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Chisholm ~~has~~
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No 1088w of 9th May 1885

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R. F. Chisholm Esq
Consy Architect to Govt
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P. W. D.
Govt. of (1885) Madras.

PUBLIC.

No. 1086 W dated 2nd May 1885

P. W. D.

Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,

24th April 1885.

No. 109

From

The Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras.

To

Secy to Govt
The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

Sir,

Enclosures.

I have the honor to call your attention to G.O. No. 2341 W. dated the 22nd September 1884 on the subject of sergt. Smith being deputed while in England to make himself acquainted with the arts of stain glass painting and leading, the manufacture of bricks, terracotta &c.

2 I respectfully solicit His Excellency to place it on record that I introduced the arts of stain glass painting and leading into Madras. Also, that I perfected the arts of brickmaking, terracotta, stoneware. And so far

as I know produced the first piece of true hard translucent porcelain ever manufactured in India; And further that the knowledge necessary to produce these results, I acquired entirely at the expenditure of my own time and money -

3 If His Excellency in Council doubts the goodness of the various articles I produced, I may mention that they have one and all stood (and will continue to stand) successfully the criticism of English experts in England.

4. While fully appreciating the liberality which prompted Government to pay Sergt. Smith's expenses in this matter and acknowledging the good likely to arise therefrom I cannot let it be inferred that these arts were unknown when I had for years ^{successfully} practised them.

And it is a matter of deep regret to me personally that I myself should be compelled to bring this matter to the notice of Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedt. Servant

W. H. L. L.
Consig. Archd. to Govt.

C. A. W.

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Please prepare note for
orders, taking first two
paras of D. W.'s attached
note, & adding.

W. Chisholm's letter seems
to me quite uncalled
for, — and I think he
might be told so.

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Prepared
accordingly. L.S.

30.4.83

To W.

W^r Chisholm asks that, in
connection with the order under which
Supt. Smith has been detained in
England for the purpose of studying the
manufacture of leaded glass, colored
bricks, terra-cotta, &c., it may be
placed on record that those arts had
already been introduced into New Zealand
by him, W^r Chisholm — or something to
that effect. —

W^r Chisholm appears to think that
somehow or other the fact of Supt. Smith
having been deputed to inspection of
manufactures in order to improve himself
& thereby improve the work that will fall
to him on his return, reflects on the
work of the Consulting Architect in previous
years. The orders, in my mind, bear
no such interpretation & certainly were
never meant to convey any impression
of the sort. W^r Chisholm himself acknowledges
the good likely to arise from Supt. Smith's
study in England, & I cannot see why
it may be inferred therefrom that for ^{us}
have failed to recognise his services in
the cause of art & architecture.

May not W^r Chisholm say —
"Si queras monumentum circumspice" —
and yet satisfied without any special
allusion to his work in connection with
such an ordinary proceeding as the
deputation of Supt. Smith on this particular
duty of acquiring useful information.

Cd.

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B. no 97 W. 10-1-83

" 1694 W. 8. 7. 84

" 1508 D. 23. 8. 84.

" 1568 D. 5. 9. 84

" 646 E. 9. 9. 84

Bye no 2341 W. 22. 9. 84 Encl

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2341 W. 22. 9. 84

Bye no 844 W. 6. 4. 85?

P. W. D.

Roads and Buildings

From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

The Secretary to Govt:
P. W. D.

No. 109

Dated 24th April 1865

Received

No 1088 W of 9th May/85

No. of ENCLOSURES.

Subject.

Solicits the records of
certain facts.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Read the following:—

Letter from the Cons. Architect to Govt. No 109 of April 24th 1865

FOR ORDERS.

He is ultra sensitive
but let him down
gently and point
out to him that im-
provements are
constantly being
brought out in connection
with these & all other
artistic industries
& that a little consideration
will show him that
the object in view is
Sergt. Smith's deputation
was to develop and
improve the manufactures
which he W. Chisholm
has so successfully
introduced into Madras.

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H.V.

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30.4.83

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FOR ORDERS.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No 1088W

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 9th May/85

READ the following

Letter from R. J. Chisholm Esq,
Consy Architect to Government. } H.E. No 109 d/ April 26th 1885

At the Governor in Council
observe that the orders passed
in G.O. No 2341 Wd/22nd Sept 1884
were in no way intended to
depreciate the work already
accomplished by Mr. Chisholm.
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brought out in connection with
artistic industries of the
character in question, and
Mr. Chisholm will doubtless,
on consideration, see that
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