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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 16.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Venerable G. WARLOW, M.A., Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 5th January 1883, No. 610.

I have the honor to submit, for the orders of Government, a letter (with two enclosures) from the Rev. F. Penny, Chaplain of Trichinopoly, and H. Sewell, Esq., Lay Trustee, asking that certain designs for stone tracery (proposed to be placed in the east window of Trichinopoly Church) may be laid before the Consulting Architect for his opinion.

2. Some months ago the Church of England congregation at Trichinopoly subscribed a sum of money to improve their church by putting stone tracery and colored glass in the east window, which window is at present an unsightly object.

3. A plan (A) was prepared and approved by the Archdeacon. This was subsequently modified into plan (B) and handed over by the Church Committee to the District Engineer, with a request that he would kindly carry it out at the expense of the subscribers. The Engineer disapproved of the plan, and proposed another design (C). This, however, the subscribers decline to accept.

4. The position, therefore, is that the Engineer will not carry out the Church Committee's design; and, on the other hand, the Church Committee will not apply the subscribed money to carry out the Engineer's design.

5. It seems a pity that this difference of opinion should cause the abandonment of the project; so the Church Committee ask that the matter may be referred for the decision of the Consulting Architect. I venture to commend this request to the favorable consideration of Government.

No. 37.

Referred, through the Public Works Department, with the plans, to the Consulting Architect to Government.

9th January 1883.

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

No. 92 C.

Forwarded to the Consulting Architect to Government.

11th January 1883.

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 855.

Returned to the Chief Engineer with a separate memorandum and three plans.

(Signed) R. F. CHISHOLM,

Consulting Architect to Government.

16th January 1883.

Memorandum by Mr. R. F. CHISHOLM, Consulting Architect to Government, after examining four designs for an eastern window to be placed in the Church at Trichinopoly, dated 16th January 1883.

Designs A, B, and C are in "bar tracery," they are all impracticable, and are, moreover, drawn without a knowledge of this very intricate branch of architectural design. Bar tracery of any kind is impracticable (except at ruinous cost) in the hard gneiss of Southern India. E is an attempt to introduce a form of geometrical classic tracery into a classical building, and is as fairly successful as such attempts usually are; it also would be difficult to execute, and seems to me only to meet the difficulty half way. The associations of pointed work with Christian architecture are so characteristic of the present age that it would be better, in my opinion, for the work to bear this impress and to let unity suffer, rather than construct a window discordant with such ideas. I send you three designs of "plate" tracery showing the jointing of the stones, which, while being distinctly Gothic, are not (so far as line goes) more incongruous with the building than the existing arch within the Doric pillars. The first has the merit of leaving a space for a super altar, which the church does not appear to possess, while the demerits of the second and third are mere questions of taste. If the gentlemen who made designs A, B, and C would give working sections on the red lines I have indicated, showing the grooves for glass work, they will themselves see the impracticability of their drawings.

No. 185 C.

Forwarded, with the original reference, to the Chief Secretary to Government.

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

13th January 1883.

No. 180.

Transferred to the Venerable the Archdeacon with the designs and original correspondence.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Chief Secretary.

23rd January 1883.

No. 16-A.

From the Venerable G. WARLOW, M.A., Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 24th January 1883, No. 624.

In returning the accompanying plans, &c., I have the honor to ask that instructions may be given to the Executive Engineer at Trichinopoly to carry out such one of the designs of the Consulting Architect as the Church Committee may select, provided that the necessary funds are made over to him for that purpose.

No. 182.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for the issue of the necessary orders.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Chief Secretary.

29th January 1883.

No. 17.

ORDER—dated 1st February 1883, No. 354 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, who will give effect to the suggestion in the final letter from the Venerable the Archdeacon.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, with six Plans.
" Consulting Architect to Government.
" Ecclesiastical Department with two Enclosures.

Exd. C. Howarth.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1883) Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 1st.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 1st Feb. 1883, No. 354 W.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 16-17.

Trichinopoly Church.

Designs of stone tracery proposed to be
placed in the eastern window of the —.

No. 16
Following
Ecclesiastical Department
Madras. 5th January, 1883

No. 610.

To The Honorable
The Chief Secy. to Government.
Fort St. George

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

L. Wilson.

Archdeacon of Madras.

No 37

Referred with the plans -
to the Consulting Architect
to Government.

Quarles
9/1/83 Chief Secretary

No 92 C of 11 Jan'y 83

Forwarded to the
Consulting Architect
to Government.

Alb. Stanley Col. R. E.
Secy. to Gov. P. V. O.

No 805 PL 16 Jan 1883

Returned to Chief Secy
with a separate minute &

3 plans - W. H. L. L. L.
Chief Secy. to Gov. P. V. O.

The Con. Architect to Gov.
in regard to be
returned.

Exco. (1883) Sept 6.

No 100 27/1

From
The Reverable
The Archdeacon of Madras

To
The Honorable
The Chief Secy. to Gov.
Fort St. George.

Dated 5th }
Recd. } Jan'y. 1883.

With 2 enclosures and 2 Plans
sent separately.

No 610.

Recommending for the
favorable consideration of
Government the request of
the Church Committee of
Trichinopoly, on the subject
of placing stone tracery
in the East Window of
Trichinopoly Church, that
the consulting Architect may
be instructed to settle a
dispute as to the design.

Forwarded

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Memorandum by Mr. Chisholm

Consulting Architect to Government after
examining four designs for an Eastern window
to be placed in the Church at Trichinopoly

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Long Arch Office
16 January 1893

W. Nicholson

Long Arch to Government

185 C of 18 Jan 13

Forwarded, with
the original reference,
to the Chief Secretary to
Government.

A. W. Henry
Col R. E.
Secy. to Govt. S. to Dept.

Memorandum by Mr. Chisholm

Regarding the proposed
East window for the Trichinopoly
Church.

with a tracing

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government

Forwarded

Rules (1883) Dept.
Public Works Department.

Transferred to the Venble
the Archdeacon - with the
designs & origl correspon-
dence.

Yours
23/1/83 Chief Secretary

No. 1850

Dated 18th Jan'y 1883.

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SUBJECT.

Returning designs
with remarks for placing
Stone tracery in the East
window of the Trichinopoly
Church

Ecclesiastical Department
Madras. 24th January, 1883.

Re 624

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Your Most Obedt Servant,
G. Warlow
Archdeacon of Madras.

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No 182

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From

The Venerable
The Archdeacon of
Madras.

29/1/83
Chief Secretary.

To

The Hon'ble
The Chief Secy. to Govt.
Fort St. George

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No 354 w of 1 Feb/83

Communicated
to the Suptg Engr. Sixth
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Dated 24

Recd 24

Jan. 1883.

No 624

5 Enclos & 6 Plans.

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S. E. Sixth Circle with 6 plans
conveyable to Govt
Ecclesiastical Dept
with 2 enclos

With order

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Gobt. of (1882) Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated

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Recd.

Encl.

G.O. 1st Feb 1883 No. 353-1

Nos. 14 - 15

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Sanctioning certain
transfers of -
subject to the approval
of the Govt. of India

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