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Chhota Chatter Manzil,
Lucknow — additions and
alterations.

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Dy no. 6132 From Unology
no. 30/29 88, d 29. 8. 41

This is a case where we can do little to undo the mischief, ^{already committed} and what cannot be cured must be endured! But to assess the extent to which the additions etc. have detracted from the ancient character of the monument, ~~the~~ Unology should have inspected the monument and then considered on the spot the desirability of condoning the unauthorised additions or lodging a protest with the Provincial Government. For orders if he should not be advised to do so now.

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Find out if it has been inspected by any Arch. Officer after the additions have been made.

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To Unology Ues no. 7489, d 22-9-41

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Dyno 6970 from Unology, No. 30-4165,
of 6 . 10 . 41

Comply. INTD npc
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To Unology, Lt. no 7870, of 8-10-41

Dyno 7691 from Unology, No. 30-4322,
of 31 . 10 . 41

In the circumstances explained
no objection need be taken to
the repairs which have
already been carried out.
We may, however, ask
Unology to bring to the
notice of the Govt. of U.P.
the need for taking his
prior appl to any repairs
that may be considered
necessary in future.
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Dy. No. 2086 From Urology, No. 30-293,
of 14.2.42.

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Our interest in the building is in proportion to its ancient features. If these features are gradually obliterated by alterations to suit the requirements of the various offices housed therein, we will naturally cease to take any interest in the building. We have no effective means to enforce our view. The building by virtue of ~~the~~ the use it is being put to vests in the Provincial Government and there is no remedy in the A.M.P. Act, to prevent an owner of a protected monument from making such use of it as he pleases. There is, however, nothing to prevent Urology from withholding his permission to the alterations if he considers them abnoxious from the arch. point of view. 300 orders.

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To Dy. A. for ass.

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Issue reply dictated for Unology.
It'd: KND, 25.2.42.

To Unology letter no 1513 of 25-2-42

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No. 30- 2988

FROM Pandit Madho Sarup Vats, M.A.,
SUPERINTENDENT, ARCHÆOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA,
NORTHERN CIRCLE, AGRA,

To
THE Director General of Archaeology in India,
New Delhi.

Dated Agra, 29th August 1941.

Subject.

Chhota Chatter Manzil, Lucknow.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit, herewith, copy of a letter No. 1118 MS, dated the 12th August 1941, from the Secretary to the Government of the United Provinces to this office together with a copy of the letter and plans referred to therein.

According to the conditions under which Chotta Chatter Manzil was transferred to the Local Government for purposes of maintenance and use it was incumbent on them to obtain sanction for the constructions in question before executing them. The present request of the Government amounts to asking for a post facto sanction. Constructions like the addition of a balcony consisting of a reinforced brickslab on the ground floor, materially altering the features of the building, would not have been agreed to if we had been consulted previously. I shall be grateful if you will kindly favour me with your advice in the matter. The plans may kindly be returned with your reply.

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

Madho Sarup Vats
Superintendent.

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Copy of a letter No. 136 MS-1941, dated 12th August 1941, from the Secretary to Government, United Provinces, Public Works Department, Lucknow, to the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, Northern Circle, Agra.

Subject:- Chhota Chattar Manzil, Lucknow.

I am directed to forward a copy of a letter No. 2021, dated June 16, 1941, from the Director of Agriculture, United Provinces, together with two plans and to request that sanction may kindly be accorded to the additions and alterations made by that officer to the building mentioned above.

True Copy

V. C. ...
W. D. H.

Head Clerk.

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Copy of letter No. 2021, dated June 16, 1941, from the Director of Agriculture, United Provinces, to the Secretary to Government, United Provinces, Lucknow.

Subject:- Transfer of certain central archaeological monuments in United Provinces to the Local Government for purposes of maintenance and use.

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I have the honour to invite a reference to the Public Works Department G.O. No. 1279M/445-1921, dated June 15, 1925, forwarding a copy of the Government of India, Department of Education, Health and Lands letter No. 1100 Edn., dated May 18, 1925, on the above subject, and this office letter No. 5108/1-328, dated June 25, 1925, agreeing to the occupation of part of the Chhota Chhattar Manzil Lucknow as my office on the conditions laid down in the above mentioned G.G.O. and to state that up till now no additions and alterations have, from my point of view, been made to impair the archaeological features of the building. But, as Government are aware, since we occupied the building, there has been a lot of expansion in the department resulting in an increase in the number of officers stationed at my headquarters and in the staff of the office, requiring greater seating accommodation.

As no other building nearby was available the following means have been adopted to meet the emergency :-

- (1) A.R.B. roof between the ground floor and main roof in the verandah of the building has been made.
- (2) A.R.B. roof or say a Balcony in a portion of the hall between the ground floor and the main roof, has been made.
- (3) Two doors have been fixed in a wall on the southern side of the building, in the panels.
- (4) A plank roof has been made between the ground floor and the main roof in the room in the southern side of the building with a partition wall to divide the room in two parts.

