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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Public Works* DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
1st March 1877. No. 699.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 7. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 27th November 1876, No. 1,823.

ABSTRACT.—*House for photographic purposes.*—Sanctioning the proposal of the Superintendent of Revenue Survey for constructing a —, and requesting Public Works Department to consider the question of providing funds.

No. 7-A. From R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., F.R.A., R.A., Consulting Architect to Government, to Colonel W. T. F. FAREWELL, Acting Chief Engineer, Buildings and Roads Branch, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 20th February 1877, No. 835.

One Tracing.  
" Plan, original.  
" Estimate.  
" Plan, revised.  
" Estimate.

With reference to your memorandum No. 235, dated 3rd instant, I have the honor to forward a revised plan and estimate for adding a photographic studio to the Revenue Survey Department.

The original plan proposed a new building to be erected on the north-east corner of the cricket ground, but in consultation with the Superintendent of the Revenue Survey we decided that the most convenient place would be on the existing roof of the building.

The structure or so much of it as will be seen will rather add to, than detract from, the general appearance of the building.

|                                          | Rs.   |
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| The original estimate amounted to ... .. | 6,100 |
| That now submitted amounts to ... ..     | 5,285 |
| Showing a saving of ...                  | 815   |

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1877, No. 699.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 2.

(a) *Heads of Service.*—Provincial.  
*Fund.*—Ordinary.  
*Class.*—Original Works.  
*Main-head.*—Civil Buildings.  
*Sub-head.*—ii. Miscellaneous.  
*Name of Work.*—Adding a photographic studio to the Revenue Survey Office.  
*Amount.*—Rupees 5,285.  
To be carried out by the Public Works Department.

THE plan for adding a photographic studio to the Revenue Survey Office, which was sanctioned in the Revenue Order above recorded, not being approved by the Consulting Architect, who designed the main building, and there being no funds available for the work in the current year, was returned to the Consulting Architect for revision.

2. Mr. Chisholm now submits a revised design, and an estimate showing a saving of 815 Rupees upon the former estimate; which are sanctioned by His Excellency in Council.

3. The sanction now accorded cancels the sanction contained in the Revenue Department Order already alluded to.

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4. The District Engineer will apply for funds from the Reserve of 1877-78 in April next, and in anticipation of those funds will commence the work, the necessity for which is great, without delay.

This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 254 W. of 1876-77.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,  
Acting Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.

- „ District Engineer Presidency, with Plan and Estimate.
- „ Consulting Architect.
- „ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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(a) Heads of Service— *Provincial*

Fund. *Ordinary*

Class. *Original Works*

Main-head. *Civil Buildings*

Sub-head. *2. Miscellaneous*

Section.

Name of Work. *Adding a photographic studio to  
the Revenue Survey office.*

Amount. *Rs 5285-*

To be carried out by the *P. W.* Department.

*Print in the margin of G.O. No. 699 of 1/3/77-*

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
27th November 1876.*

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No. 512. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th November 1876, No. 2,895:—

Read the following letter from Colonel W. H. HESSEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chepauk, 13th November 1876, No. 3,523-108:—

AGREEABLY to sanction conveyed in G.O., dated 3rd March 1876, No. 306, I have the honor to submit a detailed estimate, with plan, for the construction of a house for photographic purposes.

2. In a letter from the District Engineer printed with the above Government Order it was stated that the building would cost approximately Rupees 3,500.

3. The Board, in their Proceedings, No. 286, of the 31st January 1876, ordered the submission of an indent for an additional camera and equipments. The estimate I now submit provides for the accommodation of two cameras at a cost of Rupees 6,100, or 2,600 Rupees more than had been anticipated, when only one camera had to be provided for.

4. The difficulties attendant on working in the present rooms, or rather closets, have been already stated in detail in Colonel Priestley's letter, No. 3,779,169, of the 22nd December 1875. During the hot weather photographic operations came almost to a standstill. From the 15th April to 15th June few photographic transfers were tolerable, and none were satisfactory. The ordinary temperature of the rooms was 98°, rising occasionally to 104°.

5. Major Sargeant was in hopes that on the return of cold weather he might be able to make up for lost time. The recent rains however have flooded the rooms. The wooden roof leaks in every direction; to work in the rooms is simply impossible.

6. I earnestly beg that sanction may be given for the commencement of the photographic house without delay.

7. On cessation of rain work will be of course resumed, but it will be liable to interruption at any time. If however a new house be not ready by the end of March, it will be more economical to suspend photographic work altogether for a time than to attempt to carry it on under such adverse circumstances.

8. I would not venture to press the matter at such a time were it not that I am convinced that it will in the end be more economical to incur the temporary outlay than to allow important work to be delayed.

9. In explanation of the delay in submitting this estimate, I have to state that it was received from the District Engineer on the 9th instant.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Estimate.

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SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 3rd March 1876, No. 306.

2. The Board recommend that the estimate be sanctioned, and they hope that it will be found possible to make an immediate appropriation of funds, so that the

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*27th November 1876.*

building may be completed before next hot season. It is urgently required; the photographic work is most important, and it cannot be carried on satisfactorily if at all under the conditions described by Colonel Hesse.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,  
Acting Secretary.

No. 513. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1876, No. 1,823.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED.

2. The question of provision of funds will be considered in the Public Works Department.

3. The Government consider this work urgently necessary. The health of those working is seriously endangered for want of space and air.

(True Extract.)

*H. E. Stokes*

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.  
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer

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No. 835

CONSULTING ARCHITECT'S OFFICE.

Chennai, 21 February 1877.

From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO GOVERNMENT.

To

*Chief Engineer for Roads & Buildings*  
*Secretary to Government*  
Public Works Department.

Sir,

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The Original Estimate amounted to Rs. 6,100-0-0

That now submitted amounts to Rs. 5,285-0-0

Showing a saving of Rs. 815-0-0

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your most Obedt. Servt.

*R. S. Wilson*

Cons. Archt. to Government

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To  
Messrs Messrs Messrs  
The Secretary to the  
P. W. D.

Dated 20 February 1877

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G.O. 57th November 1876, No. 1823.

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Dated November, 27th.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read the following:—

Pro: Revenue Dept. (N.E. No. 1823 of 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 1876)

The Plan not being approved by the Consulting Architect who designed the main buildings, and there being no funds available for the work, it has been referred by the Chief Engineer for revision by the Consulting Architect. The sanction accorded to the Estimate will accordingly be cancelled.

Revenue Dept.  
C. Architect.

G.M.W.

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G.O. of 1877 Madras  
PUBLIC WORKS.

To  
*The Revenue Department*

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G. O. 1<sup>st</sup> March 1877, No. 699

Nos. 7-8

*Revenue Survey Office*  
*Chepauk* The revised  
design and estimate  
amounting to Rs 5285  
for adding a photographic  
studio to the —,  
sanctioned for immediate  
execution, funds being  
provided in April last.

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