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No. 133. From the Consulting Arc Government.

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No. 134. MINUTE BY HIS EXCE CY THE PRESIDENT.

As I recently have had an opportun specting the works of the Madura Palace in company with Mr. Chisholm, be right that I should record my opinion as to the progress which has l and as to the course that should be pursued in future.

II.—In order to render the sul sparent to the Members of Government, and to save the trouble past correspondence, I may be permitted to offer a brief description o in connection with the accom- panying sketch which will explain, at at has been done and what, in my opinion, ought to be done.

III.—The group of buildings call a Naik's Palace, as we now possess them, embody the following portions ss distinct from each other :—

(1.) A great court, marked etch, A A, with its dependencies, including its surrounding porticos E quare halls C C, a waggon-vaulted vestibule D, a large circular hall unde dome E, and a considerable area divided, by rows of columns, with spa ous forms and dimensions under domiform or vaulted roofs F F.

(2.) A row of large rooms, ree in number, behind the great circular hall, which are marked in th G.

(3.) A great oblong vaulted ateral aisles, wh. h are divided into two stories, H H.

(4.) A small circular-buildin y a dome and marked I, attached to the oblong hall.

(5.) A range of rooms outs n wall of the building near the present entrance to great Court, J J.

IV.—The works undertaken by m during the last two years have had two objects: the restoration of ru ngerous portions of the building, a mechanical work ; and the restorat old mural painting, a decorative work. Both operations were necessa convince the Government and the public that the expenditure of Go nds proposed could be rendered both useful and ornamental.

V.—The mechanical restorations efer provided for the following objects:—

(1.) For the repair and sec principal facade of the great court K K, of which a photograph exhibiting its former condition. This facade extends in front of the ed vestibule D and of the great circular hall E, used as the Court of d Session Judge. It threatened an imminent ruin, and if it had fallo ave drawn after it the vestibule D and the hall itself E. The restora pensable, and it has been happily

accomplished. The waggon-shap
iron ties, missing pillars have be
tight, a mass of masonry which ha
has been replaced, the great co
towards the great court has been
tered after the old models. The
more than eighty feet under very
Government Architect and his nat
been severely tried.

Regarding the question in a
saved the present Court-house.

(2.) Two rooms, G G
rooms are destined eventually,
but they will be required meanw
which cannot continue to sit, wi
the works are being prosecuted in

VI.—The decorative restorati

(1.) The repainting of t
which I have spoken above.

(2.) The painting of a sm

(3.) The painting of the
temporary accommodation of the

I cannot affirm that these re
the taste of every spectator in
extremely successful, and they a
tion, of which excellent specime
and I am bound to state that the
one that is distinctly sanctione
doubt much will be gained by ex
in a native structure has never
in this Presidency and the un
forefathers.

(4.) The restoration c
D and on the facade of the gre
kinds, in bestial or human type
ties of the country. The old m
inferior to the work of the ancie
on account of the great elevat
placed. In modelling, as in pa
is to be lamented, but these ve
recover his dexterity.

VII.—Such being in a few
carried out for Government by
to state that they have been effe

f the vestibule has been secured by
d, the roof has been rendered water-
t of the central arch of the facade
een restored, and the facade itself
inst further decay by being replas-
onducted, in part, at an elevation of
nditions reflect much credit on the
ates, whose courage must often have

utilitarian point of view this work

urt-house have been repaired. These
the accommodation of the Collector;
use of the Civil and Session Court
nce, under the great dome E, while
te neighbourhood.

e the following objects :—

shaped vault in the vestibule D, of

the pillared space marked F.

the two apartments intended for the
ession Court, G G.

colour will recommend themselves to
lar, but I think them, on the whole,
dmired. The old method of decora-
as been, for the most part, respected,
hich at first sight offended my eye is
t in a contemporary building. No
is matter. The restoration of colour
attempted under European direction
e has almost forgotten the arts of his

figures and patterns in the vestibule
he figures are grotesques of various
include any of the popular divini-
n adhered to, and, if the execution is
defect is scarcely apparent to the eye
hese objects are, for the most part,
ne in the skill of the native artificer
a practical school in which he may

echanical and decorative restorations
in the last two years, I think it right
oderate outlay. The whole expen-

diture up to the end of the current offi
approximately, Rupees 14,000 have bee
Rupees 6,000 to ornament. It is hop
some who have expressed an apprehe
æsthelic designs may be led to neglect

