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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
18th July 1867.*

No. 448. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the  
Educational Department:—

Declining to incur the expenditure involved in  
the establishment of boarding houses in } (Here enter 10th July 1867, No. 219.)  
connection with the new Presidency College.

No. 449. ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1867, No. 2,162.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 65.

Communicated to the Superintend-  
ing Engineer of the 4th Division for  
information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Educational Department,*  
10th July 1867.

No. 19. Read the following letter from the Executive Engineer, Presidency, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division; dated 21st November 1865, No. 39.

I have the honor to refer you to the Proceedings of the Madras Government\* regarding the establishment of boarding houses in connection with the new Presidency College.

\* No. 693, dated the 23th September.

2. On receipt of the orders alluded to Mr. Powell and V. Kristnama Charry met me by appointment at the Civil Engineering College and discussed the conditions on which the plan was to be prepared, and, further, we selected a suitable site at the south side of Chepauk, adjoining Pycroft's road.

3. I drew up the sketch Plan No. 1, for the accommodation of 40 boys and 4 Zemindars' sons. This sketch was sent to V. Kristnama Charry early last month, and returned by him three or four days ago.

4. In the sketch No. 1, I endeavoured to combine the whole accommodation required in a two-storied building, so that the upper floor might be available for sleeping accommodation. It appears that the restrictions we imposed were not sufficiently comprehensive, as V. Kristnama Charry considers the plan objectionable in regard to the following points:—

1st.—The compound of the two sects (Sudras and Brahmins) are in immediate juxtaposition. (The association of ideas would be unpleasant.)

2nd.—The cook-rooms are close to the building. (The odour of cooking might become offensive to the inmates.)

3rd.—The dining rooms are not sufficiently close to the cook-rooms.

5. V. Kristnama Charry appears to have consulted with his friends and obtained their opinions before expressing his own.

6. As the objections urged cannot be met without involving an entirely different arrangement, I have drawn out another sketch plan, in which the arrangement shewn on V. Kristnama Charry's sketch is embodied, and the dimensions adopted. Instead, however, of dotting several huts over a large area, I have linked the whole together by a passage to be used by the Superintendent. It is important at all times that this man should have free access to the whole of the buildings at the same time; being a Brahmin, it might be offensive for him to pass through the yard of the Sudras, and this necessitates the provision of a covered way over each yard open on the outside only.

7. I would wish to call particular attention to the dimensions on the plan, which are, in my opinion, on too restricted a scale.

8. In treating the structure architecturally, I have accepted the fact of the prison-like appearance of the dead walls, and made the best of it; at the same time I have sought to give it some character by adopting the heavy style of Roman palatial art.

9. The Plan No. 1, which affords superior accommodation, would cost, if substantially built, about 25,000 Rupees, and the Plan No. 2 about 15,000.

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10. It is questionable whether it would not be advisable to provide the required accommodation in the College building itself; ample sleeping room could be obtained in either wing, or perhaps in the central compartment. The Superintendent's house and yards could be built apart and light covered ways connect the whole together. This would, no doubt, be the cheapest plan.

11. I should feel obliged if you would obtain the orders of Government on this subject, to enable me to prepare detailed plans and an estimate.

MEMORANDUM.

I have carefully gone over the revised Plan (No. 2.) and think it will answer, seeing that it is drawn up with special reference to the objections put forward on the score of Native ideas and prejudices. It occurs to me that there are only two omissions which should be supplied, viz., the provision of a small ward for boys on the sick list, and a store-room. I would also suggest that the Brahmin's yard should be placed by the side of the Superintendent's quarters, and that of the Sudras removed to the other side, viz., the Zemindar's side of the building, as that would locate people of the same caste together.

2. As for the dimensions which, as Mr. Chisholm remarks, are on a restricted scale, I should explain that when I prepared my rough sketch I did not know what extent of land would be available as a site for the projected building, and I did not for a moment contemplate that my measurements were to be adhered to. I merely suggested the plan of building and the minimum accommodation which would meet the necessities of the case, and imagined that the exact dimensions required would be provided by the professional department. The number of different classes of boarders for whom accommodation is wanted being fixed, the Engineer's department is, of course, the best judge as to such details as are in question. It will be seen that the cost of the revised plan will be 10,000 Rupees less than that of the original design (No. 1).

3. The adoption of the suggestion made in the 10th paragraph of Mr. Chisholm's letter would certainly reduce the cost of the scheme to a minimum; but as the Superintendent's quarters are to be placed apart from the College building the separation of the boarders from his supervision is a serious objection; and under all the circumstances I would, therefore, adopt the 2nd plan.

(Signed) V. KRISTNAMA CHARRY.

MADRAS, 1st December 1865.

From the Director of Public Instruction, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division; dated 5th December 1865, No. 2558.

I have the honor to return the enclosures to your letter, No. 2955 of the 28th ultimo, and to forward a Memorandum by V. Kristnama Charry, Deputy Inspector of Schools, which I request you will submit to Government along with the other papers.

2. I beg to state that I am in favor of the boarding house being constructed according to Plan No. 2. I think, however, that the dimensions of the small rooms might be increased, and on the sick list, and the other to be used as a general store-room.

3. I have given consideration to the remarks made by yourself and Mr. Chisholm, respecting the provision of sleeping accommodation in the College building; but I agree with the Deputy Inspector of Schools in thinking the arrangement to be objectionable.

No. 3194.

MEMORANDUM.

Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order, No. 2384, dated 28th September 1865, for their general approval of one or other of the accompanying designs. The enlargement of certain

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small rooms, and the addition of the two other rooms, as proposed by Mr. Powell, will be attended to by Mr. Chisholm; but it is thought to be desirable before asking him to make a new plan that those now sent should be laid before the Government for their selection of one.

(Signed) A. BOILEAU, Colonel, R. E.,  
Suptg. ENGR.'s OFFICE, 41st DIVISION,  
MADRAS, 14th December 1865. *Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.*

Referred to the Educational Department, with reference to the orders in that Department, No. 265, dated 21st September 1865.  
(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,  
FORT SAINT GEORGE, 18th December 1865. *Secretary to Government, P. W. D.*

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1867, No. 219.

The Governor in Council is of opinion that the scheme for establishing boarding houses in connection with the new Presidency College is impracticable, and that it would not be justifiable to incur the estimated expenditure for a purpose, the success of which is more than doubtful.

2. It is, therefore, unnecessary to specify the particulars in which the plans submitted with the foregoing letter are considered to be defective.

(True Extract).

*[Signature]*  
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with two Plans returned.  
" Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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