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[Ext. Wks. Form No. 111.]

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 EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 29th JUNE 1883

OFFICE NOTE No. 334.

To W.

WITH REFERENCE TO THE ORDERS
 CONTAINED IN G.O. NO 1788 W. DATED
 25TH JUNE 1883, PLEASE STATE WHETHER
 IT IS INTENDED THAT THE SCALE OF
 OFFICE ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE OFFICE
 OF THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO
 GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ALTERED, VIDE
 PARAS 24 AND 25 OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
 CODE OR WHETHER THE PROPOSED ARRANGE-
 MENT REGARDING MR LEWIS' PROMOTION
 SHOULD BE REGARDED AS SPECIAL AND
 PERSONAL, AND TO LAST ONLY SO LONG AS
 HE MAY HOLD THE APPOINTMENT.

KEEP WITH Genl. No.

dated 18
 No 1960 W of 13th July 1883

The arrangement
 must be regarded as
 causing an alteration
 in the scale of establish-
 ment for the office of
 the Consulting Architect
 to Govt.

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 Consgr. Architect to Govt.
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with order
 Encl. to the draft Dep.

declared personal to the
Lewis, it is will perhaps
form a precedent for
others to advance similar
claims, and this ground
it would perhaps be
better to declare the
arrangement a permanent
one - omitting all mention
of personal promise.

If you concur with
Caw, a fresh draft
order will be submitted
for approval.

Cu
6/7/83

Saw

I quite concur with Caw's
suggestion + note above.
Please alter draft accordingly

Cu
6/7

Draft altered
accordingly.

Very truly
yours
Cu
6/7

Mr Lewis - Indeed, I satisfied myself as to this before drafting the order.

The Govt. of India as a rule are opposed to the grant of personal allowances, & although the sanction in Mr Lewis' ^{case} is within the power of the Local Govt, ~~that~~ it is just possible that the G.O.D. may, on seeing the matter in an abstract of Pros., inquire on what grounds the personal allowance was granted. In this case, a sufficient answer could doubtless be given, but if it be desired to avoid such a question, it would be better to declare Mr Lewis' promotion to be a permanent increase to the C.A.'s office establishment. No question could then arise -

There is another point also which did not previously occur to me - Of the promotion be

any doubt - and as reference on the point might with D.W.'s permission be made to C - it would be better to declare that the arrangement is permanent, and not "personal". Nothing can be said against this, and it will open to revision at a future time, when say, Mr Lewis vacates. Please refer again for D.W.'s orders.

R.S.
4/7

DyW

Submitted for orders.
I have ascertained from C's office that there is no "technical" objection to the arrangement being regarded as special & personal to

C. No. 5512.

Saw.

Are you quite sure that there is no technical objection to this "special and personal" arrangement and that it will not involve the Madras Govt. with the Govt. of India?

As a matter of general policy such arrangements are regarded as objectionable and while the Govt. have power to rearrange an office establishment for public purposes it is not considered en règle to do so in private interests.

Should there be any

No. 228

Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.
Chepauk, Madras.
31st May 1885

From

C. Vincent Esq.

Ag. Consulting Architect

to the Government of Madras.

To

The Chief Engineer

Public Works Department

Sir,

Enclosures.

I have the honour to submit for the favour of your consideration a petition from Mr. Lewis the Head draughtsman & estimator of the Consulting Architect's Office in which he requests that his claims to an increased salary may be considered

2. I believe that Mr. Chisholm mentioned Mr. Lewis' case to you before his departure on furlough otherwise I would have left the question unresolved until his return, as any recommendation in favour of Mr. Lewis would come with far more force from Mr. Chisholm than from me

3. I may however say of him that his merits as a superior architectural draughtsman are certainly exceptionally high & that

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

From the Consulting Architect to Govern.
 ment No 228 dated 31st May 1883.
order thereon No 1788 W dated 25th June 1883

As recommended by Acting
 Consulting Architect, Mr. Lewis will be graded
 as a clerk, first class third grade, with effect
 from 1st June. Mr. Lewis will occupy the
 position of Head Clerk in the Consulting Architect's
 office, but this will not prevent his being
 employed on technical work or in any other
 way which may be considered suitable

(True Extract)

By C Bowen Esq
 Under Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

Is

The Consulting Architect to Government.
 " Hammer P.W. accounts -

Without drawing invidious distinctions he is
 quite as worthy of promotion as was Mr. Baldrey
 while in the office of the Chief Engineer for
 Navigation, but now under Colonel Montgomery M.
 Mr. Baldrey has been graded as
 clerk and if the same course is practicable
 regard Mr. Lewis & approves itself to you
 I would suggest his being graded as a clerk
 of the 1st class 3rd grade.

