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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,*
*1st August* 1873.

No. 3. Read the following letter from the Committee of the Racket Club, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 7th July 1873:—

We have the honour to request that you will be so good as to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Governor in Council the following circumstances in connection with the proposed destruction of the Racket Court at this station.

2. We learn from the District Engineer that several windows are immediately to be pierced in one of the side walls of the Racket Court, for the restoration of Teroomal Naick's Palace now being carried out by Government, which will effectually render it useless as a Racket Court.

3. Moreover, we understand that the whole of the ground on which the Court stands will ultimately be required for the improvements now being made.

4. A plan of the Court is herewith submitted showing its position with reference to the Palace.

5. We would point out to Government that the Racket Court was constructed by the European community in the earliest days of the occupation of Madura, and up to this time has been in use, and kept in repair at a considerable outlay, by the members of the Club.

6. We are confident that the Government will recognize our right to the building, and our claim, in its destruction, for the erection by Government in lieu therefore of a new Court on the standard plan, at some other spot.

7. In the meantime we request the District Engineer may be instructed to stop so much of the restoration works as will interfere with the use of the Racket Court until a new one can be provided; and we have accordingly furnished him with a copy of this letter.

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No. 4. Order thereon, 1st August 1873, No. 1,927.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 1.

Referred to the District Engineer for report whether the entire site of the Racket Court will be required for the improvements to be made to Teroomal Naick's Palace. In paragraph 4 of G. O., No. 1,839, of 5th August 1872, the District Engineer and Consulting Architect were directed to lay before Government a complete statement and estimates of all works which would be required to complete the restoration of the building and its adaptation for useful purposes. Such report would include the subject of the present reference and should be no longer delayed.

2. The Collector will be instructed in the Revenue Department to report on the nature of the right to the present building, and claim for the erection of a new one in lieu of it, put forward in the letter under notice.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the District Engineer, Madura.
,, Consulting Architect.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Honorary Secretary to the Committee, Racket Club, Madura.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER MADURA.

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*Racket Court at Madura.*—Letter from the Honorary Secretary, Racket Club, bringing to notice the proposed destruction of the Racket Court and requesting that another one may be erected, referred to the District Engineer with instructions; Collector to report on the nature of the right of the Club to the present and claim or the erection of a new one in lieu of it.

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