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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
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Order—dated 21st February 1884, No. 483 W., Public Works.

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2. Plans and estimates for buildings required by the Revenue Department should be submitted by the Executive Engineer to the Superintending Engineer, who, after scrutiny, will forward them to the Collector of the district for approval and countersignature. If the Collector be satisfied as to the suitableness of the proposed accommodation, &c., he will transmit the papers through the Board of Revenue to Government in the Revenue Department, by whom, if approved, they will be transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal, after final scrutiny by the Chief Engineer.

3. In the case of plans and estimates for court-houses, the documents will be forwarded by the Superintending Engineer to the District Judge for transmission, through the High Court, to Government in the Judicial Department, and the same principle will be followed with regard to estimates for Registration, Police, Jail, and other Civil Departments. The Superintending Engineer will forward the documents to the Head of the Department concerned, who will submit them to Government in the Department of the Secretariat from which he receives his orders.

4. The course at present adopted with regard to estimates for Military buildings is laid down in G.O., No. 1381 W., dated 14th June 1880, but here also a modification of practice appears desirable. In future such plans and estimates will be forwarded by Superintending Engineers for approval to the General Officer Commanding the District or Division. The General Officer will transmit the papers to the Quartermaster-General, who,* after obtaining the approval of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, will submit them direct to Government in the Military Department. After approval in the Military Department they will be transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal, after final scrutiny by the Chief Engineer.

* Note.—In the case of Ordnance, Commissariat or other departmental buildings, the approval of the head of the department should be obtained before the plans and estimates are submitted to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

5. It must be understood that these orders apply only to works which are beyond the power of sanction of local authorities, and are not intended to alter the procedure laid down in G.O., No. 3211 W., dated 6th December 1882, with regard to the submission of Local Fund projects.

6. The Secretary, Code Committee, will take the necessary steps for embodying these rules in the Public Works Code, in modification of paragraphs 1168 and 1335.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Consulting Architect to Government.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Public, &c., Departments.
" Revenue Department.
" Military "

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Govt. of (1884) Madras.

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FEBRUARY.

Buildings required by other Departments

Modification of the practice for the submission of plans and estimates for —.

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J.A.W.

This is the only copy we have left of G.O. No. 483 W dated 21st February 1884 – It is a paper that is so often wanted for files that it seems very necessary it should be re-printed. Only this morning a [illegible] supplied to the Board of Revenue – There is some difficulty now in getting orders re-printed as I think the Supdt. of the Press is trying to lessen the printing as much as possible and of late it has been the rule to obtain the sanction of D.W. to all requisitions for re-print – Will you please get it in this case?

J.D. 15/4/85

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D.W.

Submitted for sanction to reprint. The paper is one that is often referred to.

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15.5.85

Co W. 483/4

Office Note from Rev: Secty: regarding procedure in sanctioning Estimates for Revenue Buildings, &c.

You have already decided that in all cases plans & Estimates shd be sent to the Departments concerned for approval. Remains to be considered the procedure to be followed in this view.

S.A.W.'s accompanying note goes fully into the matter.

The systematic course suggested by S.A.W. seems suitable in regard of all works where the final responsibility as to arrangements, details, & suitability of work to the object in view rests with the S.Es, but it is not so clear that this is the course to follow in the case of important works which have to be checked & scrutinized in this office — that is to works costing over Rs. 10,000. Should these be sent up to Govt in the Deptmt concerned before examination by the Chief Engineer, or should they not first be passed by Chief Engr & by him submitted for the approval of the Revenue, Judicial, or other Department?

Inasmuch as a project ought, in my opinion, to be laid in perfect shape so far as constructive details & cost are involved before the Head of the Department whose approval is necessary, I think S.Es. ought to submit same (after Collector or District Officers concerned have approved, to Chief Engineer for his criticisms.

The Secretary in the Rev: Deptmt for instance should know, when conveying his approval of a design, that there are no objections thereto from an Engineering point of view, that the cost will be so much & no more.

As regards Military works too I am

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am inclined to think that important Estimates should have the Chief Engineer's stamp thereon before they are laid before H.E. the C. in C. for consideration.

