GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

30th May 1879, No. 1,492 W.

General.
Establishment.

No. 181. Proceedings of Government, dated 30th May 1879, No. 1,492 W.

P. W. Code, Chapter I., i., paras. 16, 18.

The Examiner of Public Works Accounts is authorised to pass to Upper Subordinates and Accountants stationed at the Presidency town the allowances to which they are entitled under the marginal paragraphs of the Madras Public Works Code.

This order will have effect from the 1st April 1879, and will apply to the Accountants from other Provinces temporarily employed in the Examiner's office, provided that they have been continuously on duty since the date above mentioned.

2. Before deciding whether the Presidency allowances of Supervisor Francis and Overseer Stewart shall be charged against the Workshops and the profits on the Kilns, the Government desire to be informed whether the institutions in question can conveniently bear the charge.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.
„ General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops.
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
„ Examiner of Railway Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1879) Madras.

**PUBLIC WORKS.**

*To*

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
THIRD CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

*Dated* May 30th.

*Issued*

*Recd.*

*Encl.*

*G. O., 30th May 1879, No. 1,492 W.*

**MAY.**

**No. 181.**

*Grant of Presidency allowances* to Upper Subordinates and Accountants stationed at the Presidency town.

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No. 1325 D.

GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 188 . { P. W. DEPT.

**SECRETARY.**

Chepâk, 2nd June 1885.

OFFICE NOTE.

From D.W.

To C

Please let me know early from what date Presidency house rent was first passed to Civil Engineers stationed at Madras.

(Sd) C.B.

D.W.

1.6.85

P. W. D.

Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
9th May 1885.

No. 171

[illegible]

From

The Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras,

To

The Secretary to Govt:
~~The Chief Engineer~~, Public Works Department.

Sir,

Enclosures.

+ G.O. 80 W 921
30-5-79-

I have the honor to request that yo will be good enough to move Government to Sanction the Grant to me of Presidency House Rent admissable to a Superintending Engineer, from the date (1st april 1879) from which the System of granting Presidency Allowance & House Rent to all Civil Engineers & Upper Subordinates of the Department, was introduced into this Presidency presumably under the Sanction of the Government of India

2. In Consideration of the peculiar nature of the duties attached to my office, the pay of my appointment was fixed, at Rs 1200 per mensem with the Sanction of the Govt: of India and of the Secretary of State.

3. It

necessary

3. It may be advanced that ~~in as much~~ as the Special Consolidated rate of pay was fixed definitely no additional allowances on account of Presidency House Rent could be admitted to the incumbent, but I find that both Colonels Fraser & Morant who each officiated for me, drew acting allowances calculated on the pay of the appointment, plus the Presidency House Rent and I would respectfully submit that whatever emoluments the appointment may carry should at least be conferred on myself whose speciality was the cause of its creation.

4. A reference on this subject was made so far back as 1870 or 71, and it was ruled that H. Rent was in admissable as the pay of the appointment was Consolidated. At the time of this ruling however not a single Civil Engineer or Upper Subordinate of the Madras P.W.D. received any allowance either in the shape of Presy: allowance or H. Rent.

5. Since then the System has been entirely changed these allowances have been introduced and officers and Subordinates of the department are now actually receiving them, and I do not think it was ever intended by Govt: that I was not to participate in those benefits which might accrue to the Department Generally.

6. I have now been for ~~one~~ over 16 years holding this appointment without any advancement and although I have been for reasons well known to the Govt: graded only as an Executive Engineer 1st grade, I have performed the duties of a Superintending Engineer; and until recently I was the Confidential adviser of the Govt: in all matters relating to Architecture and holding those positions I seem to be fairly entitled to the Presidency House Rent drawn by Superintending Engineers.

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7. In conclusion I would solicit Govt: to peruse para 559 P.W.D. Code, it is there stated definitely that all members of the Engineer, Upper Subordinate & Accounts Establishments (drawing Consolidated Salaries) will receive Presidency House Rent at rates specified, in addition to their full salaries. This para I most respectfully submit ~~in conclusion~~ is conclusive and places beyond question the justness of my request.

para 559 is somewhat modified
G.O. no. 134 of 83.
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8. Under the Circumstances I beg that my Claim may be favorably Considered & if necessary.

necessary, submitted to the Govt. of India with the strong recommendation & support of the Govt I have the honor to address

EXAMINER
No.
12 MAY 1885
ENCLOSU
P.W. AC UNTS

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
R. Chisholm
Consulting Architect
to Govt.

