

Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 3626

DATED 17. December 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Police Office building at St Thomas Mount.
Pro: Judicial Dept accepting the recommendation of the Inspector General for making certain alterations to the Court to S.R. View for submission of the necessary plan for estimate.

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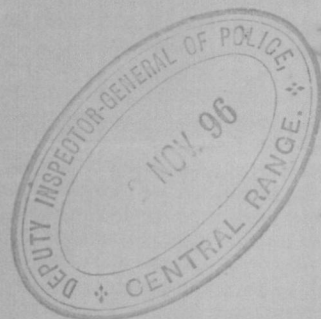
O R D E R :- No 1586 dated 3rd ~~December~~ ^{October} 1896.

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heavy for the walls, the latter should not be strengthened. The Govern-
-ment is not prepared to approve the Inspector-General's proposal
without further information on these points. It should also be consider-
-ed whether a cheaper plan is not feasible.

(True Extract)

(Sd) A. T. ARUNDEL
Ag: Chief Secretary



Report on office of the Inspector-General of Police, Saint Thomas Mount.

This building was inspected by
the Deputy Inspector-General of Police in
October 1895 and on his motion the Public
Works Department was asked for an opinion.
The walls and roof are in an unsatisfactory
condition, and the buttresses were at once
placed against the walls as a measure
of safety.

The roof (see plan) consists of
three barrel vaults running the whole
length of the building. These probably
cracked and leaked at some period not
known. In any case a pitched roof of
flat tiles with mortar joints has been
laid above the barrels and the spandrels
filled with concrete. The roof is now too
heavy for the walls which are being forced
outwards, and large cracks are appearing
in the barrels and walls.

The estimate for a terrace roof
as prepared amounts to Rs 5270. This
amount might be somewhat reduced if
the height of the rooms were diminished
but they are estimated according to the
Standard laid down. An estimate for

a roof of old rails with jack arches has been taken out but does not compare favourably with this.

If the centre block were covered with a pitched roof of mangalore tiles with cedar ceiling, and the side blocks with a terraced roof there would be a saving of about 200 Rs.

If flat and pan tiles ^{+ ceiling} were substituted for mangalore tiles, there would be a saving of about 800 Rs.

The shape of the building is such that it cannot conveniently be covered throughout with a pitched roof.

The walls are not in very good condition, but it is considered that with buttresses they are capable of supporting a lighter roof with vertical pressure.

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Judicial Department.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again G.O., No 1586 Judicial, dated 3rd October 1896.

also
Read the following paper:-

From the Inspector-General of Police, No 4507, dated 18th November 1896:-

With reference to G.O., No 1586 Judicial, dated 3rd October 1896, regarding the Superintendent's office at the Mount, Chingleput, I have the honour to enclose the Engineer's report on the matter.

2. The Executive Engineer first stated that the approximate cost of re-roofing the Head Quarter office building would be between Rs. 6000 and 7000. He has now prepared, in anticipation of the sanction of Government an estimate amounting to Rs. 5270 and states that a further reduction can be made if the height of the rooms were reduced and if flat and pan tiles were substituted for mangalore tiles. He also says that the walls are not in good condition but with buttresses are capable of supporting a lighter roof. According to the Public Works Department register the building is said to have cost Rs. 17,000. The value of Rs. 8,000 is the value entered in the Police books and is, I presume, the value set on the building when it was transferred by the Public Works Department to the Police in 1884.

3. The site is a good one and as a new office will cost a very much larger sum of money than Rs. 6,000, I recommend that the roof be removed from the present building and that it be replaced by a flat and pan tiled roof over the centre rooms and a terraced roof over the side rooms.

Order

O R D E R :- No 1924 dated 5th December 1896.

In the circumstances reported, the Inspector-General's recommendation is accepted.

2. The necessary orders for the preparation of plans and estimates and for the provision of funds will be issued in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract)

W. R. M. S.

for Chief Secretary.

To

The Public Works Department (with 1 enclosure and copy of G.O., No 1586) ✓
--- Inspector-General of Police

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