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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 7th January 1874.

No. 53A. Read the following letter 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, 3rd December 1873, No. 645:—

WITH reference to the alterations of the Old College Hall, Nungumbaukum, approved of in G. O., No. 916, dated the 30th August 1873, I have the honour to state that the work has succeeded beyond my expectations. The room has been completely gutted, the galleries cut out, and the roof three parts finished, and scarcely any movement has taken place in the old walls which are now plumb and stable.

2. The dimensions of this room are so great 59′-0″ × 60′-0″, and a hall of this kind is so much needed in a central position, it would seem to me a matter for regret to allow the interior of this hall to be cut up by the Dramatic Society, and I would respectfully suggest to the Government to sanction the expenditure of a larger sum of money to complete the interior as a public room, granting the Dramatic Society leave to construct their stage on the outside of the main building.

3. In order to complete the interior of the hall it will be necessary to provide a good boarded floor, a neat ceiling, a proscenium, and a suite of lights. These, I estimate roughly, will cost Rupees 5,300. Considering the boon this hall will be to the public, I feel convinced if a subscription is set on foot, at least half the sum necessary will be subscribed. I have addressed the Secretary to the Dramatic Society, and although the construction of the stage outside the building will necessarily be more expensive, the Committee are unanimous in their approval of my suggestions.

4. His Excellency the Governor in Council is so fully aware of the inconvenience occasioned by giving up the Banqueting Hall on all public occasions that I need not enlarge on the desirability of possessing a second hall.

5. I beg to enclose a plan of the work proposed.

No. 53B. ORDER THEREON, 7th January 1874, No. 22A.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 3.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the Consulting Architect's proposals for completing the interior of the College Hall as a public room. An estimate for the work should be submitted, but the work may meanwhile be proceeded with. The Financial Department will be requested to provide the funds required in addition to those allotted by that Department in G. O. of 30th August 1873, No. 916.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Architect.
" District Engineer, Presidency.
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Financial Department.
Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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Public Works Department

Letter from the Consulting Architect
to Government No. 645 dated
3rd December 1873 -

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Decr. 1873

Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

Certainly I discuss Mr
Chisholms proposals & arrange
him to go on with the work
accordingly
9/12

Yes. But I do
not like the idea of a private
firm being allowed to attach
a building of this sort to a pub-

building - I would
do them at the
cost of the Govt.
the Architect can
enter the Range

I & S.

I accept Mr Chisholm's
proposals & act upon them.
I had by Contingent provision
in connection with arise
such as is referred to in
(Marg) I admit Mr Chisholm's
principle & the Architect
it to be not necessary
the first stated pay.

R

P. 645.

Consulting Architect's Office
Madras 3rd December 1873

From

R. F. Chisholm Esqre F.R.I.B.A.
Consulting Architect to Govt.

To,

Colonel G. B. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

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interior of this Hall to be Cut up by the Dramatic Society, and I would respectfully suggest to the Government, to sanction the expenditure of a larger sum of money to Complete the interior as a public Room, granting the Dramatic Society leave to Construct their Staze on the outside of the main Building.

In order to Complete the interior of the Hall it will be necessary to provide a good boarded floor, a neat Ceiling, a proscenium and a Suite of lights. These I estimate roughly will Cost Rupees 5300.0.0. Considering the boon this Hall will be to the public I feel Convinced if a Subscription is set on foot at least half the sum necessary will be subscribed. I have addressed the Secretary to the Dramatic Society and although the Construction of the Stage outside the building will necessarily be more expensive, the Committee are unanimous in their approval of my suggestions.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is so fully aware of the inconvenience occasioned by giving up the Banqueting Hall on all public occasions that I need not enlarge on the desirability of possessing a second Hall.

I beg to enclose a plan and Estimate of the work proposed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient Servt.

H.H. Gustwicke
Consulting Architect to Govt.

P. W. 1873 Department

From No 6557.

The Consulting Archt.
to Government

To, The Secretary to Govt.
Public Works Dept

Dated 3
Received 4th } Decr 1873.

No 645.

Enclosure due.

Subject.

Suggestions in
regard to the interior
of the College Hall.

No 22 A.

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To Comg: Archt
" Dy Engr
" Contractg Engr

Signed copy to the Comg Architect, handed over to him by the Secy direct 7/1/74. Genl.

Dispatched 8/1/74 to Secy

Ch/557

Govt. of 1873 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Consulting Architect

Dated

Recd. Encl. 1

G. O. 7 Dec 1873 No. 2284

Nos. 53 & 1538

College Hall. The Mysore Architects proposals for completing the interior of this Hall as a public room, sanctioned, Estimate for the work to be submitted & Authority granted for the work being proceeded with: Financial Dept. to provide the additional funds required.