Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 761 W

DATED 3-3-96

[Despatch Abstract.]

Old Palace building at Arantangi:

The sale of the —, Tanjore Dt., sanctioned on the condition that the purchaser agrees to remove the materials and clear the site.

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BACK PAPERS.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1896} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 3rd.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O. No. 761 W., 3rd Mar. 1896.

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Old Palace Building at Arantangi

The sale of the —, Tanjore district, sanctioned on the condition that the purchaser agrees to remove the materials and clear the site.

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No. 761 W., 3rd March 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers :—

From M.R.Ry. N. RATNASABAPATHY PILLAI Avergal, Executive Engineer, Negapatam Division, to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated 5th June 1895, No. 224 S.E.

With reference to your No. 7 N.G., dated 14th January 1895, I have the honour to inform you that the Collector of Tanjore has desired me to take over charge of the old palace building at Arantangi, since it is in ruins, unsafe and irrepairable and is not wanted by the Collector or the Local Fund Department. The building has been taken over charge of on the 8th May 1895.

2. The building being entirely unfit for any public use, it is recommended that the same may be auctioned to be removed and site cleared.

No. 209 W.

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with the recommendation that, under the circumstances reported, sanction may be accorded to the demolition of the old palace building at Arantangi and the clearing of the site.

13th June 1895.

(Signed) C. C. RAWSON, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Suptg. Engineer, V Circle.

No. 416 D.

Referred to the Revenue Department for favour of information whether there is any objection to the demolition of the building.

21st June 1895.

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

Mis. No. 2526, Revenue.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report.

25th June 1895.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 606, dated 4th February 1896 :—

Read—again Board's Proceedings, dated 14th August 1895, No. 4065.

Read—endorsement of the Collector of Tanjore, dated 14th January 1896, Ref on Cur. No. 2396 Ver.

Resolution—Mis. No. 606, dated 4th February 1896.

In reply to the Government endorsement, Mis. No. 2526, dated 25th June 1895, *read above*, the Board begs to report that there is no objection to the building in question being auctioned on condition that the purchaser clears the site. It possesses no archæological, historical or architectural value, but as it does no harm, the Board would not recommend the expenditure of Government money on its demolition.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. M. WYNCH,
Secretary.

No. 419 R., Revenue.

Transferred to the Public Works Department, with reference to its endorsement, dated 21st June 1895, No. 416 D.

18th February 1896.

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Ag. Under Secy. to Government.

Order—No. 761 W., dated 3rd March 1896.

The sale of the old palace building at Arantangi is sanctioned on the condition that the purchaser agrees to remove the materials and clear the site.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts,
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.
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Public Works Department.

No 761 W d/ 3 March 1896.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

From the Supdg Engr V Circle (H.E. No 209 W d/ 13 June 1895)
Pro. of the Bd of Rev. (L.R.) (" " 606 Mis d/ 4 Feby 1896)
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The sale of the old palace building at Arantangi is sanctioned on the condition that the purchaser agrees to remove the materials and clear the site.

