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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

21st September 1877, No. 761 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers:—

No. 161. From R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., Consulting Architect, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads, dated Chepauk, 30th July 1877, No. 1,078.

I HAVE the honor, with reference to G.O., No. 372 W, dated the 7th July 1877, to inquire whether the order in question permits me to charge the Court of Wards a fee for the professional services to be rendered.

No. 161-A. From W. S. HARRINGTON, Esq., District Engineer, Madura, to the Secretary, to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 4th August 1877, No. 92.

ADVERTING to G.O., dated 7th ultimo, No. 372 W, I deem it my duty to state my opinion that it is not safe to leave the Bodinaickanoor Minor Zemindar's house in its present state, on account of the defects in the structure of the upper story brought to notice by the Consulting Architect in his letter to the Court of Wards, dated 4th May last, plus its height, thinness, and exposed situation. It would seem almost to vibrate and totter on the occurrence of any very strong wind, and should anything of a cyclonic nature occur, accompanied by heavy and continuous rain, I think the building would be in danger. I must beg the Government not to imagine for one moment that I am taking it upon myself to hurry their movements, or that I presume to offer my advice as to what should be done, but I cannot (whether my judgment as to the condition of the building be right or wrong) notice what I conceive to be an existing danger without reporting it, and I pray that my action may not be in any way misconstrued.

No. 162. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1877, No. 761 W.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council has no objection to Mr. Chisholm receiving a fee from the Court of Wards for services rendered.

2. The condition of the Bodinaickanoor Zemindar's house reflects anything but credit on those who have hitherto been connected with its construction.
3. Its present state is such as to require early attention.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the Consulting Architect.
" District Engineer, Madura.
" Court of Wards.
" Revenue Department.

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No 92

District Engineer's office
Madras 4th August 1877.

From

W. S. Harrington Esq.
District Engineer, Madras.

To

Colonel C. A. Hood R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.
Madras

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I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obed^t servant

W. Harrington

District Engineer
Madras

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The District Engineer
Madras

To

The Secretary to
Government W.P.

Dated 4 August 1877
Received

Bodmaukeroot.
Minor Government
House I reporting
upon the condition of

G.O. 214 Sept. 1877 W.D. 161 A

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I did not see the Draft G.O.
dated 7th July 1877 D.P.W. and could
not have joined in it, enabling as it
does by judgment the D.P.W. branch
their hands of a most satisfactory
transaction in Madras.

The whole business conducted
with the almost reckless expenditure
of an extravagant sum of the State
Ward's money on a residence, presents
very much grave features for fulfillment
of trust obligations by every public servant
connected with it from the Court of
wards downwards. Be this as it
may, all Executive recommendations
have

I propose

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have come, as it appears to me, in the main from the D.P.W. and for the mismanagement of it, the D.P.W. are, I think, morally responsible; however we may seek to explain away responsibility.

I think therefore that not only should they be required to complete the job, possibly at State cost and without blunders, but that Government should require the Architect to do what is decided on him free of charge.

Estates... Circumstances which have occurred in connection with the trust naturally make a very bad impression on the public.

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[Signature]

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I quite agree in thinking the conduct of this matter very unsatisfactory. But the error was in the C. of W. not in his proper expenditure of money for the work.

I strongly object to his employment on these private matters. I do not know whether Mr. P. is liable for the matter. I shall be glad to explain it to the old

I fear that the destruction is irreparable.

P.B. W.D.

P. W. Dept.

Chief Engineer's Memorandum (1)

The letter in question has been seen, though it has not yet been communicated to this Department. Mr. Chickaloo who leaves Madras for the Madras District by tomorrow's mail is aware of the condition of the building and the necessity for immediate action which he proposes to take.

E. A. and Local R.
Chief Engineer P.W.D.

August 18th -

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 21st Sept 77.
 Read the following:—

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 Letter from the Dist. Eng^r. Madura (H. C. 1292 dated 4th August 1877).

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W. H.
 7.8.77

on Architect
 & Madras
 Court of Wards
 P. & C. Dispt. 10-10-77

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Memorandum by the Chief
Engineer.
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Chief Engineer
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 PUBLIC WORKS.

To

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G.O. 21st 1877, No. 767W

Nos. 161-162

Bodinaic Kanoor Minor
Zimindai's House at Madama
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