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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th August 1873.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 497. From T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 21st June 1873, No. 1,494.

On the 20th May last, I applied to the District Engineer, Presidency, for three punkahs to be put up in a verandah which, for want of space in this office, is used as a working room by fourteen clerks. The verandah in question is enclosed on the weather side by bamboo tatties, and on close sultry days the heat in it is very oppressive.

2. I understood that my application to the District Engineer was in accordance with G. O., No. 2,151, of the 8th September 1862, but from the enclosed docket, No. 1,241, of the 20th instant, from that officer, it would appear that I have not sufficiently shown the necessity for the punkahs which, you will observe, are not considered necessary.

3. As the verandah in question will have to be used as a working room, even after the additions recently applied for are carried out, I considered it desirable that not only punkahs should be supplied, but that it should receive a boarded ceiling; also glass and venetian windows in place of the present tatties, which when let down during rainy days will completely shut out light and air.

4. In order that the Government may know the grounds of the District Engineer's objection to the supply of punkahs, and to prevent further delay, (it will be observed that exactly one month after my application I am informed that it cannot be complied with,) I will forward a copy of this letter to that officer, with a suggestion that a report be made direct to you of his reasons for considering the punkahs unnecessary.

5. I am aware that punkahs in a verandah cannot possibly be so useful as in a room, but there is no doubt that so ill-suited a place for working in as the verandah in its present state, could be made more bearable and therefore less objectionable by the use of punkahs.

REFERRED to the Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings, with a request that Colonel Foord will arrange with the Controller and Lieutenant-Colonel Goddard for having such improvements and alterations to his office as they may agree upon as necessary, planned and estimated, and the more pressing requirements which they may be competent to sanction carried out emergently.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
30th June 1873. Secretary to Government.

No. 498. Endorsement of the Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings, dated Chepauk, 4th August 1873, No. 864.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E., Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings, dated Fort St. George, 22nd July 1873, No. 1,807.

WITH reference to your letter No. 727, dated 3rd July 1873, I have the honour to forward a plan, specification report, and an estimate, amounting to

Rupees 1,100, for making alterations to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, and for the Controller of Public Works Accounts, in question.

2. I forwarded the papers to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, but that officer has returned them without any answer. I have, however, written a letter, which he requests may be sent to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, on the same subject. The latter was submitted to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, on the 3rd July 1873.

3. The arrangements proposed for the Controller of Public Works Accounts, appear to afford the space required for the Controller of Public Works Accounts, which the Controller expects sanction.

4. The old records, which are now in the office of the District Engineer, which is not distant from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, and the record-keeper can have charge of the records, for which a room can be made over, exclusively for that purpose.

5. On the late re-organisation of the department in 1863, all the records of the late Board of Revenue, Military Board, and Central Office of Public Works Accounts were transferred to the care of the Superintendent Engineer, 4th Division. There was no difficulty in getting up references, the papers having been properly sorted and kept in alphabetical order.

6. Another arrangement, to meet the Controller's objections, is that the old records in room No. 9 be transferred to the room in which the blank forms are kept, which may be sent to the District Engineer's work yard or office, whichever the Controller prefers.

7. The Controller protests against giving up a portion of his room for the Deputy Controller. The room No. 20, 116, allotted for the Controller is excessive when compared with the accommodation provided for other members of the department, from the Chief Engineer downwards. I cannot see any objection to the Deputy Controller sitting near the Controller. Offices as per margin were located in one building in 1863, and all officers carried on their work in one large room for eighteen months and found no inconvenience in transacting public business.

8. The punkahs referred to in the Controller's letter to Government have been supplied.

9. The enclosure received with your communication under reply is herewith returned.

From T. NOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, dated Fort St. George, 18th July 1873, No. 337.

