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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th February 1876.*

No. 155. Read the following letter from Captain ROSS THOMPSON, R.E.,
Officiating Consulting Architect to Government, to Major-General G. W.
WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated
Fort St. George, 2nd February 1876, No. C.A.—R.T. 1:—

In reply to your memorandum, No. 221, of the 31st of January 1876, I have the
honor to inform you that the work in question has been carried on almost as far as is
practicable in the absence of designs for the interior and exterior decorations.

2. Designs are also wanting for the doors and windows in the north and south
wings, and for the windows above, in the hall, for the parapet walls above, round the
eaves of the roofing, and for the staircases under the domes of the turrets at each
corner of the building. With the exception of the two small domes at each corner of
the north end of the building, and a little cut stone work in some of the upper windows,
the masonry work is completed.

3. When Mr. Chisholm was handing over charge of his office to me he said
that the designs of the external and internal decorations "will involve much labor
and careful consideration. I regret exceedingly I have not been able from pressure of
other work to draw out designs in detail. The external decorations are entirely in
sgraffitto, and confined to the cornices, the spandrels above the arches, and the soffits
of brick arches. The whole of these I can send from England full size, but the
interior of the building had, I think, better be left till I return, unless my successor
makes out his own scheme of decoration. Much of the work still remaining to be
executed will take a long time, and, judging from the past progress of stone cutting,
will not be in a position to receive finishing touches for many months."

4. As Mr. Chisholm has not hitherto furnished designs to enable me to proceed
with the work, I have been obliged to surrender the sum of Rupees 34,510 from the
current year's allotment.

No. 156. ORDER THEREON, 10th February 1876, No. 361.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 8.

ORDERED that copy of this letter be
forwarded to the Secretary of State for
India, with a request that Mr. Chisholm
be instructed to forward to Madras such designs and specifications as he may have
perfected, and as will enable the work to be carried on during the remaining year of
his absence on furlough.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Consulting Architect.
.. Educational Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

C. No. 745.

No. 221.

Adverting to the Surrender of Rs 34,510 from the grant for the Senate House shown in the Statement from the Officiating Consulting Architect dated 28th January 1876 the Chief Engineer desires to receive an early and special report of the reasons why so large a sum has to be given up. —

Fort Saint George
31st January 1876.

Signed, G. W. Walker
Major G. E.
Chief Engineer R.E.W.

To The Officiating Consulting
Architect

From,

The Offg. Consulting Architect
to Government.

To:

The Chief Engineer, and
Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

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2. Designs are also wanting for the doors and windows in the north and south wings, and for the windows above, in the Hall, for the parapet walls above, round the eaves of the roofing - and for the staircases under the domes of the towers at each corner of the building. With the exception of the two small domes at each corner of the north end of the building, and a little cut-stone work in some of the upper windows, the masonry work is completed.

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Sir

Your most obedient servant

W. P. G. G. G. Esq. R. E.

2^d 2^d 1876
Office of Architect & Surveyor.

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P. W. Department

Proceedings of the
Indian Government
under date.

(H. R. no. 41)

To the Right Hon.
the Secretary of State

My Lord, Margins

We have
the honor to forward
herewith a copy of a
letter from the officiating
Consulting architect to
this Government, by
which it will be seen
that, owing to the
want of certain plans
which are in Mr.
Chisholm's possession,
progress with the
Senate House has
been

Ed. No 361 of 10 Feb 1876

To Offs. Consulting Architect

Memo: No 22193/1/175

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The Offg. Cons. Architect

W. Freeman

No. 850

To the Chief Engineer

Ed. No.

Date 22nd
March 3rd Feb 1876

No. 21
Ed. No. 1

Attends explanation
regarding the alterations
made from the plans
to Senate House,

No. 10th Feb 76 B. H. 155

been precluded.

We would therefore request of your Lordship that Mr Chisholm be instructed to forward to Madras such designs and specifications as he may have perfected and as may enable the work to be carried on during the remaining year of his absence on furlough.

G.M.

Requesting that Mr Chisholm be instructed to forward such designs & specifications of the Senate House at Madras, as he may have perfected, to enable the work to be carried on during his absence.

P. H. Keph.

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Letter from the Offg. Consulting Architect, No. $\frac{ca}{RT}$ 1 of 2: Feb/76.

Circulated for orders whether a copy of this letter should be forwarded to Mr. Chisholm through the Secretary of State in order to afford him an opportunity for sending out such plans as he may have perfected.

Lyons & Co. Major Gould
Secretary to Govt. M.D.

1876

No 361 P. H. D
Proceedings of the Executive Council
under date the 10th Feb/76
Read the following:-

just received from the
Hon. Secy of State for India

from
The Offy Com Architect (H.R. No. ^{Ca} RT)
dated 2nd Feb 1876
Civil No 110

is hereby
that a letter was
sent to the Secy of State for India
on the 10th Feb 1876
for the purpose of
obtaining the views of the
Hon. Secy of State for India
on the subject of the
proposed alterations to the
designs of the new
building for the
Government of India
at Calcutta.

Ordered that copy
of this letter be
forwarded to the
Secy of State for
India, with a
request that
Mr. (Mr.) be
be instructed
to forward to
Madam such
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fications as he
may have per-
fected, and as
will enable
the work to be
carried on during
the remaining
year of his ab-
sence in England

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Order of the Council
of 15th Feb 76

By Order
H. C. Archibald
Secy. to the Council
8.2.76
Calcutta 21.2.76

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Govt. of 1876 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
(Gentl letter)

per
12/2/76

Dated 12/2/76

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G. O. 10th July 1876, No. 367

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to enable the work to be carried
on during his absence -

From the Govt. Madras
Ordered that a copy of the
letter from the off. Eng Arch.
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-planation regarding the
large summing from the
grant for the - be forwarded
to the Secy of State with the
request that Mr Chisholm
may be instructed to for-
ward - 21-2-76