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No. 728

Superintending Engineer's Office

Tanjore 15th May 1876.

From

Lieut. Colonel R. F. Baker M.A.
Superintending Engineer Tanjore

To

Major General G. W. Walker M.A.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform
you that on seeing the Gazette directing
Major Montgomerie to assume charge
of the Consulting Architects' Office
I addressed him at once & solicited
his early attention to G.O. No. 192 of
20th January 1876 relative to the new
Court House at Negapatam and
forwarded the Plan proposed by
Major Mead in 1874 which was
submitted to Government by the
Inspecting Engineer for Buildings
on 13th May 1874 No. 689, when the Consulting
Architect was called upon to
submit a plan for the 3 Courts to
be accommodated at Negapatam.

Major Montgomerie with his reply sends me Mr. Chisholm's sketch design which was forwarded to Government on 7 August 1874 and informs me that the Consulting Architect was called upon to submit the detailed estimates for the Court Houses and out houses on the 20 August 1874 since when nothing further appears to have been done.

2 The accommodation provided for in the Building proposed by Major Mead is that which the Judicial Department stated to be necessary for the Courts to be provided for at Negapatam.

3 On a comparison of the accommodation provided for in Major Mead's and Mr. Chisholm's designs it will be observed that, as a rule, the former provides more accommodation than the latter especially where numbers congregate. The length of walls is as per margin or in favor of Major Mead's design, which is merely a modification of the existing Court

See colored plan.

2 Court House at Tanjore to meet the lesser requirements of Negapatam. The sketches on tracing paper do not do justice to either of the Buildings but the Court House at Tanjore is a really handsome building combining solidity with an appearance of lightness and being built with a terraced roof it has not required a Rupee to be spent upon it since its completion 5 years ago.

5 The Upper Verandahs in Mr. Chisholm's design are covered by a sloping Bengal roof supported by wooden posts; these roofs, however carefully built, are constantly requiring repair; they give the upper part of the building a light Cottage like appearance which to my eye is altogether inconsistent with the heaviness of the Lower Story which like the Assyrian Court in the Crystal Palace has the appearance of a building which was originally provided with low doors which were raised as an after thought, no attempt having been made to remove indications of

of the original height of the Doors.

6. The terracing over the upper Verandahs in Major Mead's design will probably render his design the more expensive, but only to a limited extent, because the lengths of wall are so much greater in Mr Chisholm's design than in that of Major Mead.

7. The maintenance of Mr Chisholm's design will far exceed that of Major Mead's and it may be stated that the fewer decorations there may be on the buildings the better, as they will be subjected to the action of the salt impregnated air at Negapatam and every ornament or projection affords a foot hold as it were for the salt, while nothing can be more distressing to the eye than to observe that every projection or ornament or angle has been deprived of its form by the eating away of the Chumam which covered it.

The District Judge of North

Tanjore

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Tanjore describes the accommodation at present available for the Courts at Negapatam as follows. "The District Court has now sat for two whole years in a pandal and the Sub Court in a most inconvenient and I believe dangerous building and the District Munsif in a filthy Chuttrum quite unsuited for a Court House". I would therefore suggest that it should be settled at an early date which Court House shall be built & that if Mr Chisholm's design is to be adopted the Acting Consulting Architect should be desired to prepare the Estimate and detailed or working drawings at an early date.

Enclosures.

- 1 Plan of Tanjore Court House Colored and Mounted
- 1 Tracing of design proposed for Negapatam Court house by Major Mead.
- 1 D. — D. by Mr Chisholm.

1 Statement A

1 Copy of letter to Major Montgomerie
No 581 of 7 April

1 Copy of letter from Dr. No 435
of 20 April

I have the honor to be

your most obedient Servant

W. F. A. Smith Esq

Supy Surgeon Bangalore



forward for orders
Correspondence on
the subject of the
design proposed to be
submitted for the con-
-struction of the Court
house at Bangalore

Order 1st May 1876
No 435 of 16 May
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The Secretary to Govt
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter from the Superintending Engineer
Tanjore N^o 728 dated 1st May 1876.

FOR ORDERS.

Circulated for orders,
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FOR ORDERS.

Plan Estimates of
the new jail at
called for soon if not
already furnished
19/11-1871

This will not
be done
at least one of the
first parts of the
at the Court House
is at Jaipur.
Where there is a
new building

17/5/1872
19/11

Print

No. 581

SP. 13 5
Superintendent's Office
Jaipur 7 April 1876

From
The Superintending Engineer
Jaipur
To
The Offg. Consulting Architect
Government

Sir - With reference to the notifi-
cation in the Gazette of the 4th Instant
directing you at once to assume
charge of the Consulting Architects
Office I have the honor to solicit
your early attention to G.O. No. 192
of 20 January 1876 relative to the
new Court House at Degapatam
and to forward the original design
by Major Vreard which is a mere
modification of the plan on which
the Court House at Jaipur is built
in order to meet the reduced accom-
modation required at Degapatam
The Building is estimated to
cost approximately including cost
of Site Rs. 59,00,000.

Dr

In G.O. No 981 of 30 May 1894 the
Consulting Architect is called upon
to submit a plan for the 3 Courts
at Negapatnam at an aggregate
cost not exceeding Rs 40,000 but
it is obvious that the Consulting
Architect cannot be bound by
two conditions viz to limit the
expenditure to a certain fixed
sum and to provide certain
accommodation.

If the sum is fixed the accom-
modation must be modified.