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Exr P. W. A.
Rev Dept

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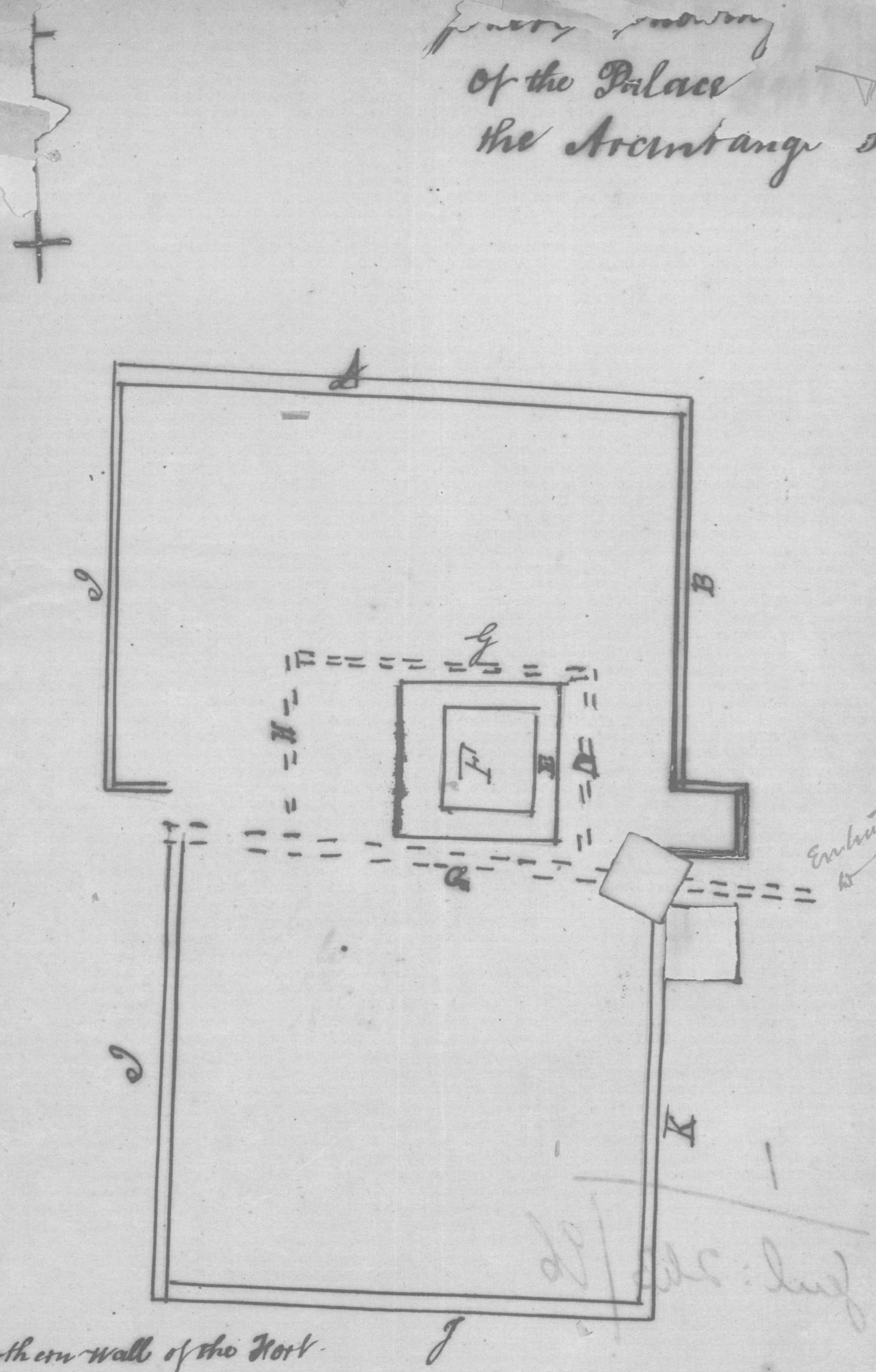
Of the Palace
the Arantangi Fort.



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A. Northern wall of the Fort.
B. Eastern Do — Do
C. Path Leading from the road to the Vennaval Tank.
D. Eastern street to the Palace Building.
E. Vacant sites on the four sides of the Palace Building
F. Palace Building
G Street to the north of the Punjai Lands ~~of~~ to the north of the Palace B.
H Do to the west of the Punjai Land to the West of Do.
J Western Wall of the fort
I Southern Do. – Do.
K [illegible] Do – Do