R. No. 102
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Enc: 1

No. 1175 D

Chepauk
12th May/85

To
C/
For remarks.

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DW
11. 5. 85

P. W. D.

**Roads and Buildings.**

EXAMINER
No.
12 MAY 1885
ENCLOSURES
P. W. ACCOUNTS.

From

The Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras,

To

The Secretary to Govt
Public Works Departmt

No. 171

Dated 9th May 1885
Received 11

No. 1510 Way 24-6-8

No. of Enclosures.

*Subject.*

Requests that Presidency House Rent may be granted to him (Mr. R. F. Chisholm)

To

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[Form No. viii.]

GOVT. OF MADRAS. 1885. P. W. DEPT.

**EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.**

Madras, 5th June 1885.

No. 1510 W a/ 29-6-85

Office Note No. 171.

To Encs: —

W.

Your O.N.No.1325 D. dated 2nd. June 1885.

From 1st. April 1866 vide G.O.No.2526 dated 10th. August 1866, Mr. Chisholm has drawn Presidency House Rent at Rs.45/per mensem from 1st. April 1866 to 31st. March 1869 the date on which he was appointed as Consulting Architect to Government on a Consolidated salary. This fact was not known when writing my Office Note No.118 dated 13th. May 1885, as it has only just been discovered that Presidency House Rent was up to end of 1874-75 passed in Contingent Registers instead of in Salary Audit Registers as is done at present.

C.

Pt. up —
9-6-85

Keep with Genl. No.
dated 188 .

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P. W. D.

Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
1st June 1885.

No. 298

From
The Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras,

To
The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

Sir,

Enclosures.
1 Letter.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Memorandum No. 159 E. dated the 29th May 1885 and in reply to state that I was in error when I said that Cols. Fraser and Morant drew Presidency House rent. I was mislead by seeing the bills for salaries only for 2 or 3 months past during which period Col. Morant drew Presidency House rent as 1st class Executive Engineer in the Department.

2. It is extremely difficult

to say what I meant by the words, you quote, in my 6th para. Isolated and standing alone they undoubtedly convey a meaning I did not intend. The sentence first stood "and as "the Confidential adviser to Government in all matters relating to "Architecture". On reading over the draft it did not seem to me that I could fairly assume this position, hence, I interpolated the words "until recently" I cannot exactly explain what passed through my mind nor do I think Government attach so much importance to a chance expression that they would wish me to attempt any such analysis.

As neither statement in any way affects the question at issue perhaps the simplest way is to beg leave respectfully to withdraw my original letter and to substitute the one I now enclose.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt. Servan
R. Chisholm -
Consg. Architect to Gov

Letter from the C.A.
~~No 2089 dated~~ 1-6-85

No. 159. Ed/29-5-85.

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Recorded with reference to Proc No + W. E.

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5-6-85

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P. W. D.

**Roads and Buildings.**

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From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department

3 JUN 85

No. 298

Dated 1st June 1885

Received 8

Submitting to Order question of h. rent

No 1510 Wa/29-6-85

No. OF ENCLOSURES. 1

Subject.

Withdraws letter about Presidency House rent and substitutes another in lieu of it

withdrawal

Ack. 3/6.
Received by W.C. 9-6-85 & R. 24-6-85

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COPY OF LETTER FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, TO THE CONTROLLER OF PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS, MADRAS, NO. 91, DATED FORT WILLIAM 19TH. JANUARY 1870.

IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER NO. 1859 DATED THE 4TH. INST, I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT AS THE OFFICER HOLDING THE APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS DRAWS A FIXED CONSOLIDATED SALARY HE IS NOT ENTITLED TO PRESIDENCY HOUSE RENT IN ADDITION.

(TRUE COPY.)

G. E. Ratter
SUPT. CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH.

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SW.
13/5/85.

Pr Genl/4302/85

P. W. D.

Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
1st June 1885.

No. 299

From

The Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

Enclosures.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to move Government to Sanction the grant to me of Presidency House Rent admissible to a Superintending Engineer, from the date (1st April 1879) from which the system of granting Presidency allowance and House Rent to all Civil Engineers and Upper Subordinates of the Department was introduced into this Presidency presumably under the Sanction of the Government of India

2. In consideration of the peculiar nature of the duties attached to my office, the pay of my appointment was fixed, at Rs 1200 per mensem with the Sanction of the Government of

of India and of the Secretary of State.

