altering the District Munsif's court at Ellore being considered on receipt of the report.

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT

8th January 1894, No. 29 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following paper:—

G.O., dated 21st December 1893, No. 2659, Judicial.

Read—again the following paper:—

G.O., dated 14th November 1893, No. 2334, Judicial.

Read—again G.O., dated 15th September 1893, No. 1892, Judicial.

Read—also the following papers:—

From the Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras, dated 16th October 1893, No. 2154.

With reference to G.O., No. 2510 W., dated the 2nd October 1893, I have the honour to report that the removal of the wall between the record and property rooms may necessitate the removal and renewing of the roofing and it may possibly shake the side walls and require a portion of them to be rebuilt; the cost will therefore be great. The building of a transverse wall instead of the present longitudinal wall will deprive the proposed new record room of a good deal of light. I considered that the longitudinal wall should be retained in the Ellore cutcherry. The light and ventilation of the record and property room should be improved and used for the clerks and records and a new room be built at the back for storage of property. If there is no objection the floor of this room may be one foot over the ground and the terrace on a level with that of the verandah. I enclose a plan and section illustrating my views and will furnish an estimate for the same if approved.

2. In revising the standard plan the suggestions of the High Court will be attended to and a satisfactory plan prepared.

Endorsement of the Public Works Department, dated 25th October 1893, No. 3449 C.

Order—dated 14th November 1893, No. 2334, Judicial.

The Consulting Architect's letter will be referred to the Honorable the Judges of the High Court for favour of remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

ENCLOSURE.

ABSTRACT sketch showing certain modifications in the type design for a District Munsif's court.

Order—dated 15th September 1893, No. 1891, Judicial.

The Registrar's letter will be referred to the Public Works Department for favour of remarks as to the possibility and probable cost of (1) revising the type design of a District Munsif's court in the manner suggested, (2) altering the present District Munsif's court at Ellore to meet the High Court's views.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

ORDER—dated 2nd October 1893, No. 2510 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Consulting Architect for early report as to the possibility and cost of revising the type design for District Munsifs' court-houses in the manner suggested by the High Court. On receipt of this information, the question of altering the District Munsif's court at Ellore will be considered.

2. In revising the type design, the Consulting Architect will, with reference to G.O., No. 2509 W., dated 2nd October 1893, provide for ventilating the court hall.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. HANNAN,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
General, Buildings and Roads Branch.

To the Consulting Architect to Government,
with enclosure.
" Superintending Engineer, I Circle.
" Judicial Department.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.
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Dated October, 2nd.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 2nd Oct. 1893, No. 2509 W.

OCTOBER.

District Munsif's Court-house at Ellore

Sanctioning the execution by the Public Works Department of certain improvements to the —, and stating that the question of altering the type design of District Munsifs' court-houses will be separately considered.

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT
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2nd October 1893, No. 2510 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following paper:—

G.O., dated 15th September 1893, No. 1891, Judicial.

Read—the following paper:—

From H. W. FOSTER, Esq., Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 29th August 1893, No. 2285.

With reference to G.O., No. 900, dated 13th May 1892, inquiring whether it is necessary to provide further accommodation for the District Munsif's court, Ellore, than is furnished by the new building constructed in accordance with the type design for such courts, I am directed to say that, though there are no special circumstances rendering unusual accommodation necessary for this particular court, it appears to the Honorable the Judges that the type design itself is defective in failing to provide adequately for all the requirements of a District Munsif's court.

2. The property room is generally found to be too small, and when movable property of a bulky description is distrained it is often difficult to make arrangements for its safe custody. The gumastahs' room again (25 feet by 15 feet) is no more than sufficient for the 7 clerks who form the ordinary complement of a Munsif's ministerial establishment and does not afford reasonable space also for the copyist establishment, which consists of from three to five persons.

