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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th March 1865.*

No 621. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Educational
Department :—

Awarding to Mr. R. F. Chisholm, Executive
Engineer, Pooree Division, Bengal Public
Works Department, the prize of Rs. 3,000,
offered for the best design for a Presidency
College and University Senate House, and
observing that application will be made in
the Public Works Department for the ser-
vices of Mr. Chisholm to superintend the
erection of the buildings.

(Here enter 21st March 1865, No. 67.)

No. 622. ORDER THEREON, 30th March 1865, No. 874.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, and to Mr. R. F. Chisholm.
2. Ordered that the following letter be sent :—

(Here enter No. 875, dated 30th March 1865.)

(True Extract)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
To Mr. R. F. Chisholm, Executive Engineer, Pooree Division,
Bengal Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
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FORT SAINT GEORGE,
30th March 1865.

No. 875.

No. 623.

From

COLONEL C. A. ORR, R. E.,

Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, P.W.D.,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

SIR,

1. On the 21st April last, the Madras Government invited the submission of designs for a Presidency College and Senate House, in competition for a prize of Rupees 3,000.

2 The Committee appointed to adjudicate the prize having selected a design submitted by Mr. R. F. Chisholm, Executive Engineer of the Pooree Division of the Bengal Public Works Department, the prize has been adjudged to him, and as it is very desirable that the working plans should be prepared by that gentleman, and that, if possible, he should be entrusted with the superintendence of the erection of the building, I am directed to request that his services may be transferred to this Presidency, in lieu of those of Lieutenant Whish of the Royal Engineers, who being on leave in Upper India, and understood to be desirous of serving under the Government of India, may be employed under that Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

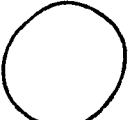
(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

W. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Educational Department,
21st March 1865.*

No. 36. Read the following letter from the Committee appointed to examine and select the best Design of a Presidency College and Senate House, Madras, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 7th March 1865

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, in the Educational Department, under date the 25th November 1863, No. 297, and to the Notification therein ordered to be published, inviting the submission of designs for a Presidency College and Senate House, in competition for a prize of Rupees 3000, we, the Members of the Committee named in that Notification to select the design, and award the prize, have the honor to report that 17 designs, of more or less merit, have in all been received by us, and that, after the most careful scrutiny and consideration,

our choice has fallen upon one bearing the emblem .

2. The grounds on which we have selected this design are fully explained in the accompanying paper; but though we consider the design, for the reasons stated, to be the best, we had some doubts as to the arrangement and management in it of some minor points of constructive detail, and we had misgivings as to the style of the domed cupola, by which the centre of the roof of the College is crowned, being altogether in harmony with the Mansard roofing with which it is associated.

3. We accordingly put ourselves in communication with the author of the design, a Mr. R. F. Chisholm, an Executive Engineer of the Pooree Division, of the Bengal Department of Public Works, and have ascertained from him that there will be no difficulty in making such modifications of details as we have pointed out, or as may hereafter be thought necessary, in preparing the working drawings. As regards the apparent incongruity of a dome being associated with Mansard turrets, he points out that a tower, to harmonize with the latter, may readily be substituted for the former, without affecting the character of the design; but he gives it as his opinion that the dome is not out of keeping with the many rounded forms beneath it. He forwards a photograph of his design, with a lofty rectangular tower substituted for the dome, to show the effect; and looking at this, as well as taking into consideration the many examples which we have met with, of a dome being combined with Mansard roofing in modern buildings of the same style, we are unanimously, and decidedly of opinion, that the design, as originally submitted, should be followed.

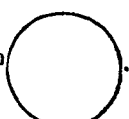
4. ~~This, however,~~ is a point that may be settled when the working drawings are being prepared. What we now recommend is that sanction may be given for the disbursement to Mr. Chisholm of the full amount of the prize, and that, as he has expressed his willingness to superintend the erection of the buildings, application may be made to the Government of India, for the transfer of his services, either temporarily or permanently, to this Presidency.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, D. P. W.

(") E. B. POWELL,
Director of Public Instruction.

(") W. G. SMART, M. I. C. E.,
Chief Engineer, Madras Railway Company.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Educational Department,
21st March 1865.*

The undersigned have the honor to state that, after a careful examination of the several designs for a Presidency College and a Senate House, submitted in competition for the prize of 3000 Rupees, proposed by Government in their Order, No. 1142, of the 21st April 1864, they have decided unanimously in favor of the design bearing the emblem . They observe that, while the general effect of the buildings in this design will in their opinion be good, the accommodation provided will not only meet the requirements, but afford some extra space available for various purposes. It may be doubted whether the style of the Senate House is in consonance with received views, but looking at the climate in which the structure is to be erected, and the different ends it is intended to fulfil, it is believed the design is decidedly the best of those which have been furnished. It is further to be remarked that the estimates for the Presidency College and the Senate House are respectively Rupees 1,42,695 and Rupees 1,46,698, against Rupees 2,50,000 and Rupees 1,50,000, specified in the Government Notification, leaving a margin of more than Rupees 1,00,000.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Col., R. E.,
Secretary to Government, D. P. W.
(„) E. B. POWELL,
Director of Public Instruction.
(„) W. G. SMART,
Member of the Institute of
Civil Engineers.

(True Copy)
(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, D. P. W.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1865, No. 67.

On the recommendation of the Committee appointed to adjudicate the prize offered for the best design of a Presidency College and University Senate House, the Governor in Council directs that the prize of Rupees 3000 be conferred on Mr. R. F. Chisholm, an Executive Engineer employed in the Department of Public Works in Bengal, and sanctions the payment of the amount, which will be debited to the Educational Building Fund.

2. Application will be made in the Public Works Department for the services of Mr. Chisholm, to superintend the erection of the buildings.

(True Extract).

G. J. Cunningham
Chief Secretary.

To the Committee appointed to examine and select the best design
of a Presidency College and Senate House.

- „ Public Works Department. ✓
- „ Director of Public Instruction.
- „ Registrar Madras University.
- „ Accountant General.
- „ Civil Paymaster.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Supy. Engr. G. Orr and to Mr. R. F. Chisholm
Ordered that the following
letter be sent - *12875*
To the Secretary to the
Govt of India, PWD
On the 21st April last, the
Madras Govt invited the submission
of designs for a Presidency College
and Senate House, in competi-
tion for a prize of Rupees 3000.
The Committee appointed to adju-
dicate the prize having selected
a design submitted by Mr. R. F.
Chisholm, Executive Engr. of the
Pooree Engr. of the Bengal PWD
the prize has been adjudged to
him, and as it is very desirable
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that, if possible, he should be entrusted
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vices may be transferred to
this Presidency, in lieu of those
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who being on leave in Upper
India, and understood to be
desirous of ~~employment~~ serving
under the Govt of India, may
be employed under
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According to Mr.
P. L. Lishisholm, C. Y. Eng.
Poore & Bengal & W. P.
the prize of Rs 3000, offered
for the best design for a
Presidency College and
University Senate House,
and observing that applica-
-tion will be made in
the P. W. Dept for the services
of Mr. Lishisholm to superin-
-tend the erection of the
buildings
With an order

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