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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

3rd March 1879, No. 640 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 25. Proceedings of the Government of Madras in the Public Department,
dated 14th February 1879, No. 208.

From Surgeon-Major G. BIDIE, M.B., Superintendent, Government Central Museum,
to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 28th January
1879, No. 25.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the consideration and orders of His Grace the Governor in Council, a plan and approximate estimate for the construction of a permanent portico at the front entrance, and roofs for the upstairs verandahs of the Superintendent's quarters at the Museum.

2. Hitherto the proposed additions have been made of grass and bamboo, but I have an objection to erections of such inflammable materials on the premises of the Museum, and they have the disadvantage of being quickly perishable and constantly needing repairs.

3. When the building was first built, it was unfortunately not provided with any covered verandahs either on the lower or upper story, and as it faces the south-east the chief sitting room would be very hot throughout the forenoon without a large portico and shades for the windows.

4. The upper story is also equally unprotected from the sun, and before the grass coverings were put up the building got much damaged in heavy rains, as the water soaked right through the walls, and was forced inside by the wind, below the doors.

5. I trust therefore that the necessity for the proposed additions will be recognized, and that the District Engineer may be authorised to prepare a detailed plan and estimate.

6. At the same time I would solicit that he be authorised to furnish a plan and estimate for an additional bed-room, dressing-room, and bath-room, on the ground floor. The present sleeping accommodation consists of two rooms each 18 x 25 feet, with one dressing-room 10 x 12 feet, and one small bath-room on the upper floor and small bath-room and dressing-room on the lower floor.

7. The accommodation is therefore barely sufficient for ordinary wants, and it has often happened that I have been obliged to send members of my family on a visit to sleep elsewhere. In case of sickness, we should be greatly straitened. It may further be mentioned that the entire accommodation in the building exclusive of sleeping and dressing apartments already specified consists of—

Ground-floor. { Two rooms (Dining and Drawing room), each 25 x 18 feet,
Library 14 x 12 feet,
Small Sitting-room 22 x 12, and
Two small Store-rooms.

It will thus be seen that there is no apartment which can even be converted into a temporary bed-room.

8. The proposed addition might be run out as a wing on the north or cool side of the house, and the bed-room should be somewhat longer than the existing ones on the upper story.

9. I do not forward this further application in expectation of the immediate execution of the work, but with the hope that the request may be considered and its necessity recognized, so that the addition may be made when the present financial pressure is at an end.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Lieutenant S. C. PLUMMER, Assistant Engineer in charge, Presidency Division, to the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, dated Madras, 20th January 1879, No. 5,760.

With reference to your letter, No. 215, dated 10th September 1878, and reminder of 12th October 1878, I have the honor to inform that the approximate cost of making additions and improvements to the lower and upper stories of the quarters of the Central Museum as per plan and specification report enclosed is Rupees 2,185. I request that you will obtain sanction of Government for preparation of detailed plan and estimate.

2. As for the repairs to the pandal in front of the quarters an estimate, amounting to Rupees 87, was already sanctioned for execution.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council considers thatched verandahs, &c., to be objectionable, and directs that the District Engineer be called upon to submit plan and estimate for the construction of permanent verandahs to the upper story. The erection of a portico must be deferred.

2. The Superintendent will be charged the regular rate of rent on the cost of the addition only to cover wear and tear. The amount should be reported.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1879, No. 640 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Acting Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, for supply of the plan and estimate called for.

(True Extract.)

Colonel. R.E.,
Ag. Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, with *2 enclosures*

Expd. E. C. Shunker.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1879) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
THIRD CIRCLE.

Dated March 25.

Issued

Recd:

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G. O., 3rd March 1879, No. 640 W.

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Nos. 25-26.

Government Central Museum.—The
Superintending Engineer to submit plan
and estimate for constructing a permanent
verandah to the upper story of the —

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

14th February 1879, No. 208.

Government Central Museum.

Read the following paper :—

No. 72. From Surgeon-Major G. BIDIE, M.B., Superintendent, Government Central
Museum, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 28th
January 1879, No. 28.

