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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Acting Third Member, Board of Revenue, and President of Committee, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 17th March 1884 :—

I have the honor with reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 3545 W., dated 10th December 1883, to report for the information of Government that the committee therein appointed have carefully considered the question of the most suitable site on which latrines and urinals for the use of Government clerks, &c., employed in the offices of the Board of Revenue, Public Works, and the Civil Engineering College can be erected.

2. The only available piece of ground within reasonable distance of the offices, is that which lies west of the Chepâk office between it and the canal. The committee, however, are unanimously of opinion that there are insuperable objections to the erection of the latrines at this site. They are as follows :—

(a) The latrines would be in close proximity to the tiffin rooms used by the clerks of all the offices, and would undoubtedly prove a very serious nuisance.

(b) They would also be extremely near the roads leading into the Chepâk Public Works office, to the Civil Engineering College, and along the side of the canal.

(c) The prevailing winds in Madras for the greater part of the year blow from the south, south-west, and west, and the latrines, if built on this site, would be so situated that the odours emanating therefrom would, for many months in each year, be drifted into the adjacent offices of the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, Survey, and Public Works, and the nuisance at present complained of would be intensified very seriously.

3. The committee, therefore, after very careful consideration, are of opinion that it is inexpedient to recommend that this site be selected for the new latrines.

4. They are, however, fortunately able to submit for the favorable consideration of Government, an alternative proposal which will, in their opinion, fully and satisfactorily meet the requirements of the case. It is suggested that a small excavation, properly rivetted, be made in the bank of the canal between the Chepâk bridge and the northern boundary of the Public Works enclosure, and due west of the road leading down to the Chepâk office, in which barges specially constructed for the purpose should be moored. These floating latrines could, with ease, be taken away at night to the Sewage Farm Depôt, about 1 mile distant, the iron receptacles removed and changed, and the barges brought back in readiness for use before office hours commence.

5. At the request of the members of the committee, I placed myself in communication with the President of the Madras Municipality in order to ascertain whether this plan could be successfully carried into execution. In his demi-official note, dated

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

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Floating Latrine

The Consulting Architect to prepare, in communication with the President, Madras Municipality, an estimate of the cost of construction and working of a — at Chepâk, in lieu of the existing building.

Madras
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6. The committee are satisfied that the scheme can be worked with the utmost ease, and that by its adoption the inconvenience and annoyance occasioned by the present arrangement will be completely avoided. They do not at present enter into details as to the manner in which the proposed new system should be carried into execution, but are prepared to do so on receipt of the further orders of Government. They would merely remark that they are strongly of opinion that the total cost of the barges, the masonry work at the canal bank, and the ordinary working expenses, will not exceed the outlay that would be involved by the removal of the present latrines, and erection and maintenance of new buildings.

7. The submission of this report has been unavoidably delayed owing to Major Morant's absence on duty at Calcutta.

Order—dated 25th March 1884, No. 813 W., Public Works.

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(True Extract.)

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

To W. S. Whiteside, Esq., C.S.
To the Consulting Architect to Government.
" Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Revenue Department.
" Educational "

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient servant

W. T. Whitid

President of Committee.

To W per orders.
CS
19-3-84

No 2415

From.

W. S. Whiteside Esqr.
Ag. 3d Member, Board
of Revenue and
President of Committee.

No 3280 W d/17.11.83
" 3545 W d/10.12.83

To,

The Secretary to Govt.
P.W. Department

Dated 17th March 1884

Submitting recommendation of the Committee regarding latrines for the employes of the Boards &c. offices.

Con: 20/3/84

S.A.W.

The Prin: C. E. College has objected strongly to the site for latrine contemplated in G.O. 17-11-83. No 3280 W.

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I am of opinion that the best mode of dealing with the matter is to appoint a Comtee consisting of

W. S. Whiteside Esq
as President
The Consulting Architect
The Prin: C. E. College
as Members

to report on the most suitable site on which to erect the latrines required by the Govt. Clerks &c. employed in the Board of Revenue, the P.W. Offices, and the C. E. College.

Please draft an order to that effect, in supersession of the

To W for orders.

CS.

19-3-84

No 3290 W d/17-11-83
" 3545 W d/10-12-83

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G.O. quoted above.

Such draft, when initialled, cause to the Hon: Member for approval.

M.

8.12-83

To W

Draft order submitted for approval.

Ch

8/12/83

C.M. 2016

An estimate of cost sh'd be called for - I presume from C.A.

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M.

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To W

This would be the first step after approval had been given to the alternative proposal of the Committee. There is nothing to show that the contingency of the Canal being emptied from any cause has been considered. Should this happen even for one day, the latrine arrange-

To W
for orders.
C.S.
19-3-84

No. 3250 W d/17.11.83
" 3545 W d/10.12.83

G. O. quoted above
Such doubt whether

ments would fall
through - whether this
is probable, I am not
prepared to say. The
question may however
be worthy of consideration
If however it is not
considered of importance,
an Estimate of the
cost of the scheme
can be called for.

C.S.
19.3.84

The estimate may be called for. The
contingency of the
canal running dry
need not be
considered

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No. 813 W

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the March 25. 1884

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H. E. No. — d/17th March/84.

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C.J.
20-3-84

J.M.
20-3-84

To

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W. S. Whiteside Esq^r. C.E.
Consulting Architect to Gov^t.
Supg: Eng^r. V Circle
Revenue Department
Educational Department

R B Circ. 20/3/84

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G.O. 25 March 1883 No. 813 W

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