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No 10705 of 1885

From

Major General J. Watson, V.C., C.B.
Agent to the Governor General
at Baroda,

To

H. M. Durand, Esquire, C.S.I.
Secretary to the Government of India,
Foreign Department.
Calcutta.

Dated Baroda, 16th November 1885.

Sir,

I beg to enclose copy of a letter from
R. F. Chisholm Esquire, Architect, Madras, addressed
to the Minister of the Baroda State also of the
^xNo 1875-d/10^x Instant Minister's letter to me forwarding the same.--
2. Mr Chisholm desires that the Govern-
ment of India will move the Government of
Madras to allow him to carry out his agree-
ment with the Baroda Durbar to supervise
architecturally the construction of the Baroda
Palace.--
3. Mr Chisholm's letter fully explains the
difficulty which has arisen in this matter.--

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4. I find that the order of the Madras Government giving Mr. Chisholm permission to undertake the work was given on the 6th May 1882.

5. The agreement drawn up between the Baroda Durbar and Mr. Chisholm was forwarded to me on the 1st April 1882, by it Mr. Chisholm agreed to carry out Major Mant's designs for the Palace, to visit Baroda if possible once every three months and to receive Rs 5000/- for his services.

I have &c

Sy John Watson Major Genl
Agent to the Governor General
at Baroda.

No 1875

Muzur Cutcherry

Baroda, 10th November 1885

To
Major General J. Watson, V.C., C.B.
Agent to the Governor General
Baroda

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you
that

that Mr. R. F. Chisholm, Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras, has written to say that, by a recent Resolution of that Government, he is debarred from doing any professional work for His Highness's Government and receiving fees for the same. I beg to send herewith a copy of his letter to my address.

2. You are aware that in consequence of the death of Major Mant who designed the new Palace, the work of that costly and ornamental structure is being carried on under the professional supervision of Mr. Chisholm. That gentleman has also undertaken to design certain buildings, some of which are connected with the Palace. All these buildings require artistic skill such as Mr. Chisholm possesses. If his services were withdrawn, it would be difficult to supply his place, and the works specially that of the Palace, would suffer in consequence, he having studied its requirements minutely and having hitherto carried it on.

3. Under these circumstances, His Highness the Maharaja hopes that the Government of

of India will do him the kindness to
permit Mr. Chisholm as a special case,
to continue to give his assistance for these
works and receive fees for the same, and
I am to beg that you will address His
Excellency in Council with a view to
such permission being accorded.

I have &c
To Kazi Shahabudin
Dewan

No 150

Madras
21st October 1885

From

R. F. Chisholm
Architect, Madras.

To
His Excellency Kazi Shahabudin
Sahib Bahadur,
Dewan of Piroda.

Sir
I have the honor to enclose a copy
of a Government order which reached me
on

on the 10th of June 1885. This order prohibits me
from receiving fees for any work done outside my
legitimate official duties.

2. It was my intention to have retired
from the Government service and to have
practised privately, but circumstances beyond
my power of control have compelled me to
postpone my retirement.

3. From the date of the receipt of the
Government order in question, I endeavoured to
keep faith with the engagements I had entered
into without submitting any accounts or draw-
ing any fees. Having no leave due to me, I have
twice taken casual leave for 7 days duration,
and I feel that I cannot push this mode of
obtaining leave beyond legitimate limits.

4. I have now due to me a month's
privilege leave which I should be happy
to devote gratis to the service of the State,
but if I avail myself of this I cannot
(however much I may wish to do so) retire
from the service for a full 3 months
after rejoining my appointment.

5. I would, therefore, solicit His Highness
Government to move the Government of Madras
through India to enable me to complete my
engagements

engagements with His Highness's Government.

6. The circumstances of my connection with the State of Baroda may be very briefly narrated. Lord Lytton when Governor General recommended me to the notice of His Highness's Government and asked His Grace the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos to permit me to give the State my professional advice and assistance. A similar conception was made at the instigation of Sir Richard Temple to Major Mount R. E. and after that Gentleman's death I received the permission of the Government of Madras to continue my services and to complete the works which he was carrying out at the time of his death.

7. If it is the wish of His Highness's Government to secure a continuance of my services, I beg that the Government of India may be addressed on the subject.

I have &c
(Sd) R. F. Chisholm.

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N^o 429 of 1886.

From

Major General J. Watson M.C.B.,
Agent to the Governor General
at Baroda

To

A. M. Durand Esq. C.S.I.
Secretary to the Government
of India, Foreign Department,
Calcutta.

Dated Baroda, 16th January 1886.