In returning herewith the plan, estimate, etc., received with your letter, No. 1,719, of the 17th instant, I have the honour to state that since the subject of additional accommodation was personally discussed, a change has been made whereby Lieutenant Christie, R.E., occupies room No. 3, and the Manager of the office sits

in room No. 6. A few trifling alterations will improve the above arrangement, and I beg that they may be made at once, viz.,

- The wall in room No. 2 to be pierced to allow of the punkah being pulled from room No. 4 at A, in blue pencil in plan.
- In room No. 3 the door at B in blue pencil to be opened out and a hole made to allow of the punkah being pulled from the passage at C, also door-screens (three) to be added.
- The screen at top of room No. 4 to be removed and placed across the lower room No. 13.
- The alterations proposed in the specification in connection with rooms 5 and 6 to be carried out. (This however will not give additional space, but simply make the verandah more comfortable.)
- Do. do. in the lower rooms 11 and 12.

2. The lower room 9 cannot be given up. The records in it are now being continually referred to in connection with Irrigation Works, and I see no prospect of being able to make use of it as a working room for Accountants and Clerks. There is no getting over this difficulty, and it is therefore useless to alter rooms 1 and 8 in the upper story. No. 8 is already crowded, and any diminution of space would separate the Head Accountant from his men, which would be most objectionable and which I cannot permit.

3. I must here distinctly state that the arrangements and alterations about to be made will not meet my requirement for accommodation when the office is numerically increased to the strength which is absolutely necessary. Already the building accommodates a Deputy Controller and thirteen Clerks in excess of the establishment as it stood when the building was brought into use for the present purpose, and I am in daily expectation of sanction to employ twelve additional men to be probably followed by others when we complete our Capital and Revenue Accounts. Under these circumstances, I beg that in sending on the estimate to Government you will forward this letter and my previous one, No. 11, of the 1st instant.

THE plan and estimate of Rupees 1,100, received with the above letter, for making certain improvements to the Office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, are submitted for the orders of Government in continuation of letter

- 1 Plan.
- 1 Estimate.
- 1 Specification.
- 2 Letters with 1 Enclosure.

from this Office, No. 827, dated 24th July 1873, and with reference to endorsement, dated 30th June, on the accompanying letter from the Controller, No. 1,494, of the 21st idem.

2. An original letter from the Controller to the District Engineer, Presidency, No. 337, dated 18th July 1873, is also submitted for the information of Government.

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings.

No. 499. ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1873, No. 2,164.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 48.

THE estimate of Rupees 1,100 for carrying out the alterations to the Controller's Office already approved in G. O., No. 2,103, of the 23rd August, is sanctioned, and will be acted on in anticipation of a specific allotment of funds later in the year.

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23rd August 1873.

2. The space reserved for the Controller himself cannot be considered insufficient under existing circumstances, and with reference to space allotted to other superior officers of the Department, it being out of the question to devote funds on a large scale at present to the provision of accommodation specially planned with a view to their requirements.

3. The number of persons intended to be accommodated in each room should always be marked on the plans accompanying reports on such subjects.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Presidency,
Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings,
Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

N^o 657

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Letter from the Distt. Engr. Presy
N^o 1177 of 16th June 73, forwarding for sanction
an Estimate of Rs 44, for putting up
punches in the Controller's Office, Fort
St. George, and remarking that he does
not recommend the provision of punches,
as it is superfluous.

The foregoing Estimate of Rs 44
is returned to the District Engineer Presy,
for disposal, with reference to G.O. N^o
2157 of 8th Sept. 1862. Otherwise the work
cannot be carried out, as Colonel
Goddard considers it unnecessary.

Encls.

Office of Insp. Engr. Presy
Civil & Mil. Buildings
18th June 1873.

1501 E. a. Ford. (all R.E.)
Insp. Engr. for Buildings.

P. 1241

Copies forwarded to the Controller
of P.W. accounts for information with refer-
ence to his letters N^o 495 of 20th May 73
and 207 of 18th June 1873.

[Signature]

20th June 1873.

St. J. R.E.

Distt. Engr. Presy

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119. Room Lower Story

The room which measures $24\frac{1}{2} \times 32\frac{1}{2}$ is occupied by old records of 1863 and is furnished with
 • This could be made into an Office room for clerk and accountant of the Local
 • and Detachment. An additional skylight will be provided. The plan
 raised and paneled with square bricks. The old records being transferred to the
 District Engineer's Office if no additional space can be obtained by the re-
 -arrangement now proposed.