3. A reference on this subject was made so far back as 1870 or 71 and it was ruled that House Rent was inadmissible as the pay of the appointment was consolidated. But, had the pay of the appointment been consolidated in ~~this~~ the strict sense of the word, then Colonels Fraser and Morant could not have drawn, as they did, acting allowances calculated on the pay of the appointment plus Military pay and allowances. Thus, they are equally entitled to the Presidency House rent with myself. Again, at the time of this ruling, not a single Civil Engineer or Upper Subordinate of the Madras P. W. D. received any allowance either in the shape of Presidency allowance or House Rent.

4. Since then, the system has been entirely changed; these allowances have been introduced, and officers and Subordinates of the Department are now actually receiving them - and I do not think, it was ever intended by Government that I was not to participate in those benefits which might accrue to the Department generally.

5. I have now been for over 16 years holding this appointment without any advancement and although graded only as an Executive Engineer 1st Grade, I have performed the duties of a Superintending Engineer and under these circumstances I seem to be fairly entitled to the Presidency House Rent drawn by Superintending Engineers.

6. In conclusion, I would solicit Government to peruse para 559 P. W. D. Code: it is there stated definitely that all members of the Engineer, Upper subordinate and Accounts Establishments drawing consolidated salaries will receive Presidency House Rent at rates specified in addition to their full salaries. This para, I most respectfully submit, is conclusive, and place beyond question the justness of my request -

7. Under these circumstances I beg that my claim may be favorably considered and if necessary submitted to the Govt.

Government of India with the Strong recommendation and support of the Government I have the honor to address.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

R Chisholm

Consulting Architect.

P. W. D.

**Roads and Buildings.**

From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

The Secretary to Govt
Public Works Department

3 JUN 85

No. 299

on Gen/5043/85

Dated 1st June

Received

No. 1510 W a/29-6-85

No. OF ENCLOSURES.

*Subject.*

R. F. Chisholm

Requests that Presidency House Rent may be granted to ———— x.

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My dear Jordan,

Please let me know how Nevant's salary was made up when he was Officiating C.A. – viz:

| | |
|---|---|
| his pay as E.E. 1st | 1240.14.- |
| " Mf allowance – | 141.12.- |
| " Mady H. rent. | nil. |
| | R 1382.10.- |

Yrs CAS

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My dear Chisholm -
As above -

19.5.85

Major Cameron R.E.

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Office of the Examiner, P. W. Accounts,
Madras, 188 .

| | Pay | Off. allce. | Pers. allce. | H. Rent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fraser | 1082.10 | 240 | - | - |
| | | 1322.10 | | |
| Vincent | 450 | 240 | 100 | - |
| | | 790/- | | |

Brockman only held charge of office & got charge allce. of 100/-

DCG
19.5.85.

Major Rowen R.E.

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To W.

Mr Chisholm in his letter No 171 of 9th May, 1885, applies for the grant of Residency House rent from 1st April, 1879. —

He supports his claim by stating that Cols. Fraser & Mowant when acting in the post of C.E. drew this allowance. I have ascertained from C. that these officers did not draw Resid'y House Rent.

In 1870 the G. of I. ruled that the C.E. was not entitled to House rent, as he drew a fixed consolidated salary, but at that time apparently Residency House rent was not given to Civil Engineers at the Residency. In 79 the allowance was granted to all officers of the Dept., whilst serving in Madras, in receipt of the salaries specified in P.W. Code.

Mr Chisholm draws an exceptional rate of pay, not contemplated in our scale of salaries, & it is a question whether, drawing a salary outside that scale, he can also claim an allowance attached thereto. In fact he claims the benefit of our Codal scale as regards allowances, whilst enjoying a rate of pay beyond that scale.

Arguments, it seems to me can, be drawn for & against. Perhaps the simplest way is to submit Mr C's letter to G. of I. as per proposed draft accompanying.

CS.
19.5.85

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Please show G.O. alluded to in para 1 of C.A.'s letter of 9-5-85.

The G.O. entered in pencil in margin (W. 1492 W of 30.5.79) affects only "Upper Subordinates & Accountants".

26.5.85

To W.

Presidency House rent appears to have been passed to Engineer Officers on the publication of the Madras P.W. Code of 1877. vide para 15. Chapter I, Sec i – which was based on the corresponding para of the India Code – No separate G.O. on the subject can be traced –

G.O. No 1263 W of 1-5-79 relates to Presy. Allowance, & G.O. No 1492 W of 30-5-79 to Upper Subordinates & Accountants. Ca

26-5-85

6.19.5.85.

Letter from W. Chisholm.
dated 9.5.85.