In the opinion of the auditors from the Accountant General's office these additions and alterations, temporary though they are, should have the approval of Government or the Archaeological Department.

To meet the audit objection I request that Government will be pleased to give their formal approval to the above additions and alterations.

The cost of these was met out of the budget of this Department.

True Copy

W. M. Smith
20.8.41

Head Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT.
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File No.
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Draft Letter
Memorandum
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No 15-D/7/41-7489 Dated 22nd September 1941.

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To

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Akhata Chahar Manzil
Lucknow - Unauthorised
additions and alterations to -

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Sir,

With reference to your
letter No. 30-2988, of 29.8.41,
I have the honour to request
that you will please
let me know if the
monument noted above
has been inspected by
any archt. officer after
the additions and alterations
were made to it, and if so,
whether they ^{have been} alterations etc.
mentioned and the
extent, to which they
detract from the
ancient character
of the monument,
noticed in the Inspecti

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Inspection Report that
must have been
drawn up at the
time. If not, I wd
suggest that the monument
~~may~~ be inspected ^{at the earliest opportunity} ~~now~~
and a report drawn
up on the above lines and
submitted ^{to me} to enable
me to advise you in the
matter.

I have etc.,
Yrs
sgd.

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No. 30-4165

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FROM Pandit Madho Sarup Vats, M.A.,
SUPERINTENDENT, ARCHÆOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA,
NORTHERN CIRCLE, AGRA,

To THE Director General of
Archaeology in India,
New Delhi.

Mr. S.
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DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
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Dated Agra, 6th October 1941.

Subject.

Chhota Chhattar Manzil, Lucknow.

Sir,

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With reference to your letter No. 15D/7/41-7489, dated 22nd September 1941, I have the honour to request that you will kindly return the plans submitted to you with my letter No. 30-2988, dated 29th August 1941, as I am going to Lucknow to inspect the building referred to above on my way back from Sarnath.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Madho Sarup Vats
Superintendent.

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File No.
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Draft Letter
Memorandum
Telegram

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No 15D/7/41- Dated 8th Oct. 1941.

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Chhota Chhatter Manzil,
Lucknow.

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your letter no. 30.4165 of 6.10.41, I have the honour to return herewith the plans received with your letter no. 30-2988 of 29.8.41 on the subject noted above.

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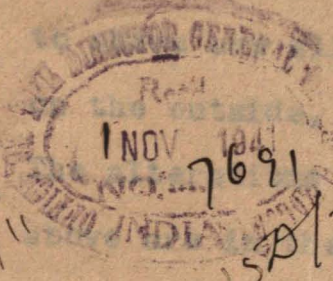
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Enclosures
2 plans.

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- etc.
D.G.B.

FROM Pandit Madho Sarup Vats, M.A.,
SUPERINTENDENT, ARCHÆOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA,
NORTHERN CIRCLE, AGRA,

To THE Director General of Archaeology in India,
New Delhi.



Dated Agra, 31st October 1941.

Subject.

Chhota Chhatar Manzil at Lucknow - Unauthorised additions and alterations to --

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Sir,

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With reference to your letter No. 15-D/7/41-7489, dated the 22nd September, 1941 on the subject noted above, I have the honour to state that the additions and alterations as shown in the two plans received from the Secretary to the Government of United Provinces, Public Works Department with his letter No. 1118 M.S.
136 MS-1941, dated the 12th August, 1941, have been inspected by me ~~xxxxxx~~ on the 18th October, 1941. I have only to add to the details of alterations communicated by the Director of Agriculture, United Provinces (vide his letter No. 2021, dated the 16th June, 1941, to the Secretary to the Government of United Provinces, Lucknow) that on the first floor four glazed windows (3 on the south and 1 on the east), the wooden partition separating the verandah into two parts and two clerestorey windows as indicated in the plan of the first floor should also have been added to the list of alterations made.

2. On inspection I find that practically all the roofs in the various storeys of the building are modern, built as they are of jack arches carried on rolled steel joists. The walls

walls and the facade are ancient, the roof and the fittings (the former generally) have been freely adapted to the present utilitarian purposes. In view of such alterations made many years ago I do not think there is any particular reason for our not according sanction to the alterations which have now been made and communicated. For one thing the alterations No.1 to 4 in the Director of Agriculture, United Provinces' letter referred to above are all contiguous and except Nos.1 and 3 do not show on the outside, but these too do not appear to be conspicuous. The alterations made in the second storey as already described above are in the nature of temporary fittings to which no exception need be taken.

The plans received with your letter No. 15D/7/41-7870, dated 8th October, 1941 are returned herewith.

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

V. J. Anand
f Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT.
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File No.
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Draft Letter
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No 15-27/41- Dated 24 Nov. 1941.