Sir

As requested in your

Minister's letter N^o 4373 dated
1st April 1882, with enclosed
Memorandum of agreement.
Agent Governor General to
Govt. of Madras N^o 2741 dated
5th April 1882.
Govt. of Madras N^o 122 dated
22nd May 1882, with enclosure
No 1145 N. dated 6th May 1882.

letter N^o 4139. I dated
22nd ultimo I have the
honor to forward
the papers noted in
the margin regarding

Mr. Chisholm.

2. There are no other papers on record.

I have &c
(Sd) John Watson Major
General

Agent to the Governor
General at Baroda

N^o 4373

Dewan's Butchery
Baroda 1st April 1882

To

Major General J. Watson K.C., C.B.
Agent to the Governor General
Baroda.

Sir,

You are aware that
Major C. Maut, R.E. architect to
the Government of Bombay, who
had undertaken the preparation
of the designs, plans, &c. of the new
Palace under construction at
Baroda, died suddenly in England
in September last, leaving the
work incomplete.

2. His Highness's Government
are desirous of securing the services
of Mr. R. F. Chisholm, architect to
the Government of Madras to
complete the designs, &c. and that
gentleman

gentleman has expressed his
willingness to take up the work
subject to the permission of
his Government.

3. To give an idea of the
work to be done, &c, I beg to
send herewith a draft agreement
in the form of a memo.
which is proposed to be entered
into between His Highness's
Government and Mr. Chisholm
in connection with the Palace
designs &c. Mr. Chisholm has
been consulted in the matter,
and will accept the terms.

4. I have the honor to
request that you will be so good
as to communicate with the
Government of Madras in
view to their obliging His
Highness's Government by
kindly according their permission
to

to Mr. Chisholm to undertake
the work.

Have &c
(By) J. Madhava Row
Dewan

Memo

Agreement between the
Government of His Highness
Maharaja Gachwar and R. F.
Chisholm Esq.

Mr. Chisholm hereby
undertakes (1) to complete all the
general and working drawings
(including interior decorations)
required for the new Palace
(called, Laxmivilas) at Baroda
and which Major Maut would
have supplied had he continued
to live

(2) to strictly give effect to the
intentions of the late Major Maut
in

in regard to the Palace, wherever
those intentions are known or
ascertainable, and to conform
to the spirit of his intentions,
style &c &c generally;

(3) to propose such modifications
only as Mr. Chisholm may
judge necessary or desirable,
consistently with para. (2) preceding
(4) to propose such modifications
with due regard to existing con-
tracts for the supply of materials
&c

5. to insure by all means
and to the best of his judgment
the strength and stability of the
whole structure in all its parts;

(6) to afford all necessary
explanations and details to
the Chief Engineer of the State
from time to time, and to
answer all references which
may be made by that officer.

(7)

(7) to personally inspect the work during progress as often as may be desirable, and at least once in three months subject to extension with the sanction of His Highness's Government, to see that the work is sound, the materials good, and that the workmanship is in accordance with the designs prescribed.

(8) to complete the whole work with the existing machinery and under existing arrangements at Baroda;

(9) and generally to do all that the late Major Maut would have done had he continued to live.

(10) His Highness's Government agrees to remunerate Mr. Chisholm for all the foregoing duties by the payment of a lump sum

of

of 9000 (nine thousand) British Rupees, one half of which being payable on the completion and delivery of all the drawings required, and the other half being payable on the completion of the whole Palace building itself, and travelling expenses at the rate of Rupees (200) two hundred for each visit to Baroda under para (7) preceding.

(True copy)

L. P. M. S.

Supdt., Foreign Deptt.

J. M. A.
6/2

on 1/11/86

No 422 J.
From
The Under Secretary to the
Government of India
To
The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Fort St. George.

Foreign Dept. Dated Fort William, the 8th February 1886.
Internal.

Sir,
I am directed to forward
a letter and inclosures marginally
cited from the Agent to the Governor
General at Baroda, regarding the

from A.G.G. Baroda No 10705 dated 16th November 1885 with inclosures.
No 429 dated 16th January 1886 and two inclosures.
} desire of Mr. Chisholm
} to carry out an
agreement with

the Baroda Darbar relating to the
architecture of a palace.

2. As there was no correspond-
ence traceable in this office relating
to Mr. Chisholm's engagement
a further reference to the Agent
to the Governor General became

necessary. From his reply lately received it would appear that an application for Mr. Chisholm's services was made direct to the Madras Government by Major-General Watson, who enclosed copy of a letter and draft agreement embodying the terms which the Baroda Darbar wished to make with Mr. Chisholm. These terms included a stipulation that the work should be inspected at least once every three months, and an engagement regarding fees and travelling expenses to be paid to Mr. Chisholm. By an order dated 6th May 1882 No. 1145 W. Public Works the Right Honourable the Governor in Council appears to have permitted Mr. Chisholm to undertake the special duty subject to restrictions

upon his absence from the Madras Presidency.

