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22nd May 1886, No. 1296 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

Read—the following papers :—

From Colonel W. S. TREVOR, R.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 19th September 1885, No. 1432 G.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1994 W., dated 28th ultimo, recommending the continuance of the post of Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras as a permanent arrangement on a maximum salary of Rs. 1,200 per mensem on the retirement of Mr. R. F. Chisholm during the current month, and that the Secretary of State be desired to select a gentleman in England with the requisite qualifications for a term of five years in the first instance with a commencing salary of Rs. 900 rising by annual increment of Rs. 100 to Rs. 1,200.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that the proposal of the Government of Madras does not commend itself to the Government of India in its entirety. The appointment would virtually be an addition to the Engineer establishment, and it is almost certain that the Secretary of State would not consent to such a measure.

3. Besides this consideration, it is not probable that an Architect of real ability and experience would accept such a post in India, and a gentleman from England would be wholly ignorant of Indian requirements and would probably be unwilling to learn. Experience in Calcutta and Bombay leads to the conclusion that an appointment on such a basis would not prove a success.

4. The Indian Public Works Department always possesses a certain number of officers who have a special taste and talent for architecture with Indian executive knowledge in addition. The Secretary of State has recently sanctioned the employment in Bengal of an officer of the Public Works Department as Architect to the Government of India and that of Bengal on the following conditions :—that the appointment shall be open to an officer of any rank below that of Chief Engineer, and should the officer be a Superintending Engineer, or should he rise during such employment to the rank of Superintending Engineer, he shall be treated as a supernumerary and receive promotion in his turn. The Government of India is prepared to recommend the proposal of the Government of Madras to the Secretary of State to this extent, and, if the Government of Madras concurs, His Lordship will be addressed accordingly.

From Colonel J. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 3rd October 1885, No. 2293 W.

In reply to your letter, No. 1432 G., dated 19th September 1885, I am directed to state that this Government accept with thanks the offer of the Government of India to recommend to the Secretary of State the continuance of the appointment of Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras on the following conditions : that the appointment shall be open to an officer of any rank below that of Chief Engineer, and should the officer be a Superintending Engineer, or should he rise during such employment to the rank of Superintending Engineer, he shall be treated as a supernumerary, and receive promotion in his turn.

2. I am to add that, as Mr. R. F. Chisholm counts against the scale of eleven Executive Engineers, 1st grade, sanctioned for this presidency, it is understood that, under the offer of the Government of India, the scale will be maintained at that figure

on his retirement, and that if the appointment of Consulting Architect be held by a supernumerary Superintending Engineer, he will count against the sanctioned number of Executives, 1st grade. The total sanctioned strength of the Engineer establishment will thus not be disturbed.

From A. B. SAMPSON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 16th October 1885, No. 1558 G.

In reply to your letter, No. 2293 W., dated 3rd instant, I am directed to state that the Government of India will at once recommend to the Secretary of State the appointment of a Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras on the conditions recapitulated in the 1st paragraph of your letter.

2. With reference to paragraph 2, I am to observe that, so long as the officer selected for the post is an Executive Engineer, he will form part of the regular staff of Executive and Assistant Engineers of the province, the total number of whom will be sub-divided into grades in the manner laid down in Public Works Department resolution, No. 1475 G., dated 20th December 1884. When the officer attains to the rank of Superintending Engineer, his name will be removed from the list of Executive and Assistant Engineers, which will be reduced by one and again sub-divided into grades as in the above-quoted resolution, and he will, as Superintending Engineer, be altogether outside the regular Public Works scale.

From A. B. SAMPSON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 22nd February 1886, No. 297 G.

In reply to your telegram, dated 20th instant, I am directed to state that a further reference was considered necessary and has been made to the Secretary of State in regard to the continuance, as a permanent measure, of the appointment of Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras on the retirement of Mr. Chisholm, but, meanwhile, there is no objection to the appointment of an officer of not higher rank than Executive Engineer, 1st grade, on the pay of his grade as part of the regular engineering staff of the province.

From A. B. SAMPSON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 4th May 1886, No. 720 G.

With reference to correspondence ending with Public Works Department letter, No. 297 G., dated 22nd February last, I am directed to state that the Secretary of State has sanctioned the continuance of the appointment of Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras as a permanent measure on the conditions mentioned in Public Works Department letters, No. 1432 G., dated 19th September, and No. 1558 G., dated 16th October 1885.

Order—dated 22nd May 1886, No. 1296 W., Public Works.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

o the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of 1886 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 22nd.

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 22nd May 1886, No. 1296 W.

MAY.

Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras

Letter from the Government of India communicating the sanction of the Secretary of State to the continuance, as a permanent measure, of the appointment of —, recorded.

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Note.

In August 1885, when the retirement of Mr Chisholm in September seemed probable, the Govt. of India were addressed on the subject of continuing the appointment of Consy. Architect to the Govt. of Madras.

It was proposed that the special rate of pay drawn by Mr Chisholm, Rs 1200 per mensem, should be continued as a maximum allowance; that the Secy of State should be requested to select a gentleman in England for the post; that the engagement should in the first instance be for five years, & that a commencing salary of Rs 900 should be allowed, rising to Rs 1200 by three annual increments of Rs 100.

In reply dated 18th September 1885, the Govt. of India expressed the opinion that obtaining an Architect from England would not be a success, & they suggested the continuance of the appointment on the following basis:—

The appointment to be open to an Officer of any rank below that of Chief Engineer, & should the Officer be a Supdg Engineer, or should he rise during such employment to the rank of Supdg Engineer, he shall be treated as a supernumerary, & receive promotion in his turn.