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Chhota Chatter Mangil,
Lucknow. Repairs to

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Sir,

I have the honour to say that in the circumstances explained in your letter no. 30-4322 of 31. 10. 41, no objection need be taken to the repairs already carried out to the building noted above. You may, however, bring to the notice of the Govt. of the U.P., while according post facto sanction to additions & alterations, the need for obtaining such

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Enclosures
2 blueprints

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such sanction ^{in future} before
actual execution of any
the alterations etc. ^{to the extent in question.}
~~considered necessary.~~

The two plans recd.
with your letter and
reference are returned
herewith.

I have etc.,
/s/
D.S.B.

From

Pandit Madho Sarup Vats, M.A.,
Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India,
Northern Circle, Agra.

To

The Director General of Archaeology in India,
New Delhi.

Dated Agra, the 14th February, 1942.

Subject:

Chhota Chhatter Manzil, Lucknow.

Sir,

In forwarding, herewith, a copy of letter No:2253MS/136MS/1941, dated the 19th November, 1941, together with a copy of letter No:7037/VIII-190, dated the 7th November, 1941, from the Director of Agriculture United Provinces, Lucknow, to the Secretary to Government, United Provinces, Public Works Department, Lucknow, and three blue prints, I have the honour to state that the opening of the new windows in the above building will alter the original features of the buildings to the extent they are permitted. A full report on the present condition of the building was submitted to you with my letter No:30-4322, dated the 31st Oct., 1941. In view of the fact that alterations to suit the requirements of various offices housed in the Chhota Chhatter Manzil have so far been freely permitted, it is for orders whether permission for opening windows now asked for and alterations such as may be proposed from time to time may be sanctioned. If not, I may kindly be instructed as to what essential considerations may be kept in view in deciding on future requests of this kind.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Madho Sarup Vats

Superintendent.

Enclosures: Copies of letters 2.

Plans: 3 (for reference + return)

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Copy of letter No:2253MS/136MS/1941, dated November 19, 1941, from the Secretary to Government, United Provinces, Public Works Department, Lucknow, to this office.

Chhota Chhatar Manzil, Lucknow.

In continuation of this Government's letter no.1118MS/136MS-1941, dated August 12, 1941, I am directed to forward a copy of a letter no.7037/VIII-190, dated November 7, 1941, from the Director of Agriculture, United Provinces, together with a plan and to request that sanction may be accorded to the alterations proposed by that officer.

Copy of letter no.7037/VIII-190, dated November 7, 1941, from C. Maya Das, Esqr., M.A., B.Sc. (Edin), I.A.S., Director of Agriculture, United Provinces, Lucknow, to the Secretary, P.W.D., Buildings & Roads Branch, Lucknow, endorsed to this office under above letter.

Insufficient ventilation and accommodation in the building used as Office of Director of Agriculture.

In continuation of my letter no.2021, dated June 16, 1941, I have the honour to state that a room on the 1st floor and another on the 2nd floor of my office building in the Chhota Chhatar Manzil are both dark and ill ventilated. The clerical staff of the office are put to considerable inconvenience and yet we cannot afford to abandon the two rooms referred to above, because of insufficient accommodation. I enclose herewith a part plan of the office building showing the places where I propose to have two windows in a room on the 2nd floor and one in the room in the first floor, and request that Government be pleased to move the Archaeological Department to sanction the proposed alterations in the building in the interest of office work.

The cost involved will be met from the provision at my disposal under "40. Agriculture P. Works-Maintenance and Repairs".

True Copies.

H.S. Kishore
Offg. Head Clerk,
Office of the Superintendent,
Archaeological Survey of India,
Northern Circle, Agra.

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From

Rao Bahadur K.N. Dikshit, M.A., F.R.A.S.B.,
Director General of Archaeology in India.

To

The Superintendent, Archaeological Survey,
Northern Circle, A g r a.

New Delhi, the 25th February, 1942.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.30-293, dated the 14th February, 1942, I have the honour to say that I agree with you that this Department must take its stand on some definite principles in regard to the maintenance of the buildings like the Chhattar Manzil, Lucknow, as ancient monuments. If every alteration that is required by the various offices housed in this building is freely permitted, it is pointless to maintain the building as an ancient monument illustrative of the architecture of the period of the Nawabs of Oudh. As you consider that the opening of the new windows in the building will alter the original architectural features of the monument, you may withhold your permission. In general, it may be taken for granted that any alteration or innovations which alter the external appearance, the plan or elevation, etc., should be considered as a violation

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violation of the conditions under which the monument was transferred to the local Government. Any internal alteration or readjustment which does not involve any dismantling of integral features of a monument may be permitted. In case there is a strong difference of opinion between your view point and that of the local Government, I shall be prepared to recommend to the Government of India that the monument be devolved on the local Government and not borne on the list of this Department. The plans are returned herewith.

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

KND
Director General.

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