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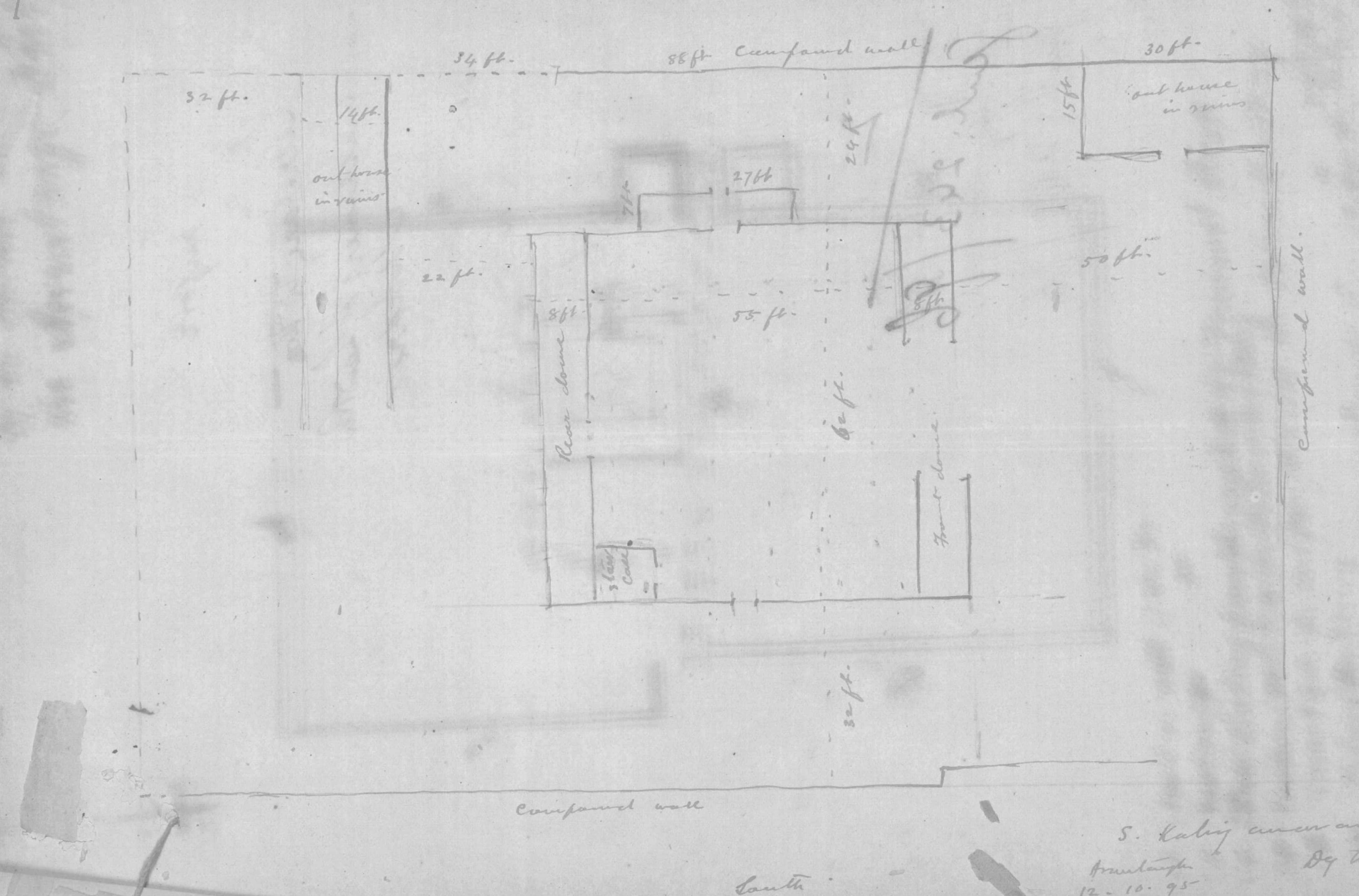
Plan of the old palace building at Arantangi

Scale 1 in = 20 ft



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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

FROM Enc: 2 in one file
In a letter

THE COLLECTOR OF

Tanjore

TO

THE Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Rev Madras

Dated 14.
Despatched
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} Jan: 1896.

Ref on C No. $\frac{2396}{\text{Ver}}$ of 95

ENCLOSURES.

SUBJECT.

Ground plan & sketch of the Palace buildings at Arantanghi

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT
Enclosure No.........
To Current No.........