As orders on the procedure now to be adopted ought to be final, the whole question should be looked into from all points of view.

Would suggest that the opinions of the Secretaries be taken on the proposals.

C.J.
30/1/84

After weighing the pros & cons. it seems to me that the balance of convenience is in favour of plans & estimates not coming before the Chief Engineer until after they have been scrutinised by the Dept. concerned.

The alterations made by the Ch. Engineer would not affect the character of a building, or the accommodation provided. — Whereas if the plans were sent back for modification in accordance with his criticisms before the opinion of the Dept. had been obtained as to the suitability of general design, & extent of accommodation provided, it seems to me that much unnecessary work might often be entailed.

I think therefore that the draft order, as slightly altered, may stand. It should be fair copied for my initials, and sent to the other Secretaries for counter initials before issue.

A brief reply should also be drafted to the Revenue Secretary's Office Note.

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30.1.84.

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S.A.W.

To W.

Fair draft order, with draft reply to Rev. Secy's O.N. submitted for approval.

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1.2.84

Draft G.O. re submission of plans & ests: for buildings required by other Depts.

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Sent to Chf
Rev
Mily } Secy: for concurrence.

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S.A.W.
Please see Note
in the margin of
this Order - should
it be printed in the
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stands, or is it to
be embodied in the
order itself -

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Office note from the Secy. to Govt Rev. Dept of 25.1.84.

To Dir.

The course adopted by the Supdg Engineer on the occasion referred to, is in accordance with the rules of the Dept.

Para 1108 of the Code rules that "every design and estimate relating to buildings for another Dept must be submitted to the departmental Officer concerned for approval & countersignature before being sent to the authority by whom it has to be sanctioned".

In the case of the Hospet Cutcherry, the plan & estimate were submitted to and countersigned by the Collector of the District before they were sent up to Govt by the Supdg. Engr.

The Code nowhere rules that estimates for Civil Buildings should be forwarded through the Board of Rev. & Govt in the Rev. Dept; & in the case in question the person (viz. the Collector) "most competent to "decide as to the sui- "tability of the proposed "accommodation, and "most interested in its "fitness" had an opportunity of scrutinising the plans before they were sanctioned.

The draft order sanctioning the estimate moreover, was counter- initialled by the

Rev. Secretary prior to issue.

The Code rule however is not at all as clear as it might be, & much valuable time is, in consequence, often lost in giving final sanction to projects.

The present practice appears to be as follows.

After preparation of plans & estimates, the Executive Engineer sends them to the Collector of the Dist; or the Inspr. Genl. of Jails, or the Inspr. Genl. of Registration &c, &c, as the case may be, for approval and countersignature. On approval & return, the Ex. Engr. sends the documents to the Supdg. Engr., who counter- signs & sends them up to the Ch. Engr.

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If the project be at all an important one, the papers are formally referred by the P.W.D. for approval, to the Dept of the Secretariat concerned, but if unimportant, Sanction is drafted in the P.W.D., & the draft order is sent to the Secretary concerned for counter initials.—

In many cases however, the Collector, or Inspr. Genl. &c., when he has remarks to offer, does not return the papers to the Ex. Engr. but sends them on with a covering letter to the Board of Rev., or Govt in the Judl., or other dept. as the case may be. The project is then approved perhaps & transferred to the P.W. Dept. for final

disposal. When the documents come here it is found that the Supdg. Engr. has not seen or approved them, & they are all sent back to the Dist. from which they came [perhaps to Godavari, as in several recent cases] for the S.E.'s ~~[illegible]~~ scrutiny & countersignature — much time is thus lost.

The course indicated by the Rev. Secy. is manifestly a most proper one to follow, but the procedure should be clearly laid down in the Code. It should be clearly laid down also that plans & estimates for Civil Buildings should be submitted by the Executive to the Supdg. Engr., who should send them to the Civil Officer concerned only after he has approved & countersigned the documents. The Civil Officer can then after approval, send up the papers to the Rev. Board or Govt in the proper Civil Dept., who will transfer them to the P.W.D.

