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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th April 1871.*

No. 160. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 29th March 1871, No. 3,293 :—

In reference to G. O., 15th March 1871, No. 779-A., forwarding revised plans for Talook Cutcheries, and to the Consulting Architect's letter, dated 12th December 1870, No. 75, embodied in the G. O., in paragraph 3 of which letter that gentleman explains his reasons for not supplying details of quantities for the revised plans, I have the honour to request that the Government will be pleased to request Mr. Chisholm to be so good as to furnish a specification for these new designs in lieu of the details of quantities which do not appear to be actually required.

2. It is my belief that the many instances of bad work that I have recently observed in this country are due quite as much to ignorance as to carelessness on the part of the Overseers or others carrying out the work, and not only this, but that there are many individuals in the position of Range Officers who are unable to furnish their Overseers with the detailed information necessary to ensure such works being effectively executed.

3. Considering that in England, a country full of skilled labour, the specification is an indispensable adjunct to every plan and estimate, whether prepared for Government or private buildings, I am at a loss to understand how little store appears to be set upon the provision of so important a document in this land of slop-work and untidiness.

4. A comprehensive specification prepared by the Government Architect for the Cutcheries under reference would not only be most valuable in the construction of the buildings themselves, but would serve as a model for the preparation of specifications for other constructions.

5. And I would venture to suggest that not only should all plans and estimates submitted to Government from the divisions be accompanied by specifications, but that all designs furnished by Government or by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation to this department be similarly accompanied.

No. 161. ORDER THEREON, 14th April 1871, No. 1,046.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 9.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Architect, with a view to his furnishing, for circulation to the department, the requisite specifications for the revised designs of Talook Cutcheries approved by the Government in G. O., No. 172, dated 16th February 1871.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Architect.

„ Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

„ Revenue Department.

To all other Superintending Engineers.

To Major R. B. Kennedy.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Govt. of 1871 Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT

Secy. Genl.

Dated April, 14th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 14th April 1871, No. 1340

APRIL

Nos. 160-161

Talook Cutcheries.—Letter from the Superintending Engineer of the 3th Division requesting that the Consulting Architect to Government may be directed to prepare specifications for the revised designs of Talook Cutcheries approved in G. O., No. 172, of 1871, and suggesting that, for the future, all plans and estimates and designs of buildings should be accompanied by specifications, communicated to the Consulting Architect to Government with instructions.

No. 2293

Madras
29th March 1871

From,

Major Colonel R. A. Roberts C.B.
Acting Superintending Engineer
8th Division.

To,

Colonel G. A. Pitt, R. E.
Secretary to Government
S. P. W.

Sir,

In reference to G. O. 15th March 1871, No. 779 A, for forwarding revised Plans for Talook Cutcheries to the Consulting Architect's letter, dated 12th December 1870, No. 75, embodied in the G. O. in Para 3 of which letter, that gentleman explains his reasons for not supplying details of quantities for the revised Plans, I have the honor to request that the Government will be pleased to request Mr. Chisholm to be so good as to furnish a specification for these new designs, in lieu of the details of quantities which do not appear to be actually required.

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3. Considering that in England, a country full of skilled labor, the specification is an indispensable adjunct to every Plan & Estimate ^{whether} prepared, whether for Government or private buildings, I am at a loss to understand how little store appears to be set upon the provision of so important a document in this land of shop-work & anti-dignity.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant
Richd. Roberts Vic. Col. R. E.
Acting Superintending Engineer
8th Division.

Public Works Department

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Under date the 14 April 1871
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From The Asst Supg Engineer
H.E. No. 3293 of 29th March 1871

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to the Consulting
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for the revised designs
of Taluk Cutcheries
approved by the Govt
in G.O No. 172 dated 16
Feb: 71.

Resd 17/4/71
Major Keen

On 15 March 1871 No 3550
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The Consulting Architect

Dated

And

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Nos. 160-161

For the purpose of the
the Government of Madras
the (Consulting Architect)
may be directed to prepare
specifications for the same
designs of building
approved by the Government
of Madras that for the future
all plans & estimates and the
designs of building should be ac-
companied by specifications
of the same.