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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th December 1873.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 63E. From R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., F.R.I.B.A., Consulting Architect to Government, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 22nd August 1873, No. 477.

I HAVE the honour to forward the detailed estimate and plan for adding a Library and Lecture Hall to the Central Museum at Madras.

2. Both documents have been duly countersigned by the Superintendent of the Museum.

No. 338.

MEMORANDUM.

WITH reference to the plan of a Library and Lecture Hall lately submitted by the Consulting Architect, he is directed to report what action, if any, was taken by him with reference to the Order in the Educational Department, No. 151, of 21st April 1868, communicated to him with Order in the Public Works Department, No. 1,385, of 4th May 1868.

2. Mr. Chisholm was lately supplied with a list of Unanswered Government Orders, and directed to conform to the practice of sending in such a list half-yearly, and he is reminded that a list was due on the 1st July.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
4th September 1873.

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

No. 63F. From R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., F.R.I.B.A., Consulting Architect to Government, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 23rd October 1873, No. 591.

IN reply to your memorandum No. 392, dated the 17th October 1873, I have the honour to state that your memorandum No. 338 was received in my office during my absence at Madura, and was mislaid by Mr. Lewis and never shown to me. I regret very much the omission, and as he is away on duty I cannot just now afford any explanation.

2. No action was taken by me on G. O., No. 151, dated the 21st April 1868. It was Lord Napier's desire (communicated to me verbally) that the question should stand over until the Government were prepared to entertain the scheme of constructing a new School of Arts as an addition to the Museum, and it was his intention to combine the several structures into one harmonious building. I spoke with his Lordship frequently on the subject, but to the best of my knowledge no action was ever taken by the Government beyond issuing the order in question.

No. 63G. ORDER THEREON, 4th December 1873, No. 2,918C.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 1A.

His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the plan with estimate amounting to Rupees 41,200, prepared

by the Consulting Architect for adding a Library and Lecture Hall to the Central Museum at Madras, and he directs that the work be vigorously prosecuted with the allotment of Rupees 22,000 which has been made for it in G. O., Public Department, dated 28th June 1873, No. 653.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Architect, with Plan and Estimate.
.. Public Department
.. Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies.

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No 338

Memorandum.

With reference to the Plan of a Library and Lecture Hall lately submitted by the Consulting Architect he is directed to report what action if any was taken by him with reference to the order in the Educational Department No 131 of 21st April 1868 communicated to him with order in the S.P.W. Department No 1385 of 4th May 1868.

Mr. Chisholm was lately supplied with a list of Government answered Govt. Orders and directed to conform to the practice of sending in such a list half yearly. And he is reminded that a list was ^{due} on the 1st July.

Col. R.E. M. S.
4th Sept 73.

By Order
Sd/- J. B. Walker J.R.E.
Secy. Govt. P.W.D.

N^o 477.

Consulting Architects Office
Madras 22nd August 1873.

From

A. F. Whisham Esq^r F.R.S.B.A.
Consulting Architect to Govt.

To

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Depart.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the
detailed Estimate and plan for adding a
Library and Lecture Hall to the Central
Museum at Madras.

Both documents have been duly
counter-signed by the Superintendent of the
Museum.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

A. F. Whisham

Consulting Architect to Govt.

Dec 29 1873

No 591. Consulting Architects Office
Madras 23 October 1873.

From
R. F. Chisholm Esq. & Co. S. B. A.
Consulting Archt. to Govt.

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P. M. 1873 Department.
No 174 for Mr. Walker
dated 18-4-65.
The Consulting Architect
to Government.

To the Secretary to Govt.
Public Works Dept.

Recd 22-9-73
Memo 207
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Memorandum
Estimate for a building
Library and a distance
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By His Honor
Consulting Architect to Govt

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P. W. 1873 Report
No. of Govt. J. 6234.
The Consulting Archt.
to Government.

To, The Secretary to Govt.
Public Works Dept.

Dated 23. 2 Oct 1873
Received 15 Nov 1873

No 591.

Encls. none

Subject.