I have the honor to forward, for the consideration and orders of His Grace the
Governor in Council, a plan and approximate estimate for the construction of a
permanent portico at the front entrance, and roofs for the upstairs verandahs of
the Superintendent's quarters at the Museum.

2. Hitherto the proposed additions have been made of grass and bamboo, but
I have an objection to erections of such inflammable materials on the premises of the
Museum, and they have the disadvantage of being quickly perishable and constantly
needing repairs.

3. When the building was first built, it was unfortunately not provided with
any covered verandahs, either on the lower or upper story, and as it faces the south-
east the chief sitting room would be very hot throughout the forenoon without a
large portico and shades for the windows.

4. The upper story is also equally unprotected from the sun, and before the
grass coverings were put up the building got much damaged in heavy rains, as the
water soaked right through the walls, and was forced inside by the wind, below the
doors.

5. I trust therefore that the necessity for the proposed additions will be recog-
nized, and that the District Engineer may be authorised to prepare a detailed plan
and estimate.

6. At the same time I would solicit that he be authorised to furnish a plan and
estimate for an additional bed-room, dressing-room, and bath-room, on the ground-
floor. The present sleeping accommodation consists of two rooms each 18 x 25 feet,
with one dressing-room 10 x 12 feet, and one small bath-room on the upper floor and
small bath-room and dressing-room on the lower floor.

7. The accommodation is therefore barely sufficient for ordinary wants, and it
has often happened that I have been obliged to send members of my family on a visit
to sleep elsewhere. In case of sickness, we should be greatly straitened. It may
further be mentioned that the entire accommodation in the building exclusive of
sleeping and dressing apartments already specified consists of—

Ground-floor. { Two rooms (Dining and Drawing room), each 25 x 18 feet,
Library 14 x 12 feet,
Small Sitting-room 22 x 12, and
Two small Store-rooms.

It will thus be seen that there is no apartment which can even be converted into a
temporary bed-room.

8. The proposed addition might be run out as a wing on the north or cool side
of the house, and the bed-room should be somewhat longer than the existing ones on
the upper story.

9. I do not forward this further application in expectation of the immediate execution of the work, but with the hope that the request may be considered and its necessity recognised, so that the addition may be made when the present financial pressure is at an end.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Lieutenant S. C. PLUMMER, Assistant Engineer in charge Presidency Division, to the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, dated Madras, 20th January 1879, No. 5760.

With reference to your letter, No. 215, dated 10th September 1878, and reminder of 12th October 1878, I have the honor to inform that the approximate cost of making additions and improvements to the lower and upper stories of the quarters of the Central Museum as per plan and specification report enclosed is Rupees 2,185. I request that you will obtain sanction of Government for preparation of detailed plan and estimate.

2. As for the repairs to the pandal in front of the quarters an estimate, amounting to Rupees 37, was already sanctioned for execution.

No. 73.

ORDER THEREON, 14th February 1879, No. 208.

His Grace the Governor in Council considers thatched verandahs, &c., to be objectionable, and directs that the District Engineer be called upon to submit plan and estimate for the construction of permanent verandahs to the upper story. The erection of a portico must be deferred.

2. The Superintendent will be charged the regular rate of rent on the cost of the addition only to cover wear and tear. The amount should be reported.

(True Extract.)

Quater
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department,
with plan and specification.
„ Superintendent, Government Central Museum.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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N^o 640 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the *3rd March 1879*
Read the following:—

Pro: in the Public Dept. (H.O. N^o 208 of 14th Feb. 1879)

Communicated
to the Acting Sup^y
Engineer, Third Circle, for
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S. C. Third Circle
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G.O. 14th February 1879, No. 208.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 7273.

Government Central Museum.—The District Engineer to be called upon to submit plan and estimate for constructing a permanent verandah to the upper story of these buildings, and the Superintendent to be charged the regular rate of rent on cost of these improvements to cover wear and tear.

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G. O., 3 March 1879, No. 6404

Nos. 25-26

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