

Madras Christian College
11th December 1888.

To
The Honourable J. N. M. Shaw Stewart: R. E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Madras

Sir,
I have the honour in behalf of the
Council of the Madras Christian College
to request through you a favour from
Government which I hope that you may
find it in your power to recommend.

An unfortunate accident has happened
to the buildings of this College, which
have been for the past two years in course
of construction. A portion of the tower
which was being erected has fallen and
in its fall has greatly damaged the Hall
which is the most important part of
the new buildings. The College is in
great need of thoroughly skilled advice
as to what it ought to do in restoring
the damaged Hall, and in determining
whether the Tower ought to be restored.

Certainly not
but Mr
Govt: provided Mr
Chisholm is satisfied that he
can assist the College Council
with the required advice, without
interference with his public
duties. A somewhat
similar application from the
Town Hall Committee was

and if so in what fashion. The only gentleman whose services are available in the case and in whose advice complete confidence can be placed is R. F. Chisholm, the Government Architect. The College Council are extremely anxious that Mr. Chisholm should superintend the completion of the new buildings and are anxious to offer him suitable remuneration for his services. They understand, however, that without special sanction Mr. Chisholm is prohibited from undertaking work not belonging to Government or at all events from receiving any fee for such work. The Council would request that such special sanction may be given in this case. They feel that unless they are permitted to offer some fee to Mr. Chisholm they cannot ask him to give the attention to the difficulties they have to contend with which the case demands; and they also feel that without his advice these difficulties cannot be dealt with satisfactorily. The Government is aware of the

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important position that this College holds in the higher education of the whole South of India. A large building grant has been given on this ground to aid in the erection of our new buildings; so that the question of the right expenditure of Government funds as well as of the funds of the College is involved in this matter. It is only for a very few months that Mr. Chisholm's services will be needed and if the circumstances were not so entirely and unfortunately exceptional the present application would not be made.

I trust that in these circumstances Government may grant special sanction to the Council to resort to Mr. Chisholm for advice and to acknowledge his services suitably.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
William Miller

Secretary to the
College Council

Certainly not
W. Miller

Mr. Chisholm is satisfied that he can assist the College Council with the required advice, without interference with his public duties. A somewhat similar application from the Town Hall Committee was

No 518 Wd/6.3.85. Brief

" 1196 Wd/12.5.84

" 1299 Wd/4.6.85.

Recd 12/12/85.



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From the Secretary
Madras Christian College Council

dated 11-12-85.

For orders.

On behalf of the College Council, the
Rev. Dr. Miller solicits sanction
to apply to Mr. Chisholm for advice
"as to what it ought to do in
"restoring the damaged Hall,
"and in determining whether the
"tower ought to be restored, and
"if so in what fashion."

Dr. Miller also asks that the
Council may be permitted to
acknowledge Mr. Chisholm's
services by the grant of a
suitable fee.

With respect to the first
request, there will probably
be no objection on the part
of Govt., provided that Mr.
Chisholm is satisfied that he
can assist the College Council
with the required advice, without
interference with his public
duties.

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So disposed of. Vide G.O.
dated 6-3-85, W^o 518 W.

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With respect to the second
request, it is clearly out of
the power of this Govt. to grant
the required permission,
without the special previous
sanction of the Govt. of India.
Vide letter from that Govt. dated
16-4-84 W^o 425, printed
with Pro: of Govt. under date
12-5-84 W^o 1196 W.

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It appears to me that the
arguments adduced by the
Rev^d. J. Miller tend to the
conclusion that the Christian
College is more or less in the
position of a public building,
— on which ground the
services of W. Chisholm
might be placed at the
disposal of the Council for
the purpose indicated by
J. Miller, as in the case
of any other public building
of a like nature.

Yes Sir
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JSP
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