Revenue Department

Pattukkottai Division Deputy
Collector's Office
Camp. Tanjore
Dated 25 October 1895

Ref on Cir
No. $\frac{2866}{95}$

From

M. R. Ry H. Subbaraya aiyar avargal
Deputy Collector of Pattukkottai Division

To

The Collector of
Tanjore

Sir,

Adverting to Ref on Cir No. $\frac{2396}{\text{Ver}}$ dated 31st August 1895 Calling for Certain information about the Arantanghi Palace buildings, I have the honour to report as follows:-

I Description of the building

As presumed by the Board, the palace building is within the Fort: it is a big terraced building. Its Central portion Consists of a spacious hall measuring 62 feet north to South by 55 feet East to west; its height is 11 feet. In the front and rear of the hall there is a lofty mantapam 8 feet wide rising higher than the Central

portion

portion and Extending throughout its Entire length. The rear mantapam is Enclosed by walls on all sides, and opens into the hall by an Entrance. The front mantapam and the hall are left open; a portion of the mantapam has fallen down and many of the rafters that supported the roof of the hall disappeared, and the pillars are much worn out. The general aspect of the building is that of a ruined one. On the northern side of the hall, there is a small room in the form of a dome measuring length 27 feet × 7 feet Breadth × 8 feet Height. The two outhouses on the north-Eastern and north-western Corner of the palace Compound are in ruins.

II. History of the building.

Local traditions say that the palace building was Constructed many years ago by the Raja of Ramnad, and this is supported by the fact that it has been described in the pamash accounts

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as the maravan māl (maravans palace). This part of the District appears to have been, about 2 Centuries ago, in the possession of the Marava Chiefs of Ramnad, and to have been Ceded to the Tanjore Raja in 1730 by one of its chiefs as a reward for the assistance rendered to him in obtaining possession of that territory against a rival claimant. (Vide pages 772 and 773 Tanjore District Manual)

III. A sketch and the ground plan of the building are Enclosed.

I have &c
(Signed) H. Subbaraya aiyar
Deputy Collector

(True Copy)

Ref on Cir № 2396/Ver of 1895

Enclosures. 2.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, Madras, in answer to its Proceedings № 4065 dated 14' August 1895.

Tanjore Collector's Office
14" January 1896

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For Collector
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From

The Collector
Tanjore

To The Secretary to the
Commissioners of Land Rev
Madras.

BOARD OF REVENUE
MADRAS.

Dy 14. 1. 96

Refer C No $\frac{2386}{Ver}$ of 95

En: 2 (in one File)

$\frac{R.S.3}{1730/96}$

Subject

Submitting a brief description of the Arantanghi old palace building with a sketch

REVENUE DEPARTMENT
Enclosure No. 3
Current No. 1022

No. $\frac{1502}{Ver}$

TANJORE COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Camp, 4th August 1895.

FROM

E. C. Rawson ESQUIRE,
Acting COLLECTOR,
TANJORE,

TO

The SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSIONERS
OF Land Revenue
MADRAS.

SIR,

Adverting to the Board's Reference on Government Register No 1272 of 1895, dated 3rd July 1895, I have the honor to report that there is no objection for the demolition of the old Palace Building at Arantanghi except that I fear that the Cost of demolition will be very great.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
your most obedient servant
E C Rawson
Ag Collector

BOARD OF REVENUE
8 AUG. 95
MADRAS.

BOARD'S GEN. REG. No. 687 OF 1895
LAND REVENUE.

From
The Collector
Tanjore

To
The Secretary to the
Commissioners of Land Rev
Madras

Dated 4. August 1895

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Subject

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1230/96

Reporting that there is
no objection for the
demolition of the
old Palace Building
at Arantanghi

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From

THE COLLECTOR OF

TANJORE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSIONER
OF
MADRAS.

Dated
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ENCLOSURE.

SUBJECT.

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Current No.

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From

To be returned
to Revenue Board
with reply

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R9/8

Current No.