The same principle might, it is submitted, be followed with advantage, in regard to plans & estimates for military works. The present procedure is described in G.O. No 1381W of 14 June 1880, & in Code para 1335, although the latter is not as clear on the point

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as it might be. Plans & estimates are sent by the Ex. Engr. to the Genl. Officer Commdg. the District or Division. The latter, after approval, forwards the documents to the Qr. Mr. Genl., who on obtaining the approval of H.E. the C. in C., returns them to the Supdg. Engr. The latter forwards them to the Ch. Engr., who submits them for the approval of Govt in the Mily. Dept. The papers then come back to P.W.D., where final sanction is accorded. It is submitted that some of this circumlocution might be saved if the following procedure be adopted.

The Ex. Engr. to send the plans & estimates to the Genl. Commanding,

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through the Supply Engr. - The Genl. Comdy. to send them to the Qr. Mr. Genl., who on obtaining the approval of H. E. the C in C., should submit them direct to Govt. in the Military Dept. Military Dept. would then approve & transfer the papers to P. W. D. for final sanction.

Under this procedure, the Ch. Engr. would not have an opportunity of criticising the engineering merits of a project until after the latter had been finally approved in the Govt. dept. concerned, but if the general scope of a project be approved in the Mily. or Civil Dept. concerned, there can be no objection to going into ~~purely~~ purely engineering points afterwards.

A rough draft order is submitted, which, if approved, might be faired & sent to all the other Secretaries for counter-initials before issue.

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In modification of the practice at present followed with regard to the submission of plans & estimates for buildings required by other Departments, the Government direct that the following procedure be invariably adopted in future.

2. Plans & estimates ~~required~~ for buildings required by the Rev. Dept should be submitted by the Executive Engineer to the Supdg Engr., who, after scrutiny, will forward them ~~documents~~ to the Collector of the District for approval and

Countersignature – If the Collector be satisfied as to the suitableness of the proposed accommodation, &c. he will transmit the papers through the Board of Rev. to Govt in the Rev. Dept, by ~~which~~ whom, if approved, they will be transferred to the Public Works Dept for ~~final~~ disposal, after final scrutiny by the Ch: Engineer.

3. ~~The same principle will be followed~~ In the case of plans & estimates for court houses, the documents will be forwarded by the Supdg Engr to the District Judge, for transmission, through the High Court, to Govt in the Judicial Dept; & the same principle will be followed with regard to estimates for Registration, Police, Jail, & other civil Dept.

The Supdg Engr will forward the documents to the Head of the Dept concerned, who will submit them to Govt. in the Dept of the Secretariat from which he receives his orders –

4. The course at present adopted with regard to estimates for Military Buildings is laid down in G.O. No 1381 W of 14 June 1880, but here also ~~it is considered that time would be saved by~~ a modification of ~~the~~ practice ~~it is desirable~~ appears desirable. In future, such plans & estimates will be forwarded by Supdg Engrs for approval to the Genl Officer Commdg. the District or Division – The General Officer will transmit the papers to the Qr Mr Genl. who after obtaining the

approval of H.E. the Commr in Chief, will submit them direct to Govt in the Mily. Dept. After approval in the Mily. Dept, they will be transferred to the P.W. Dept for ~~final~~ disposal after final scrutiny by the Ch. Engineer.

5. It must be understood that these orders apply only to works which are beyond the powers of sanction of local authorities, & are not intended to ~~modify~~ alter the procedure laid down in G.O. No 3211W of 6 Decr 1882, with regard to the submission of Local Fund projects.

6. The Secy Code Committee will take the necessary steps for [illegible] embodying these rules in the P.W. Code, in modification of paras 1168 & 1335.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No 483 W

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 21st February /84

~~READ the following~~

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4. The course at present adopted with regard to estimates for Military Buildings is laid down in G. O. No: 1381 W d/14th June 1880, but here also a modification of practice appears desirable. In future such plans and estimates will be forwarded by Superintending Engineers for approval to the General Officer commanding the District or Division. The General Officer will transmit the papers to the Quarter Master General, *who after obtaining the approval of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, will submit them direct to Govt. in the Military Department. After approval in the Mily. Deptt, they will be transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal, after final scrutiny by the Chief Engineer.

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