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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Maras Government, Public Works Department,
7th March 1877. No. 787.*

No. 170. Read the following letter from R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., Consulting Architect to Government, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Roads and Buildings Branch, dated Chepauk, 5th December 1876, No. 371:—7/3

I HAVE the honor to bring to your notice that a portion of the College Hall is being screened off by the Dramatic Society, and shelves of a permanent character erected against the walls inside the Hall. I think it right to observe that the walls which buckled out some years since have been made sensibly weaker by the insertion of the shelf-supports, and that the whole addition, some 14 or 15 feet high, is unsightly in the extreme, completely spoiling the interior for any purposes other than performances purely dramatic.

No. 170-A. NOTE.

I INSPECTED the College Hall on receipt of Mr. Chisholm's letter, No. 713 of 5th December 1876, and intimated to Mr. Watson, who was carrying out the duties of Stage Manager, that no work should be undertaken without obtaining the previous consent of the Government Architect.

2. I quite agree with Mr. Chisholm that the work is unsightly, and detrimental to the Hall except with reference to stage performances. I do not think much damage has been done, but would have all the shelf-supports removed and nothing but movable furniture allowed, so that the Hall may at any time be restored to its original state at the shortest notice. It would be more systematical, and perhaps add to the convenience of the Dramatic Society, if both corners, flanking the stage, were screened off in the same way.

28th February 1877. (Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.

No. 171. ORDER THEREON, 7th March 1877, No. 787.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 19.

THE Government approve of General Walker's proposals, which should be adopted.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Acting Joint Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.,
Buildings and Roads Branch.

To the Consulting Architect to Government.
" Educational Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Read the following:—

Letter from the Consulting Architect to Genl
No 713 dated 5th December 1876.
Memorandum by Major General G. H. Walker R.E.

FOR ORDERS.

W. H. Colman
Adj. Genl Secretary

A. L. White

FOR ORDERS.

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J. Kate.
Mansfield

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Signed G. Walker R.E.
Major General. R.E.
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Enclosed

Wm. H. Colonel
Asst. Chief Engineer
Buildings & Roads
Branch
P.H.D.

170 St.

[Signature]

No. 713

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CONSULTING ARCHITECT'S OFFICE,
Chepauk, 5th December 1876.

From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO GOVERNMENT,

To

THE Secretary to
Government Public Works Dept.

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Sir
your most Obedt servant.

[Signature]
Consulting Archt. to Government

C. Norris

No. 787

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read the following:—

From

The Cons. Architect to Govt. (H.E. No. 713 of 5th Decr. 1876)

Note by Major Genl. Walker (— 25th Feb. 1877)

The Government
approve of General Walker's
proposals, which should
be adopted.

W.R.
6.3.77

P.W.D.

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From

The Cons. Architect
to Government

No. 713

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The Secretary to
Government P.W.D.

Dated 5th December 1876
Received.

Regarding the erection of
shelves at the College School.

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Cons. Architect to Govt. ✓
Educational Dept. ✓

W.R. 11th Feb. 20-3-77


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G. O., *March* 1877, No. *707*

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College Hall, Madras
The proposals of General
Walker for making certain
alterations to the —
affirmed and ordered to be
adopted.

And in Reg.