

6.3.14 G16: MAIN ENTRANCE PORTICO

(Assessment C/3)

Historical Note: Constructed in 1831 as part of major building campaign to house.

General Note: The portico was not inspected in 2000. Access was available for this Decennial Report.

Ceiling:

Presumed lime plaster on lath to radiused and combed ceiling profile. Flat centre panel with moulded margins, now overlaid with timber and asbestos-cement sheeting secured by timber battens.

North Wall:

Elaborate aediculated door opening. Plain flanking pilasters appear to have lost their capitals but otherwise in reasonable order. Timber fanlight with iron studs, now lacking all glazing. Heavily studded and panelled double door leaves. Upper panels have been replaced in plywood. Some damage to mouldings. Nosing of stone threshold step has suffered some damage.

East Wall:

Lime plaster applied on the hard, lined out to resemble ashlar stonework. Slim engaged column in north corner. Solid skirting.

South Wall:

Modern inserted timber screen with double storm doors, of no aesthetic merit or historical value.

West Wall:

Lime plaster applied on the hard, lined out to resemble ashlar stonework. Slim engaged column in north corner. Solid skirting.

Floor:

Diagonally laid limestone flags with black slate or marble corner inserts. Some cracking of flags adjacent to Porch entrance steps.

Decennial Summary: N/A

6.6.9 R10: SOUTH PORTICO ROOF

(Assessment C/4)

(Refer to Photo No. 077r)

Historical Note: Flat roof over entrance portico, dating from 1831. Cornicing and blocking course were removed after 1962.

Structure and Substrate:

Presumed timber decking on joists.

Main Covering:

Roof is covered in bituminous felt which appears in reasonable order, although of limited life span. The roof is covered in debris.

Rainwater Disposal:

The roof drains to a single outlet, with no overflow, in the south-west corner.

Parapet/Blocking Course:

Low parapet blocking course to east, south and west wallheads, clad in bituminous felt as a continuation of the main roof covering.

Decennial Summary: The roof has been protected from the elements since the erection of the temporary roof canopy in 2005. Deterioration of the fabric since 2000 has been relatively insignificant, and has now been stabilised.

6.7.2 E02: SOUTH ELEVATION, PORTICO

(Assessment B/4)

(Refer to Drawing No. S.06 and Photo No. 006e)

Historical Note: Portico was constructed as part of the 1831 building campaign, presumably replacing a more self-effacing doorpiece. The cornice and blocking course were removed in 1960s, at which time a new entrance screen was inserted behind column line.

General Note: The portico is now partially obscured by security hoarding and the scaffolding support to the temporary roof structure, erected in 2005. Heavy vegetation growth behind hoarding requires annual attention.

Structure:

Tetrastyle frontage, comprising plain rectangular outboard columns and fluted circular inboard ones, all with entasis, and paterae on frieze.

Finishes:

Stucco finish which has fallen away on eastmost column to reveal brick core. Rusticated flanking walls, presumed to be built up in stucco on brickwork. Some algae and lichen growth. Previously noted ivy growth has now become rampant and conceals east flanking wall entirely.

Architectural Features:

Plinth and capital may be in concrete, and have suffered some damage. Outboard columns have lost some of their paterae. Inboard columns show some minor damage to capitals, and surface crazing. Two gate crooks have been inserted into columns with pivot hinge bases set into top step. Gates themselves are now missing. Two stone or concrete steps to opening, both suffering some damage to their nosings and by installation of toby cover. Frieze course and associated mouldings all made up in stucco. Stucco has now fallen away above entrance front, exposing rusting mesh reinforcement behind. Mouldings have been filled with cement mortar on east and west returns. Original cornice and blocking course have been removed and the remains of the frieze course capped in felt.

Opening:

Previously noted hoarding to main opening has now been replaced by temporary steel shutters. Relatively modern timber infill screen behind with Georgian-wired glazed overdoor light and half-glazed double doors, now lacking their glass, all protected by boarding and of no value .

Pipework:

Broken cast iron rainwater conductor and hopper on west side all rusting and in poor condition.

***Decennial Summary:** The elevation has largely been protected from the elements and other damage since the erection of the temporary roof canopy, upper side cladding and lower security hoarding in 2005. Deterioration of the fabric since this time has been relatively insignificant and has now stabilised.*