Library and Lecture
Hall for the Museum

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No 2918 C. 4. 10 Dec 1873.

Public Works Department

Memo: for Orders.

In letter printed with P. O. Public Department No 683 of 28 June 1873 the Superintendent of the Government Central Museum at Madras submitted a Plan and Estimate for a Library and Lecture Room in connection with that Institution. These papers were prepared by the Consulting Architect to Government. Sanction was given for carrying out the work at a cost not exceeding that of the

On receipt, with
Consulting Architects
letter No. 444 of 22nd Inst,
of the detailed Estimate
of Rs. 41,200, it was
found that a previous
Order of Government
in the Educational
Department existed
No. 131 of 21st April
1868, based upon a
Minute of Lord Dalhousie
directing the preparation
of a design for a library
and distinctly specifying
the nature and amount
of accommodation to
be afforded. This being
very dissimilar to that

these designs before
us we might judge
what will be best
and in the long run
most economical.
I do not think that
a direct effect of the
Ministry's decision
was to be expected
as it must be with an
individual institution
on a moderate scale
which he in place in
the same structure with
a public Museum and
library.
I see no ground
for animadversion in
regard to Mr. Chesbrough's
design. He might say that
naturally suppose that
after Lord Dalhousie's departure
the idea has been abandoned
a supposition which was
naturally under the pressure
of the Government's secretariat.

Embl 10/11

and ed. I am
I do not think
Mr. Chisholm
has been
much to blame -
his wife
the day after
I always
has stated that
I am not
I have not
but he has
may be, but
but I think
I am in the
times (R. G. 1000) -
he is getting
will be
much better -
he will be
a good library &

of a School of Arts a post lecture
 with the Government ~~from~~ & the ~~Government~~
 Museum has arisen; while but the ~~Government~~
 and has been discussed here for the ~~Government~~
 by the Committee of - ~~Government~~ ~~Government~~
 which Mr. Chisholm ~~Government~~ ~~Government~~
 is a Member. ~~Government~~ ~~Government~~

It should now, it
 is submitted, be con- ~~Government~~
 sidered in the Public ~~Government~~
 Department whether ~~Government~~
 the existing sanction ~~Government~~
 shall stand, or be ~~Government~~
 modified with reference ~~Government~~
 to Lord Napier's ~~Government~~
 note of 1868, or to the ~~Government~~
 amalgamation of the ~~Government~~
 School of Arts and ~~Government~~
 Museum. And in ~~Government~~
 disposing of the subject ~~Government~~
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Questions -

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and the submission
 by him of Periodical
 Returns of Roman-
 - svered Reference
 insisted on.

Colicamund
 6 November
 1873.3

Mr. Chisholm
 Secy. Government

I entirely agree with
 Mr. Chisholm - and think that
 the sanctioned work for
 the Library & Lecture
 Room should go forward
 at once. I meanly understand
 indeed why the projects of 1868
 have been allowed to interfere with
 the regular course of things in the ~~Government~~
 as to a School of Arts - ~~Government~~
 in the respect of a ~~Government~~

(written vertically in margin)
 I suspected the opinion
 that we were not justified in
 maintaining such an institution
 was a very
 considerable improvement
 upon the old one
 and I understand
 that the public dept. has been
 to agree with me. I
 have been lately origi-
 nally in the matter.

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C. 26-11-73
H. 63-63



Mr. D. (Civil Engineer)

No 2918C

Pro of the Madras Govt.

Under date the 4th Decr/73-

Read the following:-

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Rupees 22,000 which has
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Public Department dated

28 June 1873, No 653.

Ch. W.

To The forth Architect with
Plan & Estimate ✓
Pub. Dept ✓ 25
Off^r Pub. & M. A. ✓
In-ld. des^d 24/12/73 ✓
P.C. - 16/12/73.

Apr 4/53 76234

Govt. of 1873

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To the Hon. the Secretary of the Public Works Department

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 4 "Dec" 1873, No. 29186

Nos. 638 & 639.

Central Museum, Madras.

Plan & Est. for adding a
Library and Lecture Hall
to the Museum. Sanctioned
with remarks.