3. Mr. Chisholm in his present application, which has been forwarded by the Agent to the Governor-General, does not particularise the orders of the Madras Government to which he refers and the rest of the correspondence which has been submitted by General Watson does not show clearly whether any formal agreement was ever actually concluded between Mr. Chisholm and the Baroda Darbar. In these circumstances, although it is undesirable to put the Baroda Darbar to any inconvenience if Mr. Chisholm was in the first instance authorised to enter into an agreement for the architectural supervision of a palace now under construction, I am to state that upon the information before

them the Government of India ^{Dec 12/12}
are not in a position to ask
His Excellency the Governor in
Council to permit Mr. Christman
to visit Baroda. I am to
request that the Government ^{Dec 18/12/86}
of India may be favoured with
an early expression of the views
of the Government of Madras
on this subject.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obed^t. servant,

G. Cunningham

Offg. Under Secretary to the
Government of India.

MS. 1155 Waf 6. 5. 82
" 209 Waf 12. 1. 84
" 1196 Waf 12. 5. 84
" 1299 Waf 4. 6. 85
" 661 Waf 17. 3. 85
" 2193 Waf 5. 9. 84
" 1007 Caf 4. 6. 85
" 1079 Caf 19. 6. 85

Corr. 22. 2. 86. R. 25. 2. 86

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W. Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

under date the
Feb 26 1886.
Read the following.

From the Government of

India, Foreign Dep^t N^o 422 I of 8th February/86

ordered that the
Government of India be
addressed.

N^o 518 W of 26 Feb

To

The Secretary to the
Government of
Foreign Depart^{ment}

Sir,

In reply to your
letter N^o 422 I of 8th Feb
1886, I am directed to

state that in the Pro-
ceedings of this Govern-
ment No. 1145 W of 6th Copy enclosed
May 1882, Mr. R. J.

Chisholm was permit-
ted to undertake the
supervision of the con-

struction of the Baroda
Palace on the under-

standing that he
obtained special per-

mission for absence
from Madras on ins-

35 tions, except during
authorized holidays. On

the receipt however of
letter from the Govern-

ment of India in re-
P. W. Department No. 42

16 April 1884, all per-
mission previously given
Mr. Chisholm for the
acceptance of fees for
work undertaken out-
side his regular duties
withdrawn, and it
this order doubtless
which Mr. Chisholm
fers in his letter to
the Dewan of Baroda
12th October 1885.

I am to add that
Mr. Chisholm has not
retired from the Govern-
ment service, and
it there ^{will} therefore
be further difficulty in
the way of his completing

his engagements in
the Baroda State.

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22-2-86

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letter of
-ment of
22.2.86
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Letter from India in the
Foreign Dept No 422 of
8.2.86.

To D.W.

For orders -

Mr Chris Holm
was permitted in G.O.
No 1145W of 6.5.82, to
undertake the supervision
of the Baroda Palace
works, on the understanding
that he obtained special
permission to visit
Baroda, except during
authorized holidays.

In G.O. No 1299W
of 4.6.85, all permission
previously given for the
acceptance of fees were
cancelled.

It will perhaps
be necessary to inform
India that it was

in consequence of their
letter in the P.W. Dept
no 4259 of 16.4.84 (G.O.
no 1196 of 12.5.84)
that Mr. Chisholm was
debarred from taking
fees for work undertaken
outside his regular
duties.

If, as already
proposed, Mr. Chisholm
retires from the service
very shortly, there will
be no difficulty in
the way of his completing
his engagements with
the Baroda District.

Yes. W. C.
20.2.86 17.2.86.

Yes. As Mr. Chisholm
receives that it is
necessary for him to
leave then means repaying
his engagement - for some
or other.

17/2/86

No 42

The Chief Clerk
Govt of India, Secretariat
F. W. D.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Public Works Department.

Chennai, Madras.

1st March 1886.

Dear Sir

Registrar
The letter was
transferred to the Foreign Dept
on 4th March 1886.

Letter No. 518W of 26th February
1886, addressed to the Secy to the Govt
of India, Foreign Department,
was, by an oversight, put in a
Cover addressed to the Secy to the
Govt of India P. W. Department
with other papers on the 26th
February 1886. It is requested
that the same may be handed
over to the Foreign
Department.

Yours
Yours

Yours faithfully
Chimurran
Assistant to the
Secy to Govt. P. W. D.
Madras.

Dear Sir

Please see red ink
Remark overleaf

Yr Oby

W. Allenman
Registrar

Govt. of India P.W.D.
6th March 1886



What letter was this?

W The letter in question
No 518 W is submitted
The dispatches by
the telegraph are
sent to the P. W. Dept
of the Govt of India

Cs
11-3-96