There appear to be several errors in above.

para 1. Was 1-4-79 the date from which the system of granting house rent to Civil Engineers was introduced?

para 3. The statement that Colonels Fraser & Morant drew acting allowances "*plus the Presidency house-rent*" - appears to be incorrect.

paras 4 & 5. The allusion to "Presidency *Allowance*" seems out of place, as it is not drawn by any officer above E.E. 2d grade.

para 6. What are the "*reasons well known to the Govt.*"? & what is meant by the words "*until recently* I was the Confidential adviser of the Govt. in all matters relating to Architecture."?

26.5.85

W Fresh draft Pro. & memo. submitted for approval -

If approved, the Madras office will be instructed to ascertain the correct date from which Pr. house rent was passed to Civil Engrs. & to enter the date in the draft -

Ch
28.5.85

S. A. W.

The papers put up do not show from what date Pr. house rent was passed to Civil Engrs. stationed at Madras - Please ascertain this from C's office, & enter in draft -

Ch
28/5/85

A.10 (1)

C. A's house rent

Mr Chisholm applied for house rent from 1st April/79 - as we were not quite certain abt the date being correct we asked C. from what date p. h. rent was first passed to C. Es at Madras.

Please see reply put up which does not give us the information as we want it.

The draft has been delayed some time already.

HB
9.6.85.

~~In the circumstances the letter to India must, I think, be recast. Perhaps fresh draft to be sent to City for W's approval & signature. As now reported by C, house rent was drawn from August, 1866. That is clear enough, & para 4 of letter to India must be modified — CAS 9.6.85~~

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W.

I fear your letter to G. of I. recommending Presidency House-Rent to Mr. Chisholm must now be modified. The accompanying office note from C. came in just in time to stop the despatch of above, for reconsideration of the wording.—

You will see that Mr. Chisholm did draw House-rent from 1st April, 1866, to 31st March, 1869, and I have also ascertained that all officers at Madras, Civil & Military, also drew it.

The fact of the allowance having been drawn by officers in their "Contingent Bills", is to all intents & purposes just the same as if it had been drawn in their Establishment Bills:

In the circumstances it is clear your para 4 would be taken by G. of I. as incorrect, & it is difficult to see on what grounds the reversal of the Acct. General's ruling in 1870 can be urged.

Perhaps it would be sufficient to ask for a reconsideration of that decision on the broad plea that Mr. Chisholm, altho' drawing a special salary, is virtually a Supdg Engineer of the Dept. & as such should draw the Ho-rent allowance drawn by officers of that rank when stationed at the Presidency.

CS.
9.6.55

To W.

Mr Chisholm's request to be granted Presy. house rent has been submitted to the Govt of India –

His previous letter, which he now desires to withdraw, was not sent on to India.

It will be perhaps be sufficient therefore to record the present two communications –

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To W

Mr Chisholm's claim to Presidency houserent -

The Office note from C. No 171 of 5.6.85, now received from Madras, & the Pros. therein quoted, appear to alter the aspect of the case entirely -

Mr Chisholm was quite misinformed in stating that when the Asst. Genl P.W.D. gave his ruling of 19.1.70, "not a single [illegible] "Civil Engineer or Upper "Subordinate of the Madras "P.W.D. received any "allowance either in "the shape of Presidency "allowance or house "rent"

As a matter of fact, all members of the Dept. in grades -

eligible thereto, began
to draw Presy. house rent
from 1.4.66, under the
G. of I. sanction embodied
in Pros: of 10.8.66, No 2526.

When therefore the
reference to the Acct. Genl
respecting Mr Chisholm's
title to the allowance
was made in January 1870,
circumstances were
precisely as they are
now.

Two alternative
disposals on Mr Chisholm's
application are suggested

(1) To explain to him
that circumstances have
not altered, as he supposes,
since the allowance was
refused to him in January
1870, & to state that Govt.
see no reason to reopen
the question, or

(2) To ask the G of I
for a reconsideration
of

of the decision of 1870,
on the general grounds
indicated by D.W.

Cu
11.6.85.

Note. If the record
branch at Madras
had, in the first in=
stance, brought up the
Pros. of 10.8.66. the
case would have been
clear, & much time &
labour would have been
saved. The record
branch did not go
back far enough
in their search, but
merely put up papers
of 1879 relative to
Presy. allowance, &
left it to be inferred
that no separate G.O.
on the subject of
house rent could

be traced.

