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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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21st July 1873.*

No. 352. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 3rd July 1873, No. 1,479.

In forwarding letter No. 1,769, dated 2nd July 1873, this day received from the Officiating Controller Public Works Accounts, I have the honour to note that in paragraph 2 the case is correctly represented so far as this office is concerned.

2. I also concur in opinion with the Officiating Controller that the Consulting Architect should be required to account direct to the Controller's Office, but as to other details I have no occasion to make any remark.

From T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, (through the District Engineer, Presidency,) dated Fort St. George, 2nd July 1873, No. 1,769.

I HAVE the honour to address you relative to the manner in which the expenditure incurred by Mr. Chisholm, the Government Architect, is accounted for to this office. I find that by G. O., No. 1,430, of the 4th May 1866, the Government Architect was required to submit his accounts to the Executive Engineer at the Presidency to admit of their inclusion in the accounts of that officer, and so avoid the creation of a distinct or additional charge. That arrangement is still followed, the expenditure incurred by Mr. Chisholm being included in the accounts of the District Engineer of the Presidency. But this arrangement is so objectionable from an accounts point of view that I deem it necessary to report on the subject to Government, in order that some change may be made.

2. Apparently the District Engineer is not responsible for the works carried out by Mr. Chisholm; he is certainly not responsible for the expenditure incurred by that gentleman, and can do nothing more than pass on to him the requisitions of this office for information, vouchers, etc. The charges which are entered against works in the accounts of the District Engineer do not always represent the outlay incurred by Mr. Chisholm, but the advances made to him by the District Engineer, and I find that of the outlay of Rupees 77,623; recorded against the Senate House and brickfield, the large sum of Rupees 29,438-14-2* remains unadjusted for want of vouchers, etc., some of which were called for by this office so far back as August 1871.

* Exclusive of Rupees 12,245 in the Miscellaneous Advance Account.

3. On this subject my predecessor addressed Government on the 6th March 1872,* but apparently no reply was given to his letter, probably because it was

* No. 2,971.

intended not to employ Mr. Chisholm on work of construction after the completion of works on which he was then engaged. Be this as it may, work to the Telegraph Office has recently been commenced by Mr. Chisholm, and as a very large expenditure is to be incurred, I think it most desirable, as already stated, that some change should be made in the present arrangement.

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4. If Mr. Chisholm must be employed in constructing works, I beg to suggest that he be required to account direct to this office for his expenditure, either in the forms used by Public Works Officers or in those used by Civil Officers. In the former case he would be supplied with funds on credit orders, and in the latter he would obtain advances from the Presidency District Engineer. The former arrangement would be the most appropriate, considering the large expenditure, while the latter would probably be more suited to Mr. Chisholm's position as Architect.

5. I shall forward this letter through the District Engineer, Presidency, so that he may have the opportunity of giving his opinion on the subject, particularly with reference to my second paragraph.

No. 353.

ORDER THEREON, 21st July 1873, No. 1,855.

ACCOUNT, No. 22.

THE present arrangements for supplying the Government Architect with funds for the buildings designed

by him, at the Presidency and carried out under his own supervision, and for submission of his accounts to audit, were approved in G. O., No. 1,430, of 4th May 1863, on the recommendation of the then Controller of Public Works Accounts. They are now objected to by the Acting Controller, supported by the Presidency District Engineer, through whose office the Government Architect's accounts are now submitted to the former's office; and Mr. Chisholm himself is understood not to object to the change of system proposed.

2. Under these circumstances, as it is undoubtedly desirable that the Government Architect should continue in executive charge of all public buildings at the Presidency under construction from his own designs, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to approve of effect being given to the former of the Controller's suggestions contained in paragraph 4 of the letter under review.

3. Mr. Chisholm is instructed to reply without delay to the reference made to him under date the 8th March, on the subject of Mr. Brock's letter alluded to in his third paragraph.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
.. Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Consulting Architect.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies.

N:1479.

From

The District Engineer
Presidency
To
The Chief Engineer
Secretary to Government.

Sir

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letter.

In forwarding letter A. 1769 dated 2nd July 1873 this day received from the Off^r Controller P.W. Accounts, I have the honor to note that in para 2 the case is correctly represented so far as this Office is concerned.

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any remarks.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most Obedt^l Servant
Chas. G. Smith
Lieut^l Col^l 4th Regt

Dist^l Engineer Pres^l D.
Pres^l Dist^l Eng^l Office
Fort Saint George
3rd July 1873

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Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Fort Saint George, 2^d July 1873.

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From
The Offg: Controller of P.W. Accounts,
To,
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to ad-
dress you relative to the
manner in which the ex-
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Mr Chisholm the Govern-
ment Architect is accounted
for to this office. I find
that by G. O. N^o 1430 of
the 4th May 1866, the
Government Architect
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Public Works Accounts
Fort Saint George
2^d July 1873

Fort Saint George
2^d July 1873

Received in
the office of the
Controller of Public
Works Accounts
the account of the
Government Architect
for the year 1872
dated 21st July 1873

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21st July 1873

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Inclusive of
Rs. 1226.5 in the
Miscellaneous
Advance Account.

*No. 2971.
*Ct. 1153.
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8/3/72-11/10/72

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5. I shall forward this letter through the District Engineer Presidency, so that he may have the opportunity of giving his opinion on the subject, particularly with reference to my 2nd Para.-

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,


Offg. Controller of A.R. Accounts.



No 1855 P. W. D.

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Under date the 187

Read the following:—
From the St. Aug. Presidency 148. No 1473 of 3rd July/73.

The present arrangements for supplying the Government Architect with funds for the buildings designed by him at the Presidency and carried out under his own supervision, and for submission of his accounts to audit, were

Mr. 11/10/73

From
The Offg Controller of
St. The Secy to Government
Public Works Department
St. 3rd July.

Dated 2nd July 1873.
Recd.

Mr. 11/69

Suggesting that Mr. Chisholm be accountable for expenditures incurred by him in the St. 11/10/73 to the Office instead of to the District Engineer Presidency.

Mr. 3/26/73

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were approved in G.O.
No 1130 of 14th May 1866 on
the recommendation of
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They are now objected to
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letter alluded to in
his 3^d para.

G.M.W.

Dr. Presiding
Committee
on Technical
Date 28/7/23

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