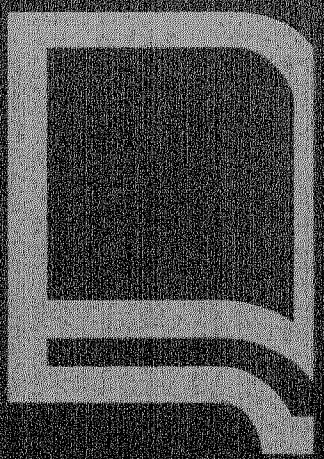




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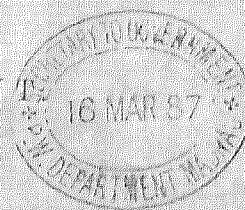
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

GENERAL.



To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras  
Public Works Department

Fort William, 11<sup>th</sup> March 1887

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of your Government No. 173 W dated 20<sup>th</sup> January 1887, on a memorial from Mr R. F. Chisholm, your late Consulting Architect, which was forwarded direct by him to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy, and sent to you for report with Public Works Department endorsement No. 2093 G dated 21<sup>st</sup> December. In this memorial it is observed that Mr Chisholm prays that he may be granted suitable compensation for the loss sustained by him by reason of the action taken by the Government of Madras in his affairs, and I am to request that the following remarks may be communicated to Mr Chisholm.

2. The first application from him for promotion in the regular line to the rank

of Superintending Engineer came before the Government of India in May 1885. The ground then urged was that unless promoted to that rank he would lose the extra pension of Rs 1000 per annum, allowed by the improved pension rules to Civil Engineers of his class, who served for three years in the rank of Superintending Engineer. The Government of India was at the time in correspondence with the Secretary of State about treating officers holding certain posts outside the Department, which carry salaries of Rs 1100 and above, as Superintending and Chief Engineers in the matter of pension, and on receipt of His Lordship's sanction in July 1885, the Government of Madras was informed that Mr Chisholm had been admitted to the benefit of the additional pension sanctioned for Superintending Engineers.

3 Soon after this, in August 1885, the Government of Madras wrote to say that Mr Chisholm contemplated retiring from the service and recommended that the post held by him should be continued as a permanency, an officer being obtained from England to fill it. The Government of India, whilst agreeing with the Government of Madras in the necessity for the continuance of the appointment, deemed it undesirable

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to obtain a gentleman from England to fill it, and suggested that, as there were, in the Department, officers who had made a study of architecture, the sanction of the Secretary of State should be obtained to the continuance of the appointment on the condition that it should be open to an officer of any rank in the Department below that of Chief Engineer and that should the officer be a Superintending Engineer or should he rise during such employment to Superintending Engineer, he should be treated as a supernumerary and receive promotion in his turn. This suggestion was accepted by the Government of Madras and sanctioned by the Secretary of State in March 1885.

4 In February 1886 Mr Chisholm voluntarily retired from the service and in June 1886, Colonel Morant, an Executive Engineer 1<sup>st</sup> grade, holding the temporary rank of Superintending Engineer 3<sup>rd</sup> class, was appointed to fill the appointment under the new condition.

5 It is observed from the foregoing remarks that the new conditions attached to the post were never even proposed until after Mr Chisholm's intention of voluntarily retiring had been brought to the notice of Government, and it became necessary to provide a successor, and that the arrangement

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were not finally sanctioned until after his retirement from the Department.

6 Further as the Government of India does not recognise the legal title of its servants to any pay beyond that of the grade in which they may be placed by the Government under which they are serving, it is considered that the Government of Madras was justified in declining to promote Mr Chisholm to the Superintending Engineer class, on the ground of his want of experience in general work, nor, when it is remembered, that he had been drawing a large salary for many years for doing special work which was outside the general work of the Department, does it consider that this decision can rightly be alleged as a grievance.

7 I am therefore to say that after a careful consideration of Mr Chisholm's memorial in connection with <sup>the</sup> above facts His Excellency the Governor General in Council is of opinion that he has no ground for complaint, nor does His Excellency consider that any relief should be granted him and I am to request that Mr Chisholm may be informed accordingly.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Wm. R. E. Colonel R. E.

Deputy Secretary to the Govt of India

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

21 March 1887  
READ the following

Letter from the Govt. of India No 527 & 27 11 March 1887

Communicated  
to Mr R. F. Chisholm  
in reply to his memorial  
to H.E. the Viceroy, dated  
November 1886.

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R. F. Chisholm Esq

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