No. 10 Lower Story

Will remain as a closet

No. 11 & 12. Rooms Lower Story.

This is now used as a typing room and closet which will be converted into one room
 by removing the partition walls and removing the tenaces where there will be
 ample accommodations for clerk and records.

Enclosed find 3

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Thompson with Engr
 J. H. P. 1863

1863

Dated 20th 5th 1863

8. 11. 8. 1863

Transacting copy of
 the 1863. July letter,
 regarding the funds
 required for the Civil
 Office -

[Handwritten signature]

Specification & Report to accompany the Estimates for carrying out certain alterations and improvements to the building occupied by the Office of the Controller of S. W. Steam.
Amount of Estimate Rs 1100--

N^o 1. Controller's office room. Upper story.

This room measuring $33\frac{1}{4}$ by $16\frac{1}{2}$ feet is to be divided by a low screen into two rooms one $20' \times 16\frac{1}{2}'$ and the other $13' \times 16\frac{1}{2}'$. The latter for the Deputy Controller of Accounts. Each will have a fireplace.

N^o 2. Room upper story now occupied by Deputy Controller Mr. Mills

This room which measures $21\frac{1}{4}' \times 16\frac{1}{2}'$ can be made over to Lieutenant Christie's Deputy Controller Engraving Branch.

N^o 3. Room Upper story occupied by Mr. Newbagg & Messrs. Managers.

This room which measures $16\frac{1}{2}' \times 18'$ immediately adjoins Mr. Milnes' room which it is proposed to allot to Lieut. Christie for his Office Establishment. This arrangement will afford every facility for intercommunication between Lieutenant Christie and his Assistants.

N^o 4. Room Upper story

This is a very large room and measures $34' \times 15'$. Mr. Newbagg the Asst. Accountant and the Auditors of the Salary branch could occupy it. The screen in it will be removed to room N^o 8 to make a passage to the Controller's room.

N^o 5 and 6. Rooms Upper story.

These two rooms are now occupied by the Indian Dep^y. The verandah to the south will be enclosed with glazed and iron shutters to afford additional accommodation to the Auditors.

N^o 7 & 8. Rooms Upper story.

These two rooms are now occupied by the Head Accountant and the Booking Dep^y. No alterations required except making a small passage to the Controller's room. order paras 4 of this report.

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Date Amount

Description of work.

Quantity

150 yds	By new paint 3 coats with Empire Verdigris to <u>Demolish shutters</u>	3 12	5	10
300 sq	White paint 3 coats to 13 rails and sashes	2 3	6	9
36 sq ft	Stake wood one plank wrought and put up	2	4	8
775 sq ft	Booby wire for raising the floor with sand and brickish 6" in each	10	77	8
	and flooring the same with new 8" x 10" bricks in chum and with			
	a new ^{new} course of old wall bricks		5	"
	Booby wire for raising 1 down and 2 up down by firing, bricks 10"		13	13
	above with masonry		8	13
302.6 sq ft	Stake wood, sash wrought and put up	2 12	24	24
	to 10 blocks to alterations			
11 and 12	Stiff in frame now prepared as records room			
	Booby wire for demolishing terrace cists and side walls and			
	carving rubric 18" x 18"	2 12	24	24
47 sq ft	Stake wood sash wrought and put up		15	"
463 sq ft	Teracing with brick on edge, in chum and belly 3" thick 3 courses	31 2	6	144 14
	of flat tiles and plastering with 3 coats stone chum and 1/2" of			
	ceilings and terrace			

At 14.15 and 16
Record Rooms

Procy Buckbry Office
Fort Davis, Texas
170 July 1873

Wm
Comptroller

The General
District Engineer's Residence

Civil Building.

Abstract Estimate. Apr 4 of 1873/174

New Work

— Presidency Quarters —

For enclosing the Verandahs with Venetian and glass windows and also providing sky light in the old record room of the Office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts in Fort. Saint George.

