

Trichinopoly Division.

Stationer's Office, Trichinopoly, 2nd Nov 1894.

6th mile

N^o 639 S.E.

From

Executive Eng^r office
West Coast Division,
Cabinet 3rd Nov 1894.

W. V. Baker, Esq.,
Off^r Executive Engineer
West Coast Div.,

To

The Supt^y Engineer
4th Circle, Coimbatore.

Enclosure 1. Sir,

With reference to
your N^o $\frac{527}{H.C.}$ dated 20th ultimo,
I have the honor to forward a
tracing showing the position
of the Powder Magazine at
Lakadi with reference to
adjacent buildings.

2. The Magazine being
a very old building of rough
stone masonry and bomb-
proof roof, the walls are
damp

damp throughout the rainy season. It is also ill ventilated for storage of explosives. The floor is damaged and infested with white ants, so that wooden boxes containing explosives are very often eaten up and destroyed.

3. The close proximity of the building to the Public Works Department store room and coaly lines, and its situation between two public thoroughfares render it dangerous and leaves hardly sufficient space to throw up an earthen wall. The site for the proposed new magazine is shown on the accompanying tracing.

I have &c &c

Sigs W. V. Baker
Off. Examin. Engrs

Copy

Encls: 1
Tracing.

N^o $\frac{481}{5}$ of 9th November 1894.

Copy. Forwarded with tracing to the Chief Engineer, P. W. Department, with reference to his Memorandum N^o 2272 C. dated 21 June 1894.

The magazine is not in a fit place evidently for the storage of dynamite. The site selected by the Divisional Officer is but little better than the old one. If a new magazine is to be built, it should be constructed in a safe place and not close to a public road.

The new magazine is only required to enable the Contractor to store his dynamite of which he has made a large purchase. It is thought he should

should make his own ar-
rangements for storing same.
Orders are requested.

W. Amman

Supdy. Engineer 4th Circle

P. W. CURRENT No. 8703

3.7.94 N^o 2854C
21.6.94 .. 2272C
4.6.94 .. 2107C
21.3.94 .. 5044C

From
The Supg. Engineers
4th Circle-

Dated 9th Dec 1894
Despatched 12th Dec 1894
Recd: 14.11.94

No 481
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Encls: 1 plan

Powder Magazine at
Luck Radji-

Forwards a tracing
showing the position of
the new one now proposed
to be built is required for
storage of dynamite belonging
to Contractor-

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C No. 8703
P. W. DEPARTMENT.

I do not intend to
impose on the
of large from litigation,
but after all I see
the necessity we should
accept the responsibility
on behalf of the contractors;
it is their business to make
arrangements for storage of
their property; the
simplest way seems to
be to let the
Contractors arrange for
in a magazine, and
submit a proposal
to the Government for
the benefit of the contractors
the latter must vacate
the magazine building in
question, the only
alternative, and make
their own arrangements for
the storage of their
dynamite - I
note for rules in relation

contractors

with the above, and
don't J. O. in the
name of the United
States -

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The Magazine being
dangerous I think that
it should be given the
Contractor to remove his
dynamite & store it elsewhere
The storage of it in the present
unfit place is - if
modern traen the neighbouring
huts have been carried at -
preventing people from living in
the locality.

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I don't see that
any action is
being taken by the
District as yet for it
is a matter of time
before it will be
contrasted with the
magazines; the District
has given the
Contractor a license, and
I don't see why we should
interfere - Personally I

BANCHO NOV No: 3021 W. de 26th November 1894.

Read the following:—

From the Superintending Engineer W write,
No 481 W dated 9th November 1894.

FOR ORDERS.

The question of the safe storage of Messrs. Mitchell and Mackenzie's dynamite in Wynaad is really one between that firm and the magistracy, and there seems no reason why the Public Works Department should accept any responsibility on behalf of the contractors or provide them with a magazine at Government expense.

If the existing magazine is unsafe, it is clearly the duty of the contractors

we no particular objection
in the rule; if dynamite
is to be used it must be
stored soundly. The
magazine is a public institution
is my rule suggested
with reason the core
of dynamite in the same
place from the same stock
magazine.

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May I invite attention to L.O.
of 23rd Feb 1894. No 481? As the
magazine is in charge of the P.W.D.,
that the contractors are allowed to
store dynamite therein, I fear we
should be held responsible for
any serious accident that might
occur. If the building - which
is a powder magazine - were
struck by lightning there would
be an explosion and there is
no lightning conductor to
protect it.

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P.S. If we were to sell the building
to the contractors or give it to them
(for I do not suppose they would buy)
then it would be an affair between
them and the magistracy. As
matters are stand however it looks
as if the P.W.D. would be held
responsible

contractors to provide
a safe place of storage
for themselves, and a
draft G.O is accordingly
submitted for approval.

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FOR ORDERS.

Magazine at
Lakkadi, Wynne

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

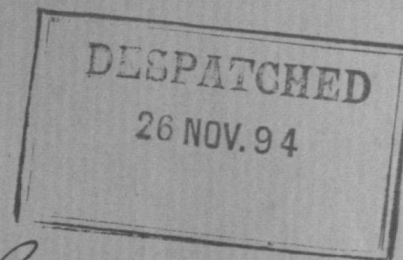
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Proc. of Govt. Judicial, ^{again} ~~READ the following~~ (H.E. No. 481 of 23rd Feby. '94)
Sept 3
Endorsement from the
Suptg. Engr. IV circle (" " 481 W. d. 9th Nov. '94)
Read also

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20 Nov

As the P. W.
Department magazine
at Lakkadi is clearly
unsuitable for a magazine,
and as the Government
is not prepared to incur
expenditure for the benefit
of the contractors, the
latter must vacate the
building in question by
the end of December 1894,
and make their own
arrangements for the
storage of their dynamite.



The S. E. IV circle
" Judicial Department with
four enclos. returned
(40-1,000-18 9-94.)
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