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KARACHI MUNICIPALITY.

TELEPHONE No. 6.

MEASHAM LEA, O. B. E.,

M. Inst. C. E.

Chief Officer and Chief Engineer.

Reference No. 245

MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
KARACHI.

14th January 1921. 192

M E M O : -

Letter from Mr. Wali Mahomed Hassanally dated 14th January 1921 with reference to buildings on Plot Nos. 90 and 91, B-21, Serai Quarter, is submitted to the Managing Committee in continuation of Undersigned's letter now under circulation for the meeting of the Managing Committee to be held on 18th instant, with the following notes:-

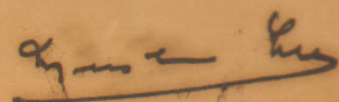
(a) Whether the structures are called "cabins" or "verandahs" they are 'buildings' within the meaning of the Byelaws.

(b) The objection applies to both of the structures.

(c) The Byelaw is specific and definite, and cannot be departed from for the specious reasons given in para 3.

height (d) If rooms had not been erected to the full limit provided for by the Byelaws, there would not have been the slightest objection to the amenities referred to in Para 4 being provided on the next lower floor.

(e) This is not a mere technicality, but an important principle, that definite and specific Byelaws should be enforced.


Chief Officer & Chief Engineer,
Karachi Municipality.

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Ramabagh Road,
Karachi, 14th January 1920.

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To,

The Chief Officer,
Karachi Municipality Karachi.

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Sir,

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In reply to your letter No. G 419 of 13th instant I beg to state that it is a misnomer to call the two constructions questions 'cabins'. They are essentially open verandahs and if permitted will remain as such. The term 'cabin' denotes a sort of living room and so does the term 'building' in byelaw no. 23~~4~~ quoted by you. Whereas these verandahs are not living rooms and not proposed to be used as such.

2.- The two verandahs ^{are} proposed to be erected one on North and the other to the South, I think there can hardly be a question in regard to the one on the Northern side as the street below at that point is much wider than 20ft and this I think has been admitted. So far as this is concerned then it is within the bylaw.

3.- The byelaw however prohibits a 'building'. The object of the prohibition is that light and air of the houses on the opposite side of the street should not be interfered with. The two verandahs are to remain open as stated above and as such can hardly be called a 'building' such as contemplated by the byelaw. They are ^{e.g. from West to East} ~~side~~ and in no imaginable way obstruct the light & air of the street below or the houses opposite. as will be apparent on inspection, and it is on this account I solicit that the members will be pleased to inspect the verandahs before deciding the matter.

4.- The object of erecting the same is to give a little more comfort and convenience to tenants of the upper most floor especially to ladies of the house rather than keep them shut up within rooms ^{perhaps} ~~herpahs~~ to breed tubercosis. They could spend a considerable part of the day under the verandhas and enjoy sunshine and open air. Without the verandahs the terrace to the west could hardly be of any use to the occupants.



5.- The skeleton was put up during my prolonged absence on election tour. On my return I had a plan drawn up at once and submitted to the Engineer about 2 months ago and stopped the work further thereon pending disposal of the plan as you found yesterday. If the plan has not been placed before you I beg you will call for it and circulate it with this letter to the Managing Committee.

In conclusion I beg that a mere technicality should not stand in the way of a little more convenience to tenants in these days of scanty accommodation and small pent up rooms when that can be given without in any way interfering with the rights and comforts of neighbouring occupants. I trust therefore the Managing Committee will be pleased to allow the verandahs to stand on condition that they shall remain open and not enclosed into rooms for living purposes to which I agree.

Yours Faithfully.

A. M. Munnally

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The following subject is specially circulated ~~to the~~ among the Members of the Managing Committee prior to the same being placed before them at the Managing Committee Meeting to held in the Municipal Office, McLeod Road on Tuesday the 18th January 1921, at 5-30, p.m.

"Memo No. 535 dated 15th January 1921, from the Chief Officer & Chief Engineer submitting application dated 13th February 1920, from Mr. Abdul Majid Hassanally for alignment land to plot No. 44, B-21, Serai Quarter, and recommending that the 22 square yards of land as shown on the attached plan No. 2 dated 7th January 1921 be granted as alignment land to the above plot at a rate fixed by the Managing Committee, and also making proposals as regards the opening up of Deves Street.

Municipal Office,
K a r a c h i,
15th January 1921.

T. B. Hopwin
Chief Officer & Chief Engineer,
Karachi Municipality.

- Esquire.,
1. Harchandrai Vishindas, C.I.E., B.A., LL.B., M.L.A.,
President.
2. Dipchand. T. Ojha, Esquire., Vice-President
3. Wadhumal Oodharam, Esquire., B.A., LL.B.,
4. Gidumal Lekhrqj, Esquire.,
5. Jamshed. N. R. Mehta, Esquire.,
6. M. Misquita, Esquire, m
7. W. N. Richardson, Esquire.,
8. Ghulam Hussein Kassim, Esquire.,
9. Khan Bahadur. K. H. Katrak.



no: G.419

13th January 1921.

From,

The Chief Officer & Chief Engineer,
Karachi Municipality.

To

Wali Mahomed Hassanally, Esquire, B.A., LL.B.,
Karachi.

Dear Sir,

Buildings on Plots Nos. 90 & 91, B-21, Serai Quarter

With reference to your endorsement on letter of the Acting Engineer No. L.S./7436 dated 3rd January 1921, I have the honour to state that two questions arise, viz., you have erected cabins for which no permission has been previously granted, and further even if a plan of the -- cabins had been submitted, such plan could not have been approved - as contrary to the Bye-laws.

The street at the rear in which such cabins abut is only 20 feet in width, and under Bye-law 233 no structures exceeding twice this width viz., 40 feet in height can be erected within 15 feet from such street whereas the cabins in question exceed this height.

Under these ~~now~~ aggravated conditions I do not see what you hope to gain from a visit of the Managing Committee, and certainly all work must be immediately stopped pending your communication being submitted to the Managing Committee.

I have the honour to be,
Dear Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) MEASHAM LEA.
Chief Officer & Chief Engineer,
Karachi Municipality.



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No. G. 420

of 1921.

Municipal Office

Karachi, 13th January 1921.

Copy submitted to the Managing Committee
for information with ~~copy~~ letter from
Mr. Wali Mahomed Hassanally.

Chief Officer & Chief Engineer,

7/3 Karachi Municipality.



Building Surveyor please show
the sketch of the shed already
put up to the Engineer.

Nathan
12.10

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30.11.20

Dear Mr. MacKinnon
Your observations
have raised an
objection to two sheds
I have put up on the
open terrace of my
new building. Mr
Nathan has been
keeping me at the
new building most
every morning in
the hope that you
will come & look
at the place.

I shall be obliged
if you will kindly
come & see the place
~~tomorrow~~ morning
say about 9 A.M.
or any time

Yours sincerely
A. E. Markwick

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Mr. Nathan
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According to the Rule No
233 of the Bye Laws the
extra height cannot be
allowed whatever class
of structure is erected
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Mr. Bhatt to
inform
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