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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th February 1873.*

No. 430. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 3rd February 1873, No. 80 :—

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the consideration of Government, a letter*
* No. 35, dated 30th January 1873. from the Agent of the Carnatic Railway,
Company, giving cover to one from the

Chief Engineer, in which, for reasons set forth by Mr. Dibblee, it is suggested "that Government should be applied to for sanction to the expenditure necessary to retain the services of a professional Architect, and that their permission should be obtained to employ their officer, Mr. Chisholm, to furnish us with the necessary plans, elevations, etc., that we shall require for the new terminal passenger station."

2. The reasons cited by Mr. Dibblee are sufficient, in my opinion, to make it desirable that the design for the passenger terminus should be prepared by a professional Architect. The Government are aware that in the case of the new terminus of the Madras Railway, a design was obtained from the Consulting

Architect to Government, to whom* a commission, amounting altogether to Rupees 6,925, has been paid for his services.

3. It does not however seem necessary to sanction any additional expenditure in order to obtain the benefit of Mr. Chisholm's services in connection with the proposed terminus of the Carnatic Railway, inasmuch as the building is one in which the Government are directly interested; and the Circular* from the Government of India, dated the 27th

* *Vide* G. O., dated 21st Aug. 1868, No. 2,678.

† " " 2nd Feb. 1869, " 331.

June 1868, and the subsequent despatch† from the Secretary of State, dated the 14th October 1868, seem to stand in the way of any claim to remuneration by the Government Architect for such service.

From the Agent and Manager of the Carnatic Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 30th January 1873, No. 35.

G. O., 2,518, October, 25th, 1872.
" 198, January, 21st, 1873.

With reference to the orders of Government specified in the margin, on the subject of the passenger station terminus, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a copy of a letter No. 86, dated the 29th instant, from the Chief Engineer, in which he suggests, for reasons therein stated, that the preparation of the design for the terminal building should be entrusted to a professional Architect.

2. As to the necessity or desirability of adopting the Chief Engineer's recommendation in this matter, you will doubtless be able to form a better opinion than myself, but in presence of the fact that it was deemed advisable with respect to the Madras Railway Company's new passenger station, I submit the application with the request that you will be good enough to convey to me the wishes of Government in the matter.

From the Chief Engineer, to the Agent and Manager of the Carnatic Railway Company, dated Madras, 29th January 1873, No. 86.

REFERRING to the G. O. (No. 198, 21st January 1873,) having received sanction to the site on which the terminal passenger station is to be placed, we are now in a position to settle upon

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the details of the design for the building which, as you are aware, had been previously asked for (G. O., 25th October 1872, No. 2,518).

2. Looking to the situation of our terminal station, in the centre of a town like Madras, which possesses so many fine architectural buildings, and to the important position our undertaking is about to occupy when formed into one system with the Great Southern of India Railway, I think it is incumbent upon us to use all care that our building should be a creditable structure. And, although I would not advocate a large expenditure on mere ornamentation, the architectural effect must have due attention. It is scarcely necessary to tell you that in my profession architecture does not always, and in fact seldom does, form part of the study, and I myself have had very little practice in it, neither have I among my staff any one to whom I would entrust the completion of the external details of a large building to occupy a prominent position.

3. Under the circumstances therefore I beg to suggest that Government should be applied to for sanction to the expenditure necessary to retain the services of a professional Architect, and that their permission should be obtained to employ their officer, Mr. Chisholm, to furnish us with the necessary plans, elevations, etc., that we shall require for the terminal passenger station.

4. I am writing to Mr. Chisholm to inquire whether, on personal grounds, he will be in a position to undertake the duty, provided the permission and sanction of Government is obtained.

5. With regard to his remuneration, I would observe that it is not probable it will amount to as much as the salary and allowances of an Assistant Engineer, whose time would have to be devoted to the work if the services of a competent professional Architect are not procured.

No. 431.

ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1873, No. 544.

RAILWAY, No. 59.

THE services of the Consulting Architect to Government will be made available for the designing of the new

Railway Passenger Station at the Penitentiary, and he will be permitted to receive a fee for a complete set of designs, etc., calculated on the usual scale of remuneration.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Architect.
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Erd. S. T. Austin.

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No. 80.

From
LIEUT.-COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E.,

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

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for the consideration of Government, a letter
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Government Architect for such service.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
Wm. Stewart M. A. R. E.
Senior Consulting Engineer for Railways

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**The Consulting Engineer
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To

The Secretary to Government,
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