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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 21st October 1872.

Read the following letters:—

No. 357. From the Consulting Architect to Government, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 10th September 1872, No. 151.

In accordance with the instructions contained in the 2nd paragraph of G. O., No. 49, dated the 9th January last, I have the honour to state that I visited Combaconum in June last with the view of preparing the detailed drawings for converting the existing buildings at Combaconum into a College. These designs I now submit together with the original sketch plan and elevation.

2. I have also by this post forwarded a complete set of tracings of these designs to the Superintending Engineer of Tanjore, with a request that he will prepare and submit to Government an estimate of the cost of the work.

3. It will be observed that the revised elevation differs somewhat from that originally submitted. There is one central feature in place of two, and the principal facade faces the land side instead of the river. On a closer inspection of the site, I was of opinion that it would have been injudicious to add more on the river side of the existing structures, hence I have kept all additions within the original line of these old buildings, with the additions in this form: I found one central feature sit more easily on the plan than two; it was at the same time less costly, and architecturally equally effective. The size of the examination hall is reduced, as Mr. Porter approved of a much smaller room than that I originally designed. The statues in the original design are also omitted as not essential, but they will enhance the general effect if added.

4. With the above exceptions, the style of architecture as well as the general arrangement of plan and extent of accommodation are the same in both designs.

No. 358. From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 30th September 1872, No. 506.

I have the honour to inform you that I have received from the Consulting Architect detailed drawings of the proposed Combaconum College, with specification, and have been requested by him to prepare detailed estimates for the buildings.

2. In G. O., No. 49, dated 9th January 1872, it was directed that the detailed estimates should be prepared by the Consulting Architect in conjunction with the Executive Engineer of the Combaconum Range. I accordingly directed Mr. O'Shaughnessy, who was then in charge of the range, to give all the assistance in his power to Mr. Chisholm. I did not understand the G. O. to mean that the entire work of framing the estimate should fall on the Range Officer, and I beg to submit that in a case of this kind, where there is a considerable amount of ornamental work, the detailed drawings of which are somewhat difficult to comprehend, it will be better that the quantities should be taken out by the officer who designed the buildings. The rates can afterwards be filled in in the range office, or a

schedule of prevailing rates can be furnished to the Consulting Architect by the Range Officer.

3. In framing estimates for Taluq Cutcherries, the designs and specifications for which were furnished by the Consulting Architect, it has been found that there is considerable difficulty in working out some of the details, and I believe that, in some instances, the intentions of the designer have been quite misunderstood. If this has been the case in estimating for simple buildings, I fear that in a more complicated structure the estimate would not prove very accurate in the matter of details.

4. I would, however, rather than cause delay, have made an attempt to have what Mr. Chisholm requires carried out, had it not happened that Mr. O'Shaughnessy has just been removed from the Combaconum Range and Captain Montgomerie is holding the range temporarily until he can be relieved by Lieutenant Smart. These changes have, of course, thrown a great deal of additional work on the Range Officer, and he will certainly not be able to devote his attention to the subject for some time. My own office establishment is so fully occupied at present that I can offer no assistance from it. Under these circumstances, I respectfully beg permission to return the plan and specification to the Consulting Architect with request that he will at least take out the quantities himself.

No. 359.

ORDER THEREON, 21st October 1872, No. 2,472.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 16.

THE revised design for College Buildings at Combaconum now submitted by the Consulting Architect is approved.

But the course proposed by the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division to be adopted with reference to the estimate is that which should invariably be followed by the Consulting Architect, to whom the papers will accordingly be returned in order that the quantities may be taken out in his office.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Architect, with 6 plans.
" Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No. 151

Consulting Archt's Office
Madras 10th Octr 1872

From

R. F. Chisholm Esqr. F.R.I.B.A.
Consulting Archt to Govt

To

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

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From The Consltg Architect to Govt. P.W.D. No. 1617 / 10th Sept. 1872. Read the following

From The Supt Engineer 6th Divn. ---- 6067 / 30th ---- 1872.

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To The Com Architect with [illegible] Hubert Shaw also plans connected
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College Buildings at Combaconum.

Resume. The revised designs, submitted by the Professional Architect, for the College Buildings at Combaconum, approved with remarks.