3. Mr. Ross suggests that the vakils' room should be appropriated for the accommodation of the copyists, and that a separate building should be provided for the vakils, for witnesses in waiting, and for the storage of attached property. The High Court is not prepared to support this proposal in its entirety, since the vakils' room is unnecessarily large for the copyists, the present property room would, under such an arrangement, be wasted, and the Government (in G.O., dated 8th December 1890, No. 1942, Judicial) has declined to provide witness-waiting rooms as a matter of course.

4. As, however, it appears necessary that more space should be provided, it seems to the High Court desirable to revise the type design in the following manner. The wing now occupied by the property and record rooms should be divided by a transverse, instead of a longitudinal, wall. The division immediately behind the Judge's dais should be 10 feet 3 inches long and would serve for the record room, for which the space now provided is somewhat too cramped; the other division would accommodate the copyist establishment and a property room could be provided by extending the wing another 16 or 18 feet. The changes suggested are shown in the accompanying sketch, the newly suggested division being indicated by dotted lines. I am to request that the Government may take into consideration the desirability of modifying the design to this extent.

5. If the Ellore court-house can now be altered and extended in conformity with this suggestion, it will not be necessary to retain the old building as an adjunct to the court; but if this is not possible, I am to say the Judges consider that the building cannot be given up without inconvenience.

ORDER—dated 2nd October 1893, No. 2509 W., Public Works.

The execution of the work by the Public Works Department is sanctioned, and the plan and estimate will be forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, for early execution.

2. The question of altering the type design of District Munsifs' court-houses will be separately considered.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. HANNAN,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
General, Buildings and Roads Branch.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, with four enclosures.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Consulting Architect.
„ Judicial Department.

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

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 21st.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 21st Sept. 1893, No. 2434 W.

SEPTEMBER.

District Munsif's Court-house at Villupuram

The Superintending Engineer, V Circle, directed to submit plans and estimates for the construction of a *new* building for the — in South Arcot district and to report, if possible, the names of the officers responsible for the faulty construction of the existing court-house.

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following paper:—

G.O., dated 15th September 1893, No. 1892, Judicial.

Read—the following letter from the Registrar, High Court, Appellate Side, Madras, dated 1st September 1893, No. 2321:—

In forwarding, herewith, copy of letter, dated 10th July 1893, No. 730, from the District Judge of Gódávari, together with a plan and estimate (and other enclosures) for the provision of ventilators for the court-house of the District Munsif of Ellore, I am directed to request that, for the reasons stated in the letter, His Excellency the Governor in Council may, under G.O., dated 18th March 1892, No. 892 W., be pleased to issue the necessary orders for the work being carried out by the Public Works Department.

ENCLOSURE.

From H. T. ROSS, Esq., District Judge, Gódávari, to the Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side, Madras, dated Rajahmundry, 10th July 1893, No. 730.

I have the honour to state that, on my personal inspection of the Ellore District Munsif's court-house, I found, among other things, that the Court hall was not properly ventilated. I therefore addressed the Superintending Engineer on the matter and received a reply that the Court hall would be improved by opening two large ventilators.

2. The District Munsif was thereupon asked to get the work done by contract and to charge the same under petty construction and repairs for 1893–94. As he was apprehensive of himself undertaking the work which requires some care, the Superintending Engineer was requested to prepare plans and estimates, which are herewith submitted, for the work to be carried out by that department.

3. I have accordingly the honour to request that the High Court will be pleased to obtain the orders of Government under G.O., No. 892, dated 18th March 1892, to the work being carried out by the Public Works Department, as the probable cost of it is less than Rs. 1,000.

Order—dated 15th September 1893, No. 1892, Judicial.

The necessary orders for the execution of the work by departmental agency will be issued in the Public Works Department.

2. The type design of District Munsif's Court which was circulated with G.O., dated 27th July 1887, No. 2008 W., P.W., will apparently need revision.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

11. I consider the building is absolutely dangerous in its present state and should be given up.

12. The District Munsif might, as a temporary measure, be accommodated in the old taluk office.

13. I am sending a copy of this letter to the District Judge.

No. 197 W.

Submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for favour of orders.

(Signed) J. C. LARMINIE,
Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

5th June 1893.

G.O., dated 6th September 1893, No. 1814, Judicial.

Read—again the following paper:—

G.O., dated 24th June 1893, R. No. 700.

Abstract.—Referring for remarks to the Honorable the Judges of the High Court endorsement of the Public Works Department asking whether an estimate should be prepared for the construction of a new court-house for the District Munsif of Villupuram.

Read—also the following paper:—

From the Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side, dated 23rd August 1893, No. 2241.

Abstract.—Recommending the preparation of plans and estimates for the construction of a new District Munsif's court-house at Villupuram in the South Arcot district.

Order—dated 6th September 1893, No. 1814, Judicial.

The proposal of the Honorable the Judges of the High Court is approved and the necessary orders for the preparation of plans and estimates will issue in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

Order—dated 21st September 1893, No. 2434 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, for submission of plans and estimates for a new building.

2. The Superintending Engineer will report, if possible, the names of the officers responsible for the faulty construction of the existing court-house.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. HANNAN,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
General, Buildings and Roads Branch.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

Exd. A. Grubert.
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Dated April, 21st.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 21st April 1887, No. 1098 W.

APRIL.

Sub-Judge's or District Munsif's Court-house

A revised type design for a — with tiled roof, circulated to officers of the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT
MADRAS

21st September 1893, No. 2434 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers :—

From J. P. DAVIDSON, Esq., Executive Engineer, South Arcot Division, to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated South Arcot, 30th May 1893, No. 301.

I have the honour to report that, in my opinion, the time has arrived when the existing District Munsif's Court at Villupuram should be abandoned as dangerous and a new building constructed in lieu of it.

2. The building is on the design approved in 1874, copy herewith; it was according to the records of this office built in 1876. When I took charge in February 1891, I found, among the estimates under execution, one for placing heavy stone lintels over all the doorways of this building; the cost of this work was Rs. 320; it was completed in March 1891.

3. There were very serious cracks over all the doorways, and these stone lintels were intended to take the place of relieving arches which were conspicuous by their absence throughout the entire building—the result has not answered expectations; the old cracks have increased and have in most cases worked their way beyond and round the end of the stone lintels, and the present state of the building is infinitely worse than before the provision of these massive stones.

4. In one case as shown in red pencil in the plan, the doorway became so dangerous, that to save a collapse it has been blocked up with brick in mud.

5. On the 18th instant I made a careful examination of the foundations which are as shown in the sketch herewith—the depth to bottom of concrete is 4 feet $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches; the concrete, which has perished and crumbles to the touch, is laid on ordinary earthy soil, which when dug is inclined to become powdery and when wet has no solidity. The building should not of course have been founded on soil of this character.

6. The cracks which have appeared throughout the building are, I consider, due to movement of foundations and, as a consequence, of the walls, consequent on the alternate expansion and contraction of the soil during rains and dry weather; this action has, I think, been intensified by the failure of the concrete.

7. But for the existence of doors and windows with no relieving arches over them, I do not think the walls would have suffered seriously. I say this, because I note that the two walls marked ○ in red are absolutely free of cracks, as also are one or two of the interior cross walls.

8. The verandah is tied on to the main walls and there can be no doubt that this has greatly assisted the general pulling and tearing action.

9. Even if it was decided to underpin the building, it would be necessary to take off the roof and dismantle the walls of the building to within a few feet of ground level.

10. The District Judge has already pointed out to me that the accommodation is insufficient and I had prepared a plan and estimate for building a separate court-room connected with the old building by means of a passage, but under the circumstances now reported, I recommend that the building be abandoned and pulled down and a new building on the latest standard design be constructed in its stead.