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By: Mr. H. G. W. of 2nd May 1896

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Government Telegraph Department.
From,

A. L. H. Palmer Esq.

Superintendent

Madras Division.

To

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Madras

No. 484 Madras dated 18 April 1896.

Sir,

With reference to the Correspondence ending with your letter No. 195 C. dated the 18th of January 1896, I have the honor to inform you that in March last I inspected the new quarters and out offices which are in course of erection in the Compound of the Telegraph Office at Pambam, and which are being built for this Department to replace the quarters and out offices demolished to make room for the new Post office, and that I observed the following serious defects:-

- i There are no bathrooms attached to the quarters,
- ii The walls of the quarters and of the out offices are plastered with mud which has been given a coating of whitewash,
- iii A window at each end of the quarters is totally unprotected from rain.

2. As regards the first item I need only say that the quarters which have been demolished were provided with two bathrooms both of which were required for use, and that they are equally necessary in the new quarters

3. Item ii is most important of all. In a station like Pamban, where the rain fall is heavy for many months of the year, - both the North-East and South-West monsoons visiting the place, - I look upon a whitewashed mud wall as practically useless, for the mud would soon be washed away leaving nothing but the rough stones forming the interior of the walls and rendering the rooms uninhabitable. I may here note that our former buildings had mud walls covered with Chunam and that the new Post office buildings are all made with Chunam covered walls.

4. The windows mentioned in item iii are exposed one to the North East and the other to the South West monsoon, and it will be impossible to keep the rain from beating in. Each window is only provided with a wooden shutter so that for a considerable period every year they will be of no use either for light or air.

5. I have already brought these defects to the notice of the Director General of Telegraphs whom I told that I could not take over the buildings in their present condition. I further suggested to him how I thought the defects should be remedied and asked his permission to address you with a view to this action being carried out as soon as possible, and having obtained that permission by telegram, I beg to request that you will take early action in the matter.

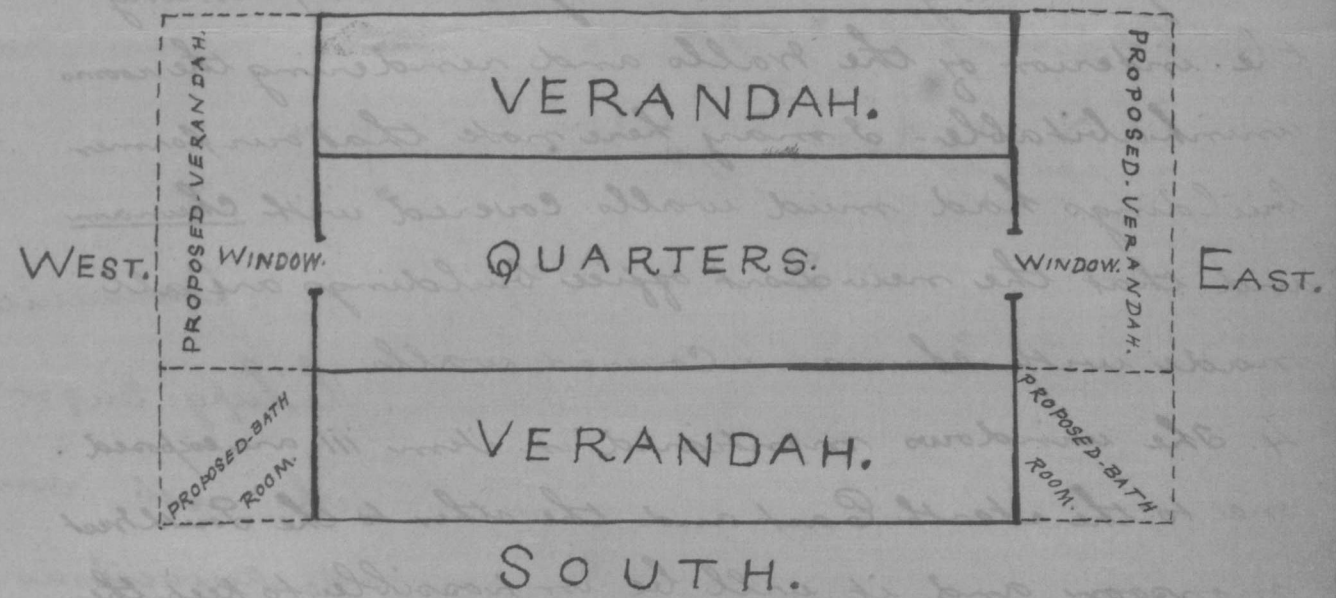
6. My suggestions were that all the walls should be plastered with Chunam and that

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South sides of the quarters should be continued all round them, two corners on the South side being walled in to provide bathrooms.

This latter suggestion is perhaps made clearer by the diagram below:-

N O R T H.



I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. L. W. Salver
Superintendent.