The accommodation provided
in the enclosed plan is that which
has been fixed upon as suitable
and necessary for the Courts,
for which provision has to be
made, in consultation with the
Judicial Department and as the
Side Verandahs of both wings & the
front and rear Verandahs of one
wing in the lower story are enclosed
it may be said that only sufficient
Verandah space has been left to
admit of access to the various

parts

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parts of the Building and to the stair
cases it is clear therefore that there
is no waste of room in the Plan pro-
posed and hence unless the Govern-
ment determine to reduce the accom-
modation proposed the latter and
not the cost of the Building must
guide the D.N.W. in the preparation
of the Plan and a more economical
provision of the space required cannot
be devised. I would therefore suggest
that the sanction of Government
should be obtained to the Plan
now submitted when an estimate
may be prepared for it either in
your Office or in mine.

The site finally determined
upon is at Kadembady and I shall
be able to let you know shortly
whether the foundations provided
in the enclosed plan are suitable
for the new site.

It is desirable that the new
Court should be put in hand as early
as possible for the accommodation

now

now available for the Courts is thus
 described by the Judge of North Sydney
 'The District Court has now sat for
 two whole years in a pandal, and
 the Sub Court in a most inconvenient
 and I believe dangerous building,
 and the District Munsif in a filthy
 Chuttrani quite unsuited for
 a Court House'

I have the honor to

/s/ signed R. F. Cakes Esq. M.A.
 Sup. Magistrate Sydney

(True copy)

/s/ J. H. Kent Esq. M.A.
 Sup. Magistrate Sydney

NR. 2223/76.
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Enclosure in a letter
from the Supt Engineer
Singapore to the Secretary
to Govt. No 728 dated
1st May 1876.

Copy of letter No.
581 dated 7 April 76
to the Consulting
Architect to Govt.

Enclosures
1 Plan
1 Letter

No. 435

SP 19 8
Consulting Architects Office
Chepauk 20 April 1876

From

Major F. Montgomerie MR
Offg. Cons. Archt. to Govt.

To

Lieut Colonel R. F. Coker MR
Superintending Engineer, Singapore

Sir,

I have the honor to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your letter No. 581
dated the 7th Instant forwarding
the original Plan designed by Major
Mead for the proposed Law Courts
at Negapatam.

This design for a building -
estimated to cost about Rs. 58000 appears
to have been already submitted to
Government by Col. Ford the Inspecting
Engineer for Civil and Military
Buildings with his letter printed in
the Proceedings of Government in the
Judicial Department No. 981 dated
30 May 1874; and was communicated
to

to the Consulting Architect with instructions
to prepare the necessary plans in
P.W. Orders No. 160 dated 13 June 1874.

The accompanying sketch designs
for the Law Courts estimated by Mr
Chisholm the Consulting Architect
to cost about Rs 50000 were accordingly
prepared by that Gentleman and
submitted to Government with his
letter No. 183 dated the 7 August 1874
from this Office; and the Government
in their orders upon the same in the
Judicial Department No 1549 dated
20th October 1874 directed the Consulting
Architect to submit the detailed
estimates for the Court houses as
well as for the required out houses
from which orders I presume Mr
Chisholm's sketch designs received
the approval of Government.

Shortly after this Mr Chisholm
left India on furlough and the enclosed
copy of the Off^r Consulting Architect
Major Ross Thompson's letter No. 170
dated 23rd August 1875 in answer
to a call from Government for
the

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the detailed estimates (on which no
further orders have yet been received)
will show you how the matter stood
as regards Mr Chisholm's designs
at that time.

In their Orders No. 192 dated
20 January of this year now quoted
by you in your letter under reply
the Government have directed
"the necessary detailed plans and
estimates of these buildings" to be
submitted by you in communica-
tion with this Office but before
again submitting to Government,
the originally proposed plan of the
buildings as suggested by you
I have the honor to solicit your
careful consideration in all its
bearings of Mr Chisholm's design,
a tracing of which I now send
to you in case you may not
have had an opportunity of
examining it before.

I do not apprehend so much
difficulty in the preparation of the
detailed plans and estimates
from

from these sketch designs of Mr. Christolm
as my predecessor in office did - And
under the circumstances of the case
I would prefer endeavouring to carry
out the Consulting Architects views
as far as practicable in preference
to preparing an entirely new design
for this particular building without
the further order of the Government
on the subject.

I would therefore suggest
that this correspondence together
with your further views on the
merits of the two designs be laid
before Government for their final
orders on this subject.

I have the honor to be,
(Signed) J. Montgomery Major
Offg. Consulting Archt. to Govt.
/ True Copy /

W. F. Drake Lieut Col R
Supt Engineer Bangalore

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Enclosure in a letter
from the Supt. Engineer
Bangalore to the Secretary to
Govt. No. 728 dated 1st
May 1876.

Copy of letter No. 435
dated 20 April 1876
from the Consulting
Architect of Govt.

No. 1843

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 20th July 76.

Read the following:—

From
The Supt. Engineer,
Bangalore.

(H.E. No. 428 of 1st May 1876)

Progo. Judicial Dept. - (" " 1067 - 30th " ")

The subject of the
Construction of Law
Courts at Mysore
will be held in abeyance
with reference to the Order
in the Judicial Depart-
ment No. 1067 of 30th May
1876. The submission
of the plans and esti-
mates for the new
Jail at Bangalore called
for in G. O. No. 192 dated
20th January 1876 should
however be expedited.

Dist. Engr. Bangalore
Cons. Architect
Judl. Dept.

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To
The N. B. Lamps

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G. O. 2054/1876, No. 1843

Nos 342/3

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To be held in absence
of the construction of
the submersion of the
plans & estimates for the
new jail to be repeated

By order of
the Secretary