VIII.—In addition to the works co
he has directed the adaptation of an ex
for the Municipality of Madura, whi
interest in the restoration of a nat
provided has cost about Rupees 5,000
not have been obtained for a smalle
Commission of Madura have thus helpe
their own taste, and done no injustice

IX.—I now proceed to submit n
in which the works at the Madura Pa
objects to which they should be dir
conducted patiently and gradually, in
our Cathedrals in England, by the co
Few who are now living in India wil
be satisfied if they contribute to it.
can be rendered secure and can be re
same prudent groove. I would advi
grant, Rupees 10,000, for next yea
according to Mr. Chisholm's advice,
parts of the building. Mr. Chisholm
stating the specific objects to whi
Department of Public Works shoul
tion of plans and estimates for this

X.—It will be remarked, howe
Rupees 10,000 be appropriated mer
building, which are in a great measu
immediate public use, little woul
object we have at heart, that is th
accommodation for the principal
Government may think it advisable

(1) to lay down some fixe
of the building ; and,

(2) to consider whether som
object in view witho

XI.—The Palace of Madura i
some respect must be shown for the
sacrifice of architectural effect mu
not be greater than is indispensable

ar will be Rupees 20,000, of which,
opriated to substantial repairs, and
hese figures may be satisfactory to
t the Government in prosecuting
l interests of the country.

d for Government by Mr. Chisholm
portion of the building, marked J J,
hown an intelligent and patriotic
ument. The Municipal office thus
ne amount of accommodation could
in any other way. The Municipal
overnment in a good work, gratified
public trust.

ions with reference to the manner
d be conducted in future, and the
he works of restoration should be
t which has animated the restorers of
application of small annual grants.
nd, but successive Governments may
v been shown that the old structure
namental. We should move in the
ent to appropriate the usual annual
t should be exclusively employed,
rs and security of the most ruinous
e called upon to submit a report
pairs should be directed, and the
ted to assist him in the prepara-

the ordinary Government grant of
repair of ruinous portions of the
rom the portions most available for
for sometime, towards the main
of suitable, convenient, and secure
s of the Madura District. The

appropriation of various portions

y not be found for accelerating the
any charge on the public revenue.

gh to hold many public offices, but
proportions of the building. Some
to utility, but that sacrifice should
rs to me that seven public offices

may be conveniently accommod
beauty :—

(1).—The Collector's Cutcher
(2).—The Court of the Civ
Sessions Judge.
(3).—The District Moonsiff's

XII.—In the Collector's Cut

The Collector should have
now occupied by three large roo
great circular hall. Of the three
as they are, but the largest (whic
divided into three. In this way
be available to this officer for his
office, for the records, and for h
easily be rendered light, airy, a
room for any number of clerks.

XIII.—The great oblong
a Civil and Sessions Court, for
country. The aisles of the gro
and writing rooms for the Vakee
records. The small contiguous
supply a private apartment for t
north of the great circular ha
Court, from which the space is e

XIV.—The District Moons
the north side of the great cou
Sessions Court by the surroundi

XV.—The Department of
on the south side of the great cou
office at the adjacent end.

XVI.—The Forest Departm
side of the court between the
Works.

XVII.—The Sub-Magistrate
the District Moonsiff's Court and
of the Civil and Sessions Court.

XVIII.—The Talook Cut
Moonsiff's Court and the Municip

XIX.—No doubt these arra
partitions, cutting the vista of the
clear space would be left to show
which is contemplated has always
well as an artistic enterprise.

ut any serious detriment to artistic

(4).—The Department of Public
Works.
(5).—The Forest Department.
(6).—The Sub-Magistrate's Court.
(7).—The Talook Cutcherry.

llowing provision should be made :—

rea behind the great circular hall,
he pillared space to the south of the
G G, referred to, two would remain
0 feet long and 30 broad) would be
s, secure, and separate rooms would
the Treasury, for the Registration
The pillared space F F which can
ht, would give sitting and working

oe appropriated for the purposes of
er suited than any building in the
d be divided into small consulting
above would be used for the Court
ing I, with its dependencies, would
e whole of the pillared space to the
e given over to the clerks of the
.

ld be placed in the square hall on
communication with the Civil and

ould be placed in the square hall
communication with the Collector's

placed in the gallery on the south
fice and the Department of Public

ld be placed in the gallery between
pace occupied by the establishment

be placed between the District

ld necessitate the erection of low
orticos here and there; but enough
of the edifice, and the restoration
d as an economical and useful, as

XX.—Under the scheme subm
presume to have been the durbar h
unappropriated to any purely officia
vacant space, to separate the doma
Court. It would be available for
meetings, lectures, and other purpose
has been completed it might afford
statue of the Queen.

