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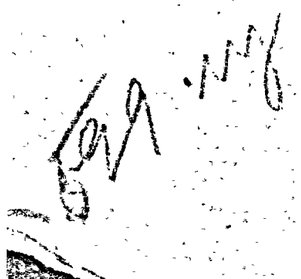
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G.O. No. 599 Press Mis.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th March 1869.

No. 174. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Requesting the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division, to submit an estimate for repairing the School-house at Cuddapah ; and orders issued that henceforth all public buildings constructed by the Public Works Department, and intended to be of a permanent character, shall be built with chunam, unless otherwise specially ordered.

(Here enter 24th February 1869, No. 596.)

No. 175. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1869, No. 599.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. LILLY,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 596.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

No. 599. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Educational Department, dated 2nd February 1869, No. 38 :—

Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddapah, 14th December 1868, No. 3,352.

1. With reference to G. O., No. 4,330, of 20th December 1866, I have the honour to inform you that the original roof of the School-house at Cuddapah was constructed of country-wood with stone slabs over them ; the woodwork was not strong enough, and hence the beams sagged, and it was necessary to submit estimates, in 1865 and 1866, for removing the old beams and for putting up good teak beams : this was done, and at the east and centre rooms carried out in 1865-66, and at the west room was completed in May 1867. Mr. Biggers, then in charge of the Cuddapah Range, was directed to submit the required report, but neglected to do so, and the late Mr. George, who succeeded, appears to have overlooked the call.

G. O., No. 202, of 26th July 1865, Educational Department, No. 373 of 12th December 1866.

2. During my stay in Cuddapah, a few days ago, I took the opportunity to inspect the buildings in company with Mr. Taylor, the Master of the School, who informed me that, from the time the work was finished in May 1867, until nearly the end of last month, there had been no appearance of any leakage ; but that, during the heavy rain in the end of November, there had been slight leakages near the crosswalls. On examining the roof I observed some cracks which will have to be filled in with tar, &c.

3. I regret to state that I found the roof of the verandah all round the building, and which has not been touched since the building was constructed, in bad order, and many of the palmyra rafters are gone, and will require to be replaced. I also found that the white-ants were not only in the roof of the verandahs, but are also appearing in the roof of the main building, and, as all the joists are of country wood, I am afraid that before long these will be destroyed.

4. The walls of this building were constructed in mud, which is, in my opinion, a great mistake, and should never be allowed in any building which is intended to be of a permanent nature, or to last any time. The extra expense of doing all the work in chunam is very small in comparison with the amount of estimate, and I would urge on Government the necessity of issuing strict orders that chunam should be used throughout in all buildings which are intended to last any time.

TRANSFERRED to the Educational Department, with reference to G. O. in that Department, dated 12th December 1866, No. 373.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
18*th December* 1868.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

RESOLVED that the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, be called upon in the Public Works Department to submit an estimate for putting the School-house at Cuddapah into thorough repair.

2. The question of discontinuing brick-in-mud constructions, raised in the Superintending Engineer's letter, will be referred to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 600. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1869, No. 596.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 75.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division, who will submit the estimate called for in paragraph 1.

2. The very unsatisfactory state of various public buildings having on investigation been traced to their having been built with mud, and representations of the comparatively little saving to be effected by the use of that material instead of chunam having been made to the Government, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to direct that henceforth all public buildings *constructed by the Public Works Department* and intended to be of a permanent character, shall be built with chunam, unless otherwise specially ordered.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Military Department.
,, Revenue do.
,, Public, &c., Departments.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Dept.
No.-615.

Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

3rd Division

&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 24th.

Rec'd 26th

Ans.

G. O., 24th February 1859, No. 599.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 599-600

School-house at Cuddapah.—The Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division requested to submit an estimate for repairing the School-house at Cuddapah; and orders issued that henceforth all public buildings constructed by the Public Works Department and intended to be of a permanent character shall be built with chunam, unless otherwise specially ordered.

No. 599-School

Without order