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27-11-95.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 14th August 1895,

No. 4065 Mis. ~~Routine~~

Read endorsement of Government, R. D. No. 2526 d/25.6.95 on that of P. W. D. No. 416-D d/21.6.95; and the following reference thereon dated 3rd July 1895:—

Referred to the Collector of Tanjore for report.

READ letter from E. C. Rawson Esq: Ag: Collr. of Tanjore, No. 1502-Ver dated 4th August 1895 to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Rev: Madras.

Resolution. The Board is unable to locate exactly the palace building referred to. It presumes that it is some building inside the Arantangi Fort, and desires to be furnished with a brief description of it and its history before assenting to its demolition.

To
The Collector of
Tanjore.

(True Extract)
Sd/ L. M. Wynch
Secretary

(True Copy)
L. M. Wynch.
Secretary

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Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

To

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True copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 14. 8. 1895,
No. 4065 Mis ~~Routine~~.

Subject.

Rev. 51
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REVENUE Dept
Enclosure No. 5
To Current No. 1022

No. 224 S.E d/5th June 1895

From - The Executive Engineer Negapatam Division
To - The Superintending Engineer V Circle

Sir, With reference to your No. 7 N.G. d/14th January 1895, I have the honour to inform you that the Collector of Tanjore has desired me to take over charge of the old Palace Building at Arantanghy, since it is in ruins, unsafe, and irrepairable and is not wanted by the Collector or the Local Fund Department. The Building has been taken over charge of on the 8th May 1895.

2. The Building being entirely unfit for any public use, it is recommended that the same may be auctioned to be removed and site cleared.

I have &c.

Signed. N. Ratnasabapathy Pillai

No. 209 W

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer P.W. Department with the recommendation that under the circumstances reported, sanction may be accorded to the demolition of the old palace building at Arantanghi and the clearing of the site.

13/6/95
Lt Colonel R.E.
Supg. Engineer V Circle

13 June
14 1895

11.6.95

Revenue 1895 Dept.
Current Number 4463.

From
Lieut. Col: C. C. Rawson R.E.
Supg: Engineer 5th Circle

To
The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

DISPOSED BY GOVT. ORDER
Mis. No. 2526
Date 25th June 95

No. 209 W

Dated 13th
Despd 14th } June/95
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Old Palace building at Arantanghi -

Requesting sanction to demolish the — and the clearing of the site. -

P. J. O

P. W. CURRENT No. 4623

No. 1211 W of 20-5-95

Acs: 15-6-95

416 D. 21st June 1895

Referred to the Revenue Department for favour of information whether there is any objection to the demolition of the building.

Colonel. R.E.
Secy: to Govt. P. W. D.

Corrd 21/6/95

G.O. mis No. 2526 d/25th June 1895

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report.

C.R. 22/6.

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To the Board of Rev. (Land Rev.) (not circulated in the P.W.D.).

R.S. 168

27/6

D. 1211 W of 20-5-95

I. Reminder Sent 8-8-95.
II Reminder Sent 30-8-95.

Govt. of {1895} Madras.

REVENUE.

To Cn. 6368

The Public works Department

Dated
Recd. } 13-8-95 Encl.

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R. G.O., 10 Aug. 1895, No. 1275

SUBJECT.

Communicating to the Board Reminder from the P. W. D re: the demolition of the old palace at Arantangi Tanjore Dt.

D. 416 D 21-6-95

D. 745 D. 14 August 1895

Recorded.

Cwrs 13/8/95

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Removed from Cn. 6845 in B list 13/8/95

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Reminder from the Public Works Department, dated 8 August 1895 No. 416D/1.

Order thereon, 10 August 1895 No. 1275 R

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True extract)

Ag. Assistant Secretary to Govt

To

The Board of Rev: L. R.
Copy to the P. W. D. ✓

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I. Reminder Sent 8-8-95.
II Reminder Sent 30-8-95.
III Reminder Sent 1-10-95

416D 21st June 1895

Government of Madras.