XXI.—While the regular appro
the course of next year, is being
building which might at any time c
would be desirable to provide an e
Collector and the Judge as soon as
apartments. This object can be atta
Cutcherry is at present placed in a
without antiquarian interest, but m
well imagined by those who have u
any rate be soon vacated as altoge
have a considerable value in the
goods. The Acting Collector val
advise that the Government should
price obtained should be carried to
particularly for the purpose of co
and the Judge. In the Act of S
Government to remain as tenants
period not exceeding two years.
available, while the Catcherry w
modation was prepared.

XXII.—I wish it was possi
accomplish the work on which the
outlay the scheme may eventual
portions of the building have be
quarters for the Collector and Jud
there will remain a long series of
after that the pavements, the exter
have to be objects of careful study
must be cleared and brought into
may easily occupy a period of fif
of two lacs of rupees; but the t
exceed the charge for a new Colle
and sufficient accommodation for
which would undoubtedly reach

XXIII.—Though it would
great expenditure in buying up t
the walls of the Palace, there i
importance to purchase at once,

great circular hall E, which I
ancient sovereigns, would remain
I think it should be reserved as a
Collector from the domain of the
ptions and ceremonies, for public
ture. When the work of restoration
priate position for a commemorative

f Rupees 10,000, due to the work in
he repair of those portions of the
der the influence of the weather, it
ary supply of funds to secure the
in the possession of their respective
following manner :—The Collector's
ing belonging to Government, not
ed and inconvenient than could be
it. This building, which must at
able, is fortunately so placed as to
native residence or as a depôt for
ore than Rupees 20,000. I would
building to be sold, and that the
of the restoration of the palace, but
quarters destined for the Collector
might be stipulated on the part of
ing, at an appropriate rent, for a
money would thus be immediately
disturbed before the new accom-

predict how long it may take to
have embarked, or what aggregate
After some of the most dangerous
the course of next year, and the
at least provisionally, set in order,
corations throughout the interior;
d the towers and pinnacles will all
finally, the vicinity and approaches
the restored edifice. These works
l the application for every purpose
be grudged and the cost will not
y, a new Civil and Sessions Court,
rdinate departments provided for,
t present rates.

at this moment to undergo any
h, on two sides, approach close to
ouse, LL, which it would be of
up the external entrance to the

two rooms which are to be tempor
The Acting Collector should be ins
house, and to defray the cost fro
Cutcherry. The price will be no gre

XXIV.—In conclusion, I wish to
of the Government Architect in givin
regard to this work, and the gratificati
the Superintending Engineer, Colone
and the native community have evin

MADRAS,
20th November 1871.

No. 135. ORDER THEREON

CIVIL WORKS, No. 8.

Departments, to the Superintendi
Consulting Architect, and it will be

2. The arrangements propose
various portions of the Palace will

3. Mr. Chisholm will, with r
which he would recommend that t
for expenditure next year should b

4. Orders will be issued in t
suggestion made in paragraph 21,
purpose of completing the accomm
Judge.

5. Paragraph 23 will be refe
the necessary orders to the Acting

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(Signed

To the Consulting Architect.
,, Superintending Engineer, 8th Di
,, Public Department.
,, Revenue do.
,, Financial do.
,, Controller of Public Works Accou
,, Editor's table.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

sed as the Civil and Sessions Court.
o negotiate for the acquisition of this
nds provided by the sale of the old
ter.

ss my sense of the ability and exertions
t to the instructions of Government in
ve felt in witnessing the interest which
s, the Acting Collector, Mr. McQuhae,
he progress of the undertaking.

(Signed) NAPIER.

anuary 1872, No. 69.

THE foregoing Minute of His Excel-
ncy the President will be communi-
ted to the Public and the Revenue
ineer of the 8th Division, and the
he Editor's table.

Excellency for the appropriation of
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paragraph 9, report the manner in
Rupees 10,000 to be made available

l Department for giving effect to the
v to providing funds for the special
the Palace for the Collector and the

Revenue Department for the issue of

ct.)
PENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated January 11th.

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