Quantity	Description of work	Rate	Amount
	No. 1 The Controllers Room.		
	Cooly hire for removing the present Canvas screen of the Tiffin Room and fixing it in the same Canvas apartment so as to make an additional Office Room for the Dy. Controller of Accounts.		
	No. 2 and 3 Rooms. No alterations proposed.		
	No. 4. Proposed Managers Room.		
	Cooly hire for removing the screen and fixing it in the room for the papers of the Controller and his Deputy.		
	No. 5 and 6 Enclosing with Venetian and glass shutters of the Open Verandah on the South side of the Audit Office.		
24.5.36 ft.	Teak wood wrought and put up	2 12	67 3 3
178 1/2 ft.	Single Venetian window shutters with new iron folding hinge	12 6	139 7 3
	bolts Complete		
178 1/2 ft.	Pair glass window shutters with new brass hinge bolts Complete	11 6	128 4 9
550.00	Green paint 3 coats with Quince Verdigris to new Venetian shutters	3 12	20 10
200.00	White paint 3 coats to the new glass	2 3	4 6
	No. 7 and 8 alterations proposed		
	No. 9. Old record room. Opening an additional sky light and raising the floor in the lower story.		
	Cooly hire for cutting and removing the portion of the terrace for constructing sky light		
16.6 ft.	Bricks with Chumam pillars	2 5	2 6 8
26 ft.	Interior cornice work in Chumam including plastering complete	6	9 12
77 ft.	Laying brick belly 3 inches thick 3 courses flat tiles and plastering	16 8 6	12 11 7
75 ft.	3 coats Stone lime Chumam over the ceiling planks	2 5	1 11 9
26 ft.	Plastering with 2 coats Chumam to the pillars		
	Constructing sloping dwarf wall with masonry and plastering complete		
27.2.5 ft.	Teak wood wrought and put up	2 12	74 12 6
77 ft.	Lining teak wood planks 3/4 inch with battens over the joints	23	17 11 4
73 1/2 00	Single pannelled shutters with brass hinges Complete	9 3	42 7 10
73 1/2 00	Single glazed shutters with brass hinges Complete	8 10	44 9 3

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Small Room occupied by the State Commission for the purpose of the office

2nd. Stationing Room 30 1/2 ft x 12 1/2

2nd. Upper Room 30 1/2 ft x 12 1/2 ft. This room is the (intended) for the use of the office being second class.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J. W. A.

Offg Controller of W. Accounts

From
The District Engineer
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To
The Inspecting Engineer
for Civil and Military Buildings
Sir,

With reference to your letter No 727, dated 3rd July 1873, I have the honor to forward a plan, specification report and an estimate amounting to Rs. 1100 for making certain improvements to the Office of the Controller of P. W. Accounts as determined by us at our last meeting at the office in question.

2. I forwarded the papers to the Controller for his approval, but that Officer has returned them without his signature and with the accompanying letter which he requests may be sent to Government with his previous letter on the same subject. The latter was submitted to your Office with my letter No 1492, dated 3rd July 1873.

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Controller's office
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I have &c

Port St George
22nd July 1873

Signed J^d Goddard
District Engr Presidency

No

N^o 864

The Plan and Estimate of

Rs. 1100 received with the above letter
for making certain improvements to the
Office of the Controller of Public Works

Accounts are submitted for the orders
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Office of the Inspg Engr
for Civil & Mily Buildings
Chepauk 4 August 1873

E. A. Smith Colonel R.E.
Inspecting Engineer for
Civil & Military Buildings

To
Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Enclosures 6.
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From the Offg Controller
P.W. Accs -

From the Insp Engr for
Building -

N^o 2164

Madras Government
under date the Aug/73

Read the following
(H.E. N^o 1494 of 21 June/73)

(H.E. N^o 864 of 2 Aug/73)

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To The District Commr
Presidency

Date

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G.O. 28th Aug 6. No. 2164.

Nos. 497 & 498

Office of the Controller
of P.W. Accounts

Estimate of Rs. 1100
for carrying out cer-
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P.W. Accts sanctioned,
and the work to be under-
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specific allotment of funds

N^o 497-498

Not Noted

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