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

CURRENT No. 4623.

From

The Supdg. Engineer

V Circle

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No. 209 W.

Dated 13-6-95

Received M. 15-6-95

SUBJECT.

Old Palace building at Arantangi, Tanjore Dt.

Requesting sanction for the demolition of the — and for the clearing of the site.

DISPOSAL.

No. 416D dated 21st June 1895

Referred to Revenue Department for favour of information whether there is any objection to the demolition of the building.

(Sd) John Pennycuick Col. R.E.,
Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL AND MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1895} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 20th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 20th May 1895, No. 1211 W.

MAY.

Buildings

Proceedings, Revenue Department, prescribing the procedure to be followed in future whenever it is proposed to sell — in charge of the Public Works Department with the sites on which they stand or with the attached lands, communicated to officers of the Public Works Department.

20th May 1895, No. 1211 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil and Military Works.

Read—the following paper :—

G.O., dated 4th May 1895, Mis. No. 1786, Revenue.

Read—the following office-note from the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 17th April 1895, No. 8 D.

Under existing procedure proposals are frequently made by Public Works officers to the Public Works Department of the Secretariat for the sale of abandoned buildings in charge of this department. The sanction given sometimes includes the sale of the land attached to the buildings, and when this is the case, the sale is, under paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1400 W., dated 27th May 1889, carried out by the Revenue authorities. This procedure seems to require amendment. The Public Works officers who initiate the proposals for the sale of building sites are not only ignorant of the revenue details essential to the conveyance of a valid title but are not even in a position to judge of the expediency or otherwise of the alienation of the land at all. It would probably be better, therefore, if all proposals for the sale of the sites of buildings were submitted by the Collector direct to the Revenue Department; when the question is simply one for the sale of the materials of which the buildings are composed, the existing practice under which Superintending Engineers apply to the Public Works Department of the Secretariat might be continued.

2. If you agree, orders on the subject might issue in the Revenue Department.

Order—dated 4th May 1895, Mis. No. 1786, Revenue.

The procedure suggested in the above office-note will be adopted in future whenever it is proposed to sell buildings in charge of the Public Works Department with the sites on which they stand or with the attached lands. In such cases the Public Works officer in charge of the building should place himself in communication with the Collector of the district who will take the orders of Government in the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Govt.

Order—dated 20th May 1895, No. 1211 W., Public Works.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Superintending Engineers.
„ the Consulting Architect to Government.
„ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. C. A. Munisawmy.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

P. W. CURRENT No. 1730

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With reference to Rev. Dept ~~Endt~~ no 419 R of 18th instant regarding palace buildings at Arantangi will you please return the original paper sent to you with P.W. Endt no 416 E of 21st June last.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current Number. 1022.

Endorsement No. 419 R, of 18th Fe. 18

Transferred to the Public Works Department with reference to its Endorsement dated 21st June 1895, No. 416 D.

Lionel Davidson
Ag. Under Secretary to Govt.
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From
The Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue.

No. 1211 W. of 20-5-95 ✓
" 416 D " 21-6-95 ✓
" 745 D " 14-8-95 ✓

Dated 4th } February 1896
Received 7th }

Enclosures 5

No. 606 Mis.

SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government letters from the Collector of Tanjore and reporting that there is no objection to the old Palace building at Arantangi being auctioned on condition that the purchaser clears the site.

To
The P. W. D. ✓
" Board of Revenue, (Land Revenue)

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
(Land Revenue)
Dated 4th February 1896
No. 606 Mis.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 14th August 1895 No. 4065.

Read Endorsement of G. Stokes Esq. Collector of Tanjore, Ref. on Cur. No. 2396 Ver. dated 14th January 1896.

Resolution: dated 4 Feb 1896, No. 606

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(True Extract.)
(Signed) L. M. Wynch.
Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Govt., Revr. Dept., with 2 letters and 2 enclosures in original to be returned, and with copy of B. P. No. 4065 d/ 14th August 1895

" Collector of Tanjore.