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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
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No. 583. Read the following letter from R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., Consulting Architect to Government, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 19th January 1877, No. 766 :—

I HAVE the honor to request that you will be good enough to lay the following matter before Government for their favorable consideration.

2. For the past twelve years, and probably before that period, large works of every kind have been in progress in the Presidency town. It happens unfortunately at the present moment that not a single work of any magnitude is demanding the employment of brick-layers and stone-cutters, and that in consequence great distress is prevailing among these two branches of skilled laborers. I have now on hand over eight lacs of bricks, paid for from the grants of last year, and if the Government would be pleased to let me use this stock, and to add a small grant of Rupees 10,000 for the current year on account of the Post and Telegraph Offices, I could employ a large number of laborers in the foundations and fine stone-work, the value of the stock so used being adjusted hereafter. The Senate House is now employing a large number of carpenters, painters, glaziers, and plasterers; but all the masonry and stone-cutting is now complete.

No. 584. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1877, No. 283.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 32-A.

THE grant in question cannot be made. The work is not one of urgent necessity.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Architect.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Statement of Budget Grants for the New Post and Telegraph Office, Madras.

Year	Amount	G.O. Cancelling or withdrawing Grants	
1871-1872	1.00.000	G.O. 2505 dy 3.10.71.	50,000 withdrawn.
1872-1873	50,000	G.O. 3002 dy 18.12.72	Rs 2000 transferred.
	x declined by Govt of India G.O. No 951 dy 27.3.73	" 3016 " 19.12.72	" 6000 ⊗
	⊗ Cancelled G.O. No 940 dy. 26.3.73.	" 10 " 4.1.73	" 1003 ⊗
		" 341 " 1-2-73	-14,111
		" 829 " 17.3.73	
1873-74	60,000	" 1201 dy 28.4.73	Govt of India declined Rs 6000 withdrawn
		" 2240 dy	
		" 3079 " 27.12.73	" 44,000 — do —
		Vide G.O. No 901 dy 31.3.74.	
1874-75	96,000	G.O. 1113 dy 29.4.74	" 50,000 — do —
		" 1190 dy 6.6.74	" 46,000 — do —
		" 1491 dy — do —	
1875-76	100,000	" 998 dy 4.4.75	" 100,000 — do —
1876-77	100,000	" 1101 dy 3-5-76	" 100,000 — do —

No. 766

CONSULTING ARCHITECT'S OFFICE,

Chepauk, 19 January 1877.

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From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO GOVERNMENT,

To

THE Secretary to Government

Public Works Departmt.

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Sir
your most Obedt. Servt.

W. Chisholm
Consulting Archt. to Govt.

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No 766 dated 19th January 1877.
From the Consulting Architect to Government
To the Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Dated 19 January 1877
Received
Solicits permission to employ skilled labourers

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

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READ the following :—

From the Consulting Architect to Government
No 766 dated 19th January 877.

FOR ORDERS.

The sum of one Lakh of Rupees was under the Government of India Orders recorded with G.O. No 422 of the 10th Feby. 1871, provided in the Budget for 1871-72 for the Telegraph Office at Madras. Rough plans for the building, which had gene-rally met with the approval of the Director General of Tele-graphs were in June of the same year returned for revision. Some delay in their resubmission was caused by the absence of Mr Chisholm on privilege leave

half of the assignment for
the work was surrendered to
the Government of India, and
the other half lapsed at the
end of the official year;
drawings and estimates having
meanwhile been sent for
general approval to the Govt.
of India, who thereupon called for de-
tailed plans and estimates
In April 1872 revised plans
were submitted; but alterations
in them were suggested by the Govt of
India. Rupees 50000 were
provided in the 1873-74 Budget
In September of that year
plans were sent to Calcutta
for general approval. Where-
upon, without having given
such approval, estimates were
called for. In March 1874
the Government of India were
again urged to move in the
matter. They however withdrew
the assignment, and again

G.O. No 1729 dated 28th June 87,

No 2545 dy 6th Oct. 1871

No 568 dy 6th Feby 1872.

No 895

No 1345 dy 29th May 1872

No 664

No 1057 dy 24th April 1874

No 1543

No 1889

G.O. No dy 30th April 75

called for estimates. (2)
Rupees 50,000 were entered for
the work in the Budget of
1874-75 which the Government allowed
Government sanctioned Rupees
50,000, and the work was
being too small to be ad-
vantageously spent was other-
wise utilized. In June 1874
the Government of India were
once more pressed to convey
their general approval to
the designs & specifications
which the detailed plans
and estimates could quickly
be prepared.
In July orders were at last
passed at Calcutta, and
revised plans and estimates
in accordance with remarks were
called for. They were sub-
mitted in March 1875. The Budget
provision of Rupees 100000,
1875-76, was also allowed by the
Government of India in their

orders recorded with G.O. No. 993 of the 14th April 1873 the Government of India have asked for information as to the suitability of design to the nature of the situation and as to the extent to which this information was satisfied with the work that the Madras Government had before submitting the plans fully ascertained themselves on the points raised by the Govt of India

No 1532 dy 2d June 1871

Again the provision of one lakh in the 1876-77 Budget was disallowed by the Govt of India. Further modifications in the designs were suggested in Messrs Fitchett's letter recorded with G.O. 1138 of the 8th May

No 1101 dated 2d May 1876

In G.O. No 1192 dated 12th May 1876 the Chamber of Commerce commented in strong terms upon the course pursued by the Government of India in regard to the assignments for the work, contrasting it with the liberality shown to the Bombay Presidency. In reply to which the Government of India intimated regret that they could not spare funds.

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In view of the representation now made by the Consulting Architect it is suggested that immediate authority be given for expending Rs 10,000 on the work in the manner proposed; the funds being deducted from the Rs 150,000 surrendered to the Government of India in letter No 3347 dated 9th December 1876

G.N.K.

Govt. of [1877] Madras.

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No 283 of 30 Jan[y] 77

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Cons. Architect

Dated 30-2-77