

26TH JANUARY 1883, No. 302 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

No. 258-A.

READ—the following papers:—

From R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 15th January 1883, No. 839.

As ordered in your No. 130, dated the 12th January, I have the honor to report that the work of making the additions to this building should be carried out by the Presidency Executive Engineer under the orders of the Superintending Engineer, and that, inasmuch as we ourselves supply bricks, lime, terracotta, glass, and iron-work, the work should, in my opinion, be let to sub-contractors who are working maistries—men who will simply use up the materials we supply on a fixed schedule of rates. I have found by experience that this is the most satisfactory way of executing work in Madras, and will, I think, continue to be so until the business of Madras attracts men of capital, who will commence contracting by the manufacture of proper materials.

2. Although the details show clearly the character of the work, as the officers of the department have not (so far as I know) executed work of this character, it is very desirable that I should have free access to the order book to be kept on the works, so that I may assist in matters of detail without having to be continually asked questions, and that I should be further, so to speak, the recognized authority for permitting those small differences which always occur in the builder's interpretation of drawing board work—the sketch and the picture.

3. The only consideration it appears to me to be urged against this system of working is the sub-division of authority, but this would be more conclusively fixed in the event of failure by the evidence of the written order book than under the present system.

No. 139 C.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, for any remarks he may wish to offer.

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
16th January 1883. Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

No. 258-B.

From Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 22nd January 1883, No. 3648.

In returning your endorsement, No. 139 C., of the 16th instant, I have the honor

* No. 4531, dated 20th January 1883. to enclose a letter * from the Executive Engineer of the Presidency Division on the subject of the addition to the Chepauk Offices.

2. I consider the arrangement suggested in the last sentence of this letter as quite impracticable. But I agree with Colonel Burton that there is much objection to there being two masters, viz., the Consulting Architect and himself, over the sub-contractors and work generally.

3. I think it will be much better if the Consulting Architect has the work in his own hands.

ENCLOSURE.

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. BURTON, R.E., Executive Engineer, Presidency, to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, dated Bangalore, 20th January 1883, No. 4531.

In reply to your No. 3581, dated 18th January 1883, forwarding Consulting Architect's No. 839, dated 15th January 1883, reporting how he proposes that some additions, &c., to the Chepauk Offices might, in his opinion, best be carried out, I have the honor to state that first of all I have not seen the plan, bills of quantities and specifications of those additions, &c., nor have I ever had them described to me, and therefore I have no idea what the nature of the work to be done is.

2. If, however, this work is of such a nature that it requires the Consulting Architect's constant, let us say daily, inspection, &c., it were better, as his office is on the spot, that he be the Executive Officer, and not I, who have to reside 216 miles away.

3. I quite agree with him in all he says in above letter about contractors of the maistry class, but my position would be an impossible one when such a contractor found he had more than one master, as he would do directly he received orders from any one other than I, or my assistant, for alterations in the plan, specification, &c.

4. As the Consulting Architect well knows, I have not the slightest disposition to disregard his suggestions about all works, whether designed and specified by him or not, but no one in my appointment could properly perform his duties if every now and then a second Executive Engineer appeared on the work in the manner he suggests.

5. If I might make a suggestion, I would propose that Lieutenant Plummer's sub-division be made over to the Consulting Architect's charge; this would obviate the necessity of having two Executive Engineers over one contractor on a particular work.

No. 259.

ORDER—dated 26th January 1883, No. 302 W., Public Works.

A new sub-division to include the improvements to the Public Works Offices at Chepauk, the additions to the Museum, and any other work which the Chief Engineer may desire to add thereto, will be formed and placed under the orders of the Consulting Architect, who will be solely responsible for the work carried on therein.

2. The Chief Engineer will arrange for the posting of a qualified Assistant Engineer or Upper Subordinate to this charge.

3. Pending the formation of the new sub-division, the work at Chepauk will remain under the charge of the Executive Engineer, Presidency, and any suggestions which the Consulting Architect may desire to make must be made through him.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Architect to Government.
„ Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. C. Howarth.
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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of {1883} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated January, 26th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 26th Jan. 1883, No. 302 W.

JANUARY.
Nos. 258-A-259.

New Sub-division.

The formation of a — under the orders of
the Consulting Architect to Government,
Madras, sanctioned.

N^o 1033

Consulting Architects Office
Chepauk 3^d March 1883.

From
The Consulting Architect
to Government

To
The Chief Engineer, P.W.D.
Roads and Buildings Branch

Sir,

With reference to G.O. N^o 302 W P.W.D.
of 26th January 1883 I have the honor to request
that a sum of Rupees 19/- may be placed at
my disposal to meet the charge of the Office
Establishment engaged during the current
Official year for the newly created Sub Div.
I would also request that steps may be
taken to provide for a Sub Divisional Office
Establishment for the Architect Division
before the final issue of the Budget for
the Official year 1883-84 is passed.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt. servt

M. A. A.
Consulting Architect to Govt.

Roads and Buildings

From
The Consulting Architect
to Government

To
The Chief Engineer, P.W.D.
Roads & Buildings branch

N^o 1033

Dated 3rd March 1883

Received

N^o 768 W d 19-3-83

N^o of enclosures. Nil

Request for a sum of Rs. 17/-
for Sub-Divisional Establishment
may be sanctioned and
the same establishment may
be provided for in final issue
of Budget for 1883-84

N^o 768 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 9th March
Read the following

From the Consulting Architect }
to Govt. _____ } H.E. N^o 1033 d 3rd March

Provision will
be made in the
Final Issue of the
Provincial Budget
for the additional sub-
divisional establish-
ment. A specific
appropriation of funds
to cover the charge
during the current
official year is not
necessary.

To
The Cons^g Archt^t to Govt.
" Engineer, P.W. Dept.

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