I examined the Budgets of 68-69 & 69-70 to see if provision had been made for Presy. house rent to Civil members of the Dept. but failed to discover any such. This is explained by Ci present statement that up to 1874-75, the allowance was passed in Contingent registers.

C.
11.6.85

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To C.A.W.

I discussed this matter yesterday with the Hon: Member - and he was decidedly of opinion that there was no ground for again referring ~~the~~ India the question respecting Mr. Chisholm's house-rent.

The first of the alternative ~~2nd~~ disposals suggested by you must therefore be adopted.

Please prepare draft accordingly.

18.6.85

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CW

I have marked this for the H. M.

But please send only such papers as are essential to a correct understanding of the circumstances. Do not complicate the matter by sending the superseded draft. OC

19-6-85

No. A. Only papers in the upper file to go to Hon.

19.6.5

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

READ the following

Letter from the Consg Architect to Govt (A. E. No. 171 d/ 9th May 1885)
Office Note from the Examiner P. W. Accts ( " " 118 d/ 13th " " )

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Consg Architect to Govt
Ex. P. W. Accts

Ordered that the Govt of India be addressed.

(A. E. No. Wd/ 1885)

To,
The Secy to the Govt of India,
P. W. Dept

Sir,

Mr R. F. Chisholm, Consg. Architect to the Govt of Madras, having submitted an application to be granted the presidency house-rent of a Supdg Engineer with retrospective effect from the 1st April 1879, I am directed to submit the matter for the consideration of the Government of India.

2. In consideration of the special nature of the duties performed by the Consulting Architect to Govt, the pay of the appointment was, with the sanction of the Govt of India and the Secretary of State, fixed at a consolidated sum of Rs 1200 per mensem; and it is probably on that ground that presidency house-rent has not hitherto been passed to Mr Chisholm.

3. In January 1870, the Controller of P.W. Accounts, Madras, referred to the Accountant General P.W. Dept the question whether Mr Chisholm was entitled to presidency house-rent; and the Accountant General, in his letter No 91 d/ 19th January 1870, ruled that, as the officer holding the appointment of Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras drew a fixed consolidated salary, he was not entitled to the allowance in question.

4. At that time however presidency house-rent was not drawn generally by Civil Engineers at Madras, but, from          , when the provisions of the Govt of India P.W. Code were introduced into this Presidency, all members of the Engineer and Upper Subordinate Establishment when stationed at Madras have drawn house-rent either on their

consolidated salaries, or
with reference to their —
military rank.

5. Mr. Chisholm is
graded as an Executive Engineer
1st grade, but as he exercises
the powers of a Supdg. Engineer,
he considers himself entitled
to the presidency house-rent
of the latter rank.

6. If the Govt. of India
consider the claim an —
equitable one, notwithstanding
the fact that Mr. Chisholm
has drawn a special rate
of salary from the time of
his appointment, this —
Government ~~would~~ will be glad
to see the application
acceded

acceded to.

28.5.85

Superseded

B/

No. 1510 W **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.**

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 29th June /85

READ the following

Letter from the Consg Architect to Govt. (H.C. No. 298 d/ June 1st 1885)
Do ——— do ——— ( " " 299 d/ June 1st " )
Office Note from the Ex. P.W. Accts ( " " 171 d/ June 5th " )

Mr. R. F. Chisholm, Consulting Architect to Govt., submits an application to be granted the Presidency House-rent admissible to a Supdg Engineer, with retrospective effect from 1st April 1879.

2. The question of Mr. Chisholm's title to Presidency House-rent was referred to the Govt. of India in January 1870, when it was ruled that, as the officer holding the appointment of Consulting Architect to

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the Govt. of Madras drew a fixed consolidated salary, he was not entitled to Presidency House-rent in addition.

3. Mr. Chisholm bases his present application on the ground that, when that decision was given, not a single Civil Engineer, or Upper Subordinate of the Madras P. W. Dept. received any allowance in the shape of Presidency allowance or House rent, and that since then the system has been changed.

4. On this point, Mr. Chisholm ~~is~~ appears however to have been misinformed; for, under G.O. No. 2526 d/10th August 1866, all members of the Department were granted Presidency House rent with effect from 1st April 1866.

5. The circumstances of the case are therefore at present ~~precisely~~ the same as they were when Mr. Chisholm's claim was negatived in 1870, and H. E. the Governor in Council regrets that he can see no ground for reopening the question.

19.6.85

24.6.85

R. F. Chisholm Esqre.,
Consg. Architect to Govt.
Ex. P.W. Accts.

29/6/85

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