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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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No. 366A. Read the following letter from R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., F. R. I. B. A., Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 10th July 1873:—

I HAVE the honour to submit plans* for the proposed new Post Office and Telegraph Office. These plans have been drawn out in strict accordance with the

* Three Plans.

instructions received from both the Postmaster General of Madras and the Inspector of Telegraphs.

2. I forward also four sketch elevations, showing how the façade may be treated on these plans; but as the structure will occupy a very commanding site, I would solicit permission to submit a detailed drawing at my leisure.

3. It would materially push forward the undertaking if you could obtain the permission of Government to proceed with the foundations of both buildings, debiting the cost to the grant allotted to the Telegraph Office for the current year.

4. The probable cost of the whole undertaking will be five and a half lacs of Rupees.

5. Extensive stabling will be required, and room for this accommodation can be afforded on the plot of ground south of the principal site.

No. 366B. ORDER THEREON, 21st July 1873, No. 1,861A.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 9A.

THE plans for accommodating the Post and Telegraph Departments at Madras, drawn up in conformity with

the suggestions conveyed in Proceedings of the Government of India, No. 264 B. C., of 15th May 1872, fulfilling every requirement of the local heads of those departments, are approved; but the Government do not feel at liberty to authorize any expenditure in connection with works calculated to cost between five and six lacs of Rupees without the previous sanction of the Government of India. The Government Architect will accordingly expedite the preparation of more finished drawings of two of the four elevations submitted by him for approval, in order that they may be submitted together with tracings of the plans and an approximate estimate, for the orders of His Excellency the Governor General in Council. Pending receipt of which Mr. Chisholm will push on with the other works he has in hand at the Presidency, so as to be able to concentrate all his resources in labour and materials on these buildings in the latter part of the official year.

2. The site proposed for the Post Office stables is not approved, being too good and valuable for the purpose in question; and another will be selected in communication with the Postmaster General.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Architect to Government.

.. Postmaster General.

.. Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division.

.. Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

.. Public Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No 1861 P.O.D.
Pro of the Madras Govt.

Recd the following:-

From the Joint Architects
to Govt. } 128. 7. 10 July 73.

The Plans for ac-
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To
The Care Architect & Clerk
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Mr. L. J. O'Connell
Copy despatched 28 July/73.
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P. W. 1873 Report
Pro. of Govt. July
No 4151.

From.

The Govt. directed to
Govt.

As at 10"
Per 24" } July/73.

Submitting
plans for the
new Post and
Telegraph Offices
at Modras, and
requesting per-
mission to proceed
with the work.

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No 1864 A. 21 July/73.

site proposed

San Francisco 3/1 - The undersigned
has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the
proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. A.
Consulting Architect to the Govt of San Francisco

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I have the honor to be Sir,

John Gust. Rodin & Son, C.

Br. Christen.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

The Consulting Architect
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G. O. 21st July 1873, No. 18614.

No. 36613

Gen Post & Telegraph

Office at Madras.

Replying orders on letter
from the Chief Architect

submitting plans for

the Post & Telegraph

Office & requesting per-

mission to proceed

to the work.