GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. COLLEN, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 17th April 1888, No. 724 M.W.:—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 60 W., dated the 8th January 1888, and telegram, dated 10th January 1888, relating to the site for a new High Court at Madras.

2. The matter was referred to the Defence Committee as desired, and the Committee have decided to adhere to their previous recommendation that the erection of the building on the esplanade of Fort St. George should not be allowed.

3. This opinion, together with the various reasons which have led the Government of Madras to advocate the selection of the site in question, have been laid before the Governor-General in Council. His Excellency in Council recognises the validity of the objections from a defence point of view to the erection on this site of massive masonry buildings. But after consideration of the reasons given by the Government of Madras in favour of this site and the difficulties in the way of finding any other suitable position; having also read the opinions recorded by Sir F. Roberts, when Commander-in-Chief, Madras Army, and those of the present Commander-in-Chief, Madras, the Governor-General in Council has decided that the advantages to the defence of Fort St. George of keeping the present esplanade clear are outweighed by the other considerations which make it desirable to appropriate a portion of this esplanade as a site for the new High Court buildings.

4. I am to state, therefore, for the information of the Governor in Council, that no further objection will be raised to the erection of the buildings on the site proposed.

ORDER—dated 5th May 1888, No. 1324 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Consulting Architect to Government, who will arrange for the plans and estimates for new High Court buildings on the esplanade site being submitted for sanction as soon as practicable.

2. The notice inviting tenders for the purchase of the present High Court buildings will be published in successive issues of the *Fort St. George Gazette* until 28th August 1888.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Consulting Architect to Government.
" Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Judicial Department.
" Military Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Superintendent, Gazette Press,
with draft notification.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Dated May, 5th.

Read. Encl.

G.O., 5th May 1888, No. 1324 W.

MAY

High Court buildings, Madras

Directing the preparation of plans and estimates for the new —, and the publication of a notice inviting tenders for the sale of the old buildings.

P. W. D.

Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
1st September 1888.

No. 833.

From

J. W. Brassington, Esq.,
Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

4 Enclosures. I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government, a letter No. 7/302 dated the 30th August 1888, with enclosures in original from the Superintendent of the Cable Telegraph Company, requesting to know if the Government will meet the expenses, estimated at Rs 565/- for diverting that line which runs across the site for the new High Court buildings.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

J W Brassington
Consulting Architect to
Government

G.O. 1374 W. 5.5.88

The sum of Rs 505 will be disbursed by the Consulting Architect and charged to the estimate for the new High Court.

4.9.88

6/9/88

Public Works Department.

From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D

No. 833.

Dated 1st September 1888.

Received

No. OF ENCLOSURES. 4.

Subject.

Submitting a letter from the Superintendent Cable Telegraph Company regarding the Diversion of their line at the site of the new High Court,

With order

C.A. to Govt with 4 enclosures. 14/9

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