I have the honour to be
 Sir

Your most obedient servant

Sgd. C. Vincent,
 Sg. Consulting Architect
 to Government.

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To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
PRESIDENCY.
&c. &c. &c.

Dated May 20th.

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G. O., 20th May 1876, No. 1,266.

MAY.

Nos. 357-359.

Mr. Solomon Francis, Foreman of the
Presidency Workshop, brought on the list
of the Public Works Establishments as a
Supernumerary Supervisor of the 1st Grade
from 1st April 1876.

no 1788 WD 25-6-83

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th May 1876.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 357. From the District Engineer, Presidency, dated 24th December 1873, No. 4,550.

No. 358. From Captain ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 22nd February 1876, No. 5,044.

On the 24th December 1873, Lieutenant-Colonel Goddard, R.E., then District Engineer, Presidency, submitted for your favorable consideration with his letter

No. 4,550 a communication from the General Superintendent, Public Works

Stores, &c., No. 2,358, of 19th December 1873, forwarding a letter, dated 11th December 1873, from the Foreman of the Public Works Stores (Mr. Francis) applying for promotion.

2. As no reply has hitherto been received in the Presidency District Engineer's Office to Colonel Goddard's letter above referred to, the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores, &c., has requested me to lay the matter again before you for favorable consideration of Mr. Foreman Francis' claims to promotion. I enclose the General Superintendent's letter, No. 3,540, of 25th November 1875. I believe Mr. Francis still sustains the good character given him by Lieutenant-Colonel Goddard, who considered him "to be thoroughly honest, sober, and trustworthy, and competent to undertake the majority of duties which he may be called upon to perform as Mechanical Engineer."

No. 359. ORDER THEREON, 20th May 1876, No. 1,266.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 31.

MR. SOLOMON FRANCIS, Foreman of the Presidency Workshop, will be brought on the list of the Public Works Establishments as a Supernumerary Supervisor of the 1st Grade from 1st April 1876. It has been ascertained that the Workshop, which is a self-supporting institution, can afford him the salary of Rupees 200 attached to that rank.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT.

&c. &c. &c.

Dated February 16th.

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Encl.

G. O., 16th February 1875, No. 444.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 380 381

Drawings of Tiroomala Naick's Palace.—
Mr. Chisholm requested to advise Government as to how these valuable records and illustrations of Indian Architecture and Art may be made available, both in India and England, for the benefit of Artists and Architects, and issuing certain instructions for the speedy preparation of the estimate of the cost of locating the several Government Offices in the Palace.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th February 1875.

No. 380. Read the following letter from R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., Consulting Architect to Government, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 14th January 1875, No. 393:—

I HAVE the honor to submit a drawing showing every part of Tiroomala Naick's Palace repaired and restored. A complete tracing showing the additions in red was forwarded to the District Engineer of Madura on the 11th of January 1875.

2. The work was measured and drawn principally by Mr. J. M. Lewis, and is, I think, highly creditable. It is very seldom so elaborate a drawing can be made out without special arrangements, and I would strongly recommend the full salary of Rupees 145 to be paid to Mr. Lewis from the 1st of January 1875.

3. As the estimate for the whole work will involve much labor, I have recommended the District Engineer, Madura, to make out an estimate of the cost of locating the several offices first, and subsequently the estimate for the restorations.

No. 831. ORDER THEREON, 16th February 1875, No. 444.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 26-A.

THE drawings now submitted by the Consulting Architect are very elaborate and perfect; and their execution is

very creditable to his Office Draughtsman, whose services will be acknowledged as Mr. Chisholm recommends. Mr. Chisholm will now advise Government as to how these valuable records and illustrations of Indian Architecture and Art may be made available, both in India and England, for the benefit of Artists and Architects.

2. There still remains to fulfil the object that Government had in view in issuing late orders suspending operations till some estimate could be given them of the cost of at least securing the safety of the existing buildings and utilizing them for public purposes. It is observed that Mr. Chisholm has requested the District Engineer to make out the estimate of the cost of locating the several Government Offices in the building, and it will be well that his Draughtsman and Estimator should proceed to Madura to assist in its speedy preparation. But Mr. Chisholm should, if possible, himself also take an early opportunity of proceeding thither and come to a definite understanding with the heads of departments as to the nature and amount of accommodation to be provided for their several offices, and with the District Engineer as to the details which are to be estimated for. The usual annual grant of Rupees 10,000 cannot be availed of without submission of very definite proposals and estimates of cost.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, R.E., Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Architect.

„ District Engineer, Madura.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T Austin.

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To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, TRICHINOPOLY.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November 22nd.

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G. O., 22nd November 1873, No. 2,832.

NOVEMBER.