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This Govt. accepted these terms, and the Govt. of India have now intimated that the Secy. of State has sanctioned the continuance of the appointment accordingly.

Mr Chisholm retired from the service on the 20th Feby. 1886.

It remains now to select an Officer to fill the appointment.

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H.E. the Governor's instructions on this matter were taken this day.

W

19.5.86

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C.A.W. 5/186

Is any disposal required on attached letter from Aden?

No further action can be taken respecting appt. of C.A. until Sec. of State's reply be received.

W

8.3.86

W

Copy of the letter has been sent to C, & no further disposal is needed for the present.

The paper may stand over until Secy. of State's reply is received.

W

Cs

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Letter from India No

1432 of 19.9.85 –

The terms on which the G. of I. offer to recommend the continuance of the appt. of C.A. to Govt. apparently are –

That an incumbent must be selected from the ordinary Engr. estabt.

That the incumbent must receive the pay of his grade like any other officer of the dept –

That the incumbent will be eligible to promotion to the rank of Supdg. Engr., ~~[illegible] as in the ordinary~~ course in his turn, but will be treated as a supernumerary.

These terms will probably meet Lt. Col. Morant's objections.

For orders.

1296 W

22.9.85

OF INDIA

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All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 1432 G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department.

Simla 19th September 1885

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1994 W dated 28th ultimo, recommending the continuance of the post of Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras as a permanent arrangement, on a maximum salary of Rs 1200 per mensem, on the retirement of Mr R. F. Chisholm during the current month, and that the Secretary of State be desired to select a gentleman in England with the requisite qualifications, for a term of five years in the first instance, with a commencing salary of Rs 900 rising by annual increment of Rs 100 to Rs 1200/

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and receive promotion, in his turn. The Government of India also is prepared to recommend the proposal of the Government of Madras to the Secretary of State to this extent, and if the Government of Madras concurs, His Lordship will be addressed accordingly.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
your most obedt servant
Colonel R.E.
Secretary to the Govt of India

P.W. 1885 Dept.

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" 1140A d/ 7.4.69
" 1386 d/ 28.4.69
" 27 W d/ 9.10.69
" 4012 A d/ 27.12.69
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" 184 W d/ 17.1.85
" 297 W d/ 7.2.85
" 1994 W d/ 28.8.85

B. No. 2292 W d/ 3-10-85

B. No. 2293 W d/ 3-10-85

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 3rd October /85

Read the following

From the Govt of India No. 1432 G d/ 19.9.85

Ordered that the following reply be sent.—

No. to dated 3rd Oct 1885

To The Secy to the G. of I.
P.W. Dept

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 1432 G, dated 19th Sept. 1885, I am directed to state that this Government accept with thanks, the offer of the Govt of India to recommend to the Secy of State the continuance of the appointment of Consg. Architect to the Govt of Madras, on the following conditions:— that the appointment shall be open to an Officer ~~of the Madras P.W. Dept.~~ of any rank below that of Chief Engineer, and should the Officer be a Supdg. Engineer, or should he rise during such em=ployment to the rank of Supdg Engineer, he shall be treated as a supernumerary, and receive promotion in his turn—

2. I am to add that as Mr R. F. Chisholm counts against the ~~sanctioned~~ scale of eleven Ex. Engrs 1st Grade sanctioned for this Presidency, it is under-stood

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and that if the appt of Consg Architect be held by a supernumerary Supdg Engr., he will count against the sanctioned number of Executives 1st Grade. The total sanctioned strength of the Engineer estabt will thus not be disturbed

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Oct. 3. 1885

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 1558 G.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

The Secy: to the Govt. of Madras
Public Works Department.

Simla 16th October 1885.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 2293 W dated 3rd Instant, I am directed to state that the Government of India will at once recommend to the Secretary of State the appointment of a Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras, on the conditions recapitulated in the 1st para of your letter.

2 With reference to para 2 I am to observe that so long as the Officer selected for the post is an Executive Engineer, he will form part of the

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regular staff of Executive and Assistant Engineers of the Province, the total number of whom will be subdivided into grades in the manner laid down in Public Works Department Resolution No. 1475 G dated 20th December 1884. When the Officer attains to the rank of Superintending Engineer his name will be removed from the list of Executive and Assistant Engineers, which will be reduced by one, and again subdivided into grades as in the above quoted Resolution, and he will, as Superintending Engineer, be altogether outside the regular Public Works scale.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obdt. servt.

W W Sampson
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India

No. 297 G. 12/1/86 1/6

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
GENERAL.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department.

Fort William, 22nd February 1886.

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Sir,
Your most obedt. servant

W W Sampson
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India

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to the Secretary.

No. 720G.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department.

Simla 4th May 1886.

Sir

With reference to correspondence ending with Public Works Department letter No 29 G. dated 22nd February last, I am directed to state that the Secretary of State has sanctioned the continuance of the appointment of consulting Architect to the Government of Madras as a permanent measure, on the conditions mentioned in Public Works Department letters No 1432G dated 19th September and No 1558G dated 16th October 1885.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

W H Sampson

Under Secretary to the Govt of India

No. 616 C of 20-2-86
" 2292/2293 W of 3-10-85
" 1994 W of 28-8/85
" 436 C of 2-2-86
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 22 May /86.

READ the following

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To the Govt. P.W. Dept.

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Govt. of 1886 Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

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22 May 1296 W

Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras

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