

and to the powers ^{with} which
 he is vested as a Supt^d
 of Works, this Government
 are strongly of opinion
 that the rate of salary,
 Rs 1,200/-, per mensem, at
 present attached to the
 appointment, should
 be continued as a ~~maximum~~
 allowance.

7. If the Govt of India
 approve the recommendation
 now made, I am directed to
 request that Her
 Majesty's Secy: of State may
 be desired to select for the
 post a gentleman in England,
 with the requisite qualifications.
 I am to suggest that the engage-
 ment might in the first instance
 be for five years, and that a
 commencing salary of Rs 900 per
 mensem might be allowed, to
 rise to Rs 1,200 by annual
 increments of Rs 100/-

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No. 1444 - May 28th August 1885

To,

The Secretary to the

Government of India,

S. W. Department.

Sir,

Mr. R. F. Chisholm,

Consulting Architect to this
Government, having signified
his intention to retire from
the service in September 1885,
I am directed, in accordance
with the Secretary of State's
despatch to the Government
of India No. 95 Financial of
6th March 1873, to submit for
the consideration of the
Government of India, the
question of continuing, ~~as a~~
~~permanent measure~~ the appoint-
ment of Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras.

2. In a despatch to Her
Majesty's Secretary of State

In support of this statement
a semi official note
from Mr. Chisholm is
attached.

for India No. 28 dated 18th
December 1871, this Government
remarked, "we are of opinion
"that a special appointment
"of the kind is more than ever
"needed now. Proposals for the
"erection of structures involving
"important interests and
"complicated arrangements
"are now more frequently made
"than formerly, and the objects
"for which the buildings are
"designed, as well as the expen-
"diture incurred render it
"essential that this Govt
"should have the benefit
"of the services of a professional
"Architect, who would not only
"supply suitable original
"designs, but be available to
"examine and revise such as may
"be prepared by less artistic
"designers, who cannot, in the
"performance of their other
"important departmental duties,

3. In the first place, the
"devote the care and attention
"which work of this character
"requires, and who do not, more-
"over, generally possess the
"special qualifications that are
"necessary. As examples of the
"important buildings which have
"demanded the designing and
"critical talent of a professional
"Architect, or which may shortly
"occupy his attention, we may
"instance the new Presidency
"College and Senate house, the
"Lawrence Asylum buildings at
"Lovedale, the restoration of
"Triumal Naick's Palace at
"Madura, the Provincial College
"at Combaroom, the new
"Central Seminary of the Madras
"Railway, a Public Library,
"a School of Fine and Industrial
"Arts, the proposed Telegraph
"and Post offices at Madras,
"and Taluk hutcheries and
"Subsidiary jails throughout

"the Presidency. So valuable
"indeed are the services of a
"professional Architect, that the
"Govt of India were induced
"to apply to this Government
"for Mr. Chisholm's aid in pre-
"paring a fresh design for a
"building in course of construction
"in Calcutta for the accommo-
"dation of an Imperial
"Museum.

"Looking to the large outlay
"which the erection of such
"buildings involves, and remem-
"bering the increasing demands
"for structures designed on the
"most approved principles,
"and in accordance with the
"most modern improvements
"in architecture, we consider it
"extremely undesirable that the
"appointment of Consulting
"Architect should be abolished
"in the event of the office
"being from any cause vacated
"by the present incumbent."

3. I am directed by H.E. the
Governor in Council to state
that the arguments ~~so fully~~
put forward in 1871, hold good
~~and the same~~ at the present
date with respect to the need
for such a special appointment.
Requisitions from the various ^{and}
departments for original
designs for important public
buildings, ~~and for type designs~~
~~for district offices~~, are being
constantly received, and it
would be impossible for
officers of the ordinary P.W.
staff, with their multifarious
departmental duties, to comply
satisfactorily with such demands,
which require the almost
undivided attention of an
officer with special qualifications
and attainments in the science
of architecture.

4. From the tenor of the

Spoke of Argyll's financial
despatch to this Government
No 19 dated 15th February
1872, it may be inferred
that His Grace authorised
the special appointment
of Consulting Architect in
this Presidency as an
experimental measure, having
regard to complaints which
had been made as to the
mode in which public
buildings were constructed
under the system then prevailing,
and I am desired to state
that, in the opinion of
this Govt, ^{the} experiment
has been attended with ~~the~~
^{excellent} ~~happy~~ results, as is
evidenced by the many
substantial and ornamental
public buildings which
have been erected throughout
the Presidency from Mr.

has resulted in very
great improvements being
made which could not
have been thought of
without the assistance of
a professional architect

We can hardly go into
the question of Mr.
Christie's buildings
without praising him &
blaming them in a
manner not suited
to a document of
this sort

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Christie's designs

5. I am therefore to submit
the strong recommendation
of this Govt that the app^t
be continued as a permanent
arrangement, a measure
which H.E. the Governor in
Council is convinced will be
to the interests of the public
service, and will tend to
prevent much wasteful
expenditure of public money
in the execution of hastily
considered designs.

6. ~~In conclusion~~ ^{further} I am to
state that the Consulting
Architect to this Govt has
executive charge of the
construction and maintenance
of several important civil
buildings at the Presidency
town, and that, looking
to the important duties he is
called upon to perform