No. 326-327

Old Palace at Trichinopoly.—Passing orders on letter from the Consulting Architect to Government, submitting plans and estimates for providing accommodation for public offices in the Palace.

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22nd November 1873.*

No. 326. Read the following letter from R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., F.R.I.B.A., Consulting Architect to Government, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 23rd August 1873, No. 479 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward you by dak banghy the plans and estimate for converting the old palace of Trichinopoly into Government offices.

2. In my letter attached to G. O., No. 84, dated the 12th November 1872, to the address of the Collector, paragraph 8, I estimated the cost of certain works as follows :—

	RS.
Munsif's Court	9,000
Taluq Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail	6,000
Registrar's Office	500
Do. Births and Deaths	800
Post Office	2,000
Cloth Market	3,000
Total...	21,300

By the details now submitted these works will actually cost as follows :—

	RS.
Munsif's Court	6,797
Taluq Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail	10,008
Registrar's Office	2,287
Do. Births and Deaths	5,198
Post Office	24,290
Cloth Market and Police	

In addition to the above works I have provided for the following :—

Town Magistrate's Court	1,819
General Latrine	3,468
Jail Latrine	772
Making roads and approaches	3,496
	9,555
Grand Total...	33,845

3. I have forwarded a copy of the plan and a blank estimate to the District Engineer, Trichinopoly, that he may fill in his own rates.

4. The nature of the work and the alterations proposed will be fully understood after the plans and specification have been examined.

No. 327. ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1873, No. 2,832.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 20.

THE District Engineer, Trichinopoly, will at once undertake all preliminary work of demolition and removal of debris, for which a sum of Rupees 1,000 is provided in the estimate received with this letter. He has already in G. O., No. 2,687, of 3rd November 1873, been

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authorized to utilize as much of the current year's grant of Rupees 15,000 as possible in the work of accommodating the taluq establishments, and he will report how much of that sum he expects to spend. The estimates of cost which in G. O., No. 84, of 12th November 1872, he was directed to prepare with reference to local rates not forthcoming as yet, to avoid further delay the Inspecting Engineer for Buildings and Consulting Architect to Government will arrange for proceeding together to Trichinopoly within, if possible, the current month, and then and there, in conference with the District Engineer, settling all further details preliminary to final report to Government.

2. It is remarked that in G. O., No. 1,313, of 17th September, it was recorded that a new Post Office was not to form one of the buildings to be provided for in the palace. The Consulting Architect will submit proposals for otherwise utilizing the building, after personal communication on the subject with the local civil authorities. He will take the same opportunity of ascertaining their concurrence as to the arrangement and amount of accommodation proposed for the several new offices included in the Consulting Architect's design.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council acknowledges the careful manner in which the plans have been prepared, and the suitable adaptation of the buildings for the object in view.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Trichinopoly.
 „ Inspecting Engineer for Buildings.
 „ Consulting Architect.
 „ Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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To

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March 15th.

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G. O., 15th March 1873, No. 822.

MARCH

Nos. 333-334

Establishment.—Letter from the Consulting Architect reporting the establishment to be entertained by him, recorded.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th March 1873.*

No. 333. Read the following letter from the Consulting Architect to Government, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 3rd March 1873, No. 274:—

I HAVE the honour to state, in reply to your letter No. 666, of the 1st March 1873, that I propose to employ the following Office Establishments permanently:—

1 Estimator	...	...	...	...	...	RS.
1 Clerk	...	...	...	...	...	145
1 Draughtsman	...	...	...	...	...	50
1 Do.	...	...	...	...	...	30
3 Peons	...	...	...	...	...	25
	...	...	...	...	...	20

Mr. Lewis passed the 1st grade Draughtsman's Test at the Civil Engineering College, and subsequently found employment on the Railway, where he had nearly twelve years' experience in estimating and drawing. He then on the 15th of May last entered the Government service by preference, and was employed as Head Draughtsman to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, and by the courtesy of Colonel Mullins I have been enabled to entertain his service on short notice.

2. I propose, for the present, to pass him a salary of Rupees 120 per mensem, and will report specially on his qualifications when I have had a fair opportunity of estimating his ability. I need scarcely point out that his training on the Railway almost places it beyond doubt that he will be exceedingly useful to me.

The Draughtsmen I possess are not capable of doing the work alluded to in G. O., No. 2,955, of the 13th December; but with the assistance of Mr. Lewis and Overseer Gooroosamy, I shall have no difficulty in complying with the orders alluded to. As all designing must be executed by my own hand, I scarcely require the assistance of 1st class Draughtsmen. The men I have are trained to a certain extent by me, and what they do is exceedingly well done.

No. 334.

ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1873, No. 822.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 45.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Architect.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.