

Marine (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 728 Marine

DATED 4th August 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Port Office at Cochin - Proo: P.W. Sept.
sanctioning the estimate, amounting to Rs
16,500/ for the construction of an upper
storey over the — for use as residence
for the Port Officers at that station,
Command to the Presdy: Port. Officers

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The estimate, amounting to Rs. 16,500, for the construction of an upper storey over the — for use as residence for the Port officer at that station, sanctioned, with remarks.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

READ—the following papers:—

Letter from the Presidency Port Officer, dated 15th September 1897, No. 1712/334 G.
 " " " " 22nd " " No. 1712/348 G.
 " " " " 2nd February 1898, No. 1712/48 G.
 " " " " 27th May " No. 1712/193 G.
 " Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated 27th June 1898, No. 343 W.

Memo. No. 686 C.

The accompanying plan and estimate for constructing a combined office and residence for the Port officer, Cochin, are forwarded to the Consulting Architect, with the request that he will be good enough to revise both and bring down the cost, if possible, to Rs. 25,000.

2. The following reductions can be made:—

- (1) Reduce depth of foundations by 1'.
- (2) Reduce height of basement by 2'.
- (3) Omit walls in lower storey marked with red pencil cross, substituting arch for one of them.
- (4) Substitute roof with Mangalore tiles in chunam, for boarding.
- (5) Omit coach house and stables.

3. The lower walls must remain 2' 3" as laterite is inferior and is cut out in 18" blocks.

4. The Consulting Architect is also requested to state whether he can undertake the execution of the work himself. A grant of Rs. 25,000 has been entered in the budget for next year.

31st January 1899.

(Signed) W. B. DEWINTON,
Chief Engineer.

From G. S. T. HARRIS, Esq., Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepâk, 1st July 1899, No. 1090.

With reference to your memo. No. 686 C., dated the 31st January 1899, I have the honour to submit a plan and estimate, the latter amounting to Rs. 16,500, for constructing an upper storey over the existing Port office at Cochin as a residence for the Port officer. The Port office is very substantially built, and it will be a difficult matter to demolish the solid walls.

2. In consultation with the Port officer, it was agreed to remove the present tiled roof, provide a boarded floor with new timbers and construct an upper storey with roofing of Mangalore tiles over new timber supports, leaving the lower floor, which is the existing office, as it is.

3. As red cedar is cheap, I have added a flat ceiling of it for the two main rooms and cloth ceiling for the side rooms. The Mangalore tiles over flat tiles is considered sufficient protection for the verandah and verandah rooms.

4. I have no objection to undertake the work provided, if one is required, I am granted a subordinate.

5. The file of papers on the subject is herewith returned.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

Submitted for the sanction of Government with the following remarks:—

(1) It is suggested that three windows, as shown on the tracing, may be put into the record and store room in the lower storey, so as to give more light and ventilation to the room.

(2) The countersignature of the Presidency Port Officer to the estimate should be obtained before the work is put in hand.

(3) The work may be entrusted to the Consulting Architect for execution.

(Signed) W. B. DEWINTON,
Chief Engineer.

14th July 1899.

ORDER—No. 1844 W., dated 18th July 1899.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 16,500, for the construction of an upper storey over the Port office at Cochin for use as residence for the Port officer at that station is sanctioned, and the work will be carried out by the Consulting Architect.

2. The existing grant for the work is Rs. 17,000 or Rs. 500 in excess of the amount of the estimate. The latter amount is therefore withdrawn and credited to the reserve with the Public Works Department under Excluded Local, Port Funds.

3. The attention of the Consulting Architect is drawn to the remarks 1 and 2 in the Chief Engineer's note read above.

4. The sanction accorded in paragraph 1 has been registered as Excluded Local No. 8 W. of 1899-1900, and classified as Civil Buildings—Original Works.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Architect to Government, with 13 enclosures.

" Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
 " Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
 " Marine Department.

Exd. A. Rungasawmy Aiyangar.