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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers:—

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„ „ „ „ „ „ 8th June „ „ 356.

Order—dated 1st July 1889, No. 1739 W., Public Works.

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Maintaining the trees and grass plots in the old fishing village during 1889-90.	126	„ 26 W. of „

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Civil Buildings.

Repairs.

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Conservancy of the Senate House latrine during 1889-90	582	„ 28 W. of „

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Examiner, Railway Accounts.
„ Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
„ Consulting Architect to Government, with two enclosures.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with the duplicate estimates for (1) and (2) and the estimates for (3), (4) and (5) for note and return to the Consulting Architect.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Henricus.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1889} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated July, 1st.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 1st July 1889, No. 1739 W.

JULY.

Chepak Park and South Beach Marina

Orders on letters from the Consulting Architect to Government submitting estimates for maintaining the — during 1889-90.

P. W. D. 1239

Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
17th April 1889.

No. 106

From

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

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Sir,

Enclosure.

I have the honor to submit the following estimates for the approval and sanction of Government.

1.	Maintaining Chepak Park during 1889.90	Rs 7112
2.	Do South Beach Marina — do —	" 3053
3.	Conservancy of the floating Latrine — do —	" 1155
4.	Do Senate House Latrine — do —	" 582
5.	Maintaining trees & grass plots in the old fishing village —	" 126

2. The estimated amounts for these works for the last official year sanctioned in G. O. No 1275 W dated 2d May 1888, with differences between these now submitted, are as follows:

Rs

Rs	Difference more	Difference less
7628	"	516
2999	54	"
1208	"	53
592	"	10

3. I may mention that the sum credited to Provincial Revenue during 1888.89 by sale of grass plants, hay &c produced at the Chepak Park and the old fishing village site amounted to Rs1762, Rs1204 of which was for hay & grass raised at the old fishing village.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
J W Brassington
Consulting Architect to
Government.

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G. O. A No. 1275 W d/ 2-5-88
" B No. 2412 W d/ 7-9-87
" A " 1314 W d/ 13-5-87
" B " 2029 W d/ 29-7-87
~~files/not received 18/5/89~~

File for G.O. 724 of 1889

P. W. C. No. 3611

Public Works Department.

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From
THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To
The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No. 106

Dated 17 April 1889
Received 18 do

No. OF ENCLOSURES. 7

Subject.

Submitting Estimates for maintaining Chepak Park South Beach Marina &c during 1889. 90. for the sanction of Government.

D/ 18-4-89

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

READ the following

From the Consg. Architect to Govt. H. E. No: 106 d/ 17th April 1889.

The undermentioned estimates are Sanctioned:—

Provincial.

Miscellaneous Public Improvements.

Repairs.

Maintaining the Chepak Park during 1889-90. Rs 7,112 No: W/ 1889-
—— do —— the South Beach Marina —— do —— Rs 3,053 No: W—do
—— do —— trees and grass plots in the old fishing village —— do —— Rs 126. No: W—do

Civil Buildings

Repairs.

Conservancy of the floating latrine at Chepak during 1889-90 Rs 1155 No: W—do
—— do —— Senate House latrine —— do —— Rs 582 No: W—do

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To
The Consg. Architect to Govt.
with 2 enclos.
" Examiner P. W. Accts
with the
duplicate estimates for (1) and (2)
and the estimates for (3), (4) & (5)
for note & return to the Consg. Architect

H.M.

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(B)

The Chepauk Park & the Marina
Estimates seem to be Enormous.
What do 39 gardeners besides
Coolies, Canal Munshies & a
host of watchmen find to do
there?
What does a Supt. of the Beach
Sundries Rs 30 do? & what
~~do~~ are the gardeners & watchmen
for? What is there to watch?

!!!
query

Refer to C.A.

Audit objection
made by A.G. reference
3-5-89

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COOUM
No. 4
3 Men

No 5
8 Men
BELLS ROAD
Poor House
CHERAK PARK
Family Quarters

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Public Works Department.

Current No. 3611

Letter No. 106

Dated 17th April 1889

From the Consulting Architect to Govt.

Sanction

24.4.89

NOTE OF REMARKS.

The five estimates under review provide for the following works in connection with the Chepâk Park and South Beach Marina &c.

1. Maintaining Chepâk Park during 1889-90	Rs 7,112.
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3. Conservancy of the floating Latrine - do.	" 1,155.
4. Do. Senate House Latrine - do. - -	" 582.
5. Maintaining trees and grass plots in the old fishing Village - - -	" 126.

Compared with the estimates sanctioned in G.O. No. 1275 W. dy 2nd May /88, for last official year a minus amount of Rs 516 is shown in No. 1 estimate, a plus amount of Rs 54 in

No. 2

No. 2 estimate, a minus amount of Rs 53 in No. 3 estimate & a minus amount of Rs 10 in No. 4 estimate.

The rates as far as can be checked are fair.

24-4-89.

Statement shewing the number of Sections and gardeners employed on them

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Number of Sections	Number of Gardeners	Remarks
1	5	
2	5	
3	4	
4	3	
5	8	
6	6	
7	7	
8	4	

Sigd: J. H. Stephens
Hony: Asst: Engineer.

J W Brassington
Consulting Architect
to Government

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No. 1.

P. W. D.

1739 Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.,
Chepak, Madras,
8th June 1889.

No. 356

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

To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Sir,

Enclosures 2.

With reference to your Memorandum No. 132 D dated 4th May 1889, I have the honor to submit the following explanations:—

2. The soil of the Park is very poor, sandy & dry and requires a great deal of water, and has to be remanured every year. The locality is wind swept by the salt sea air which [illegible] up most of the vegetations so that the flower years have to be continually pumped to remove [illegible] salt. The water supply is very inadequate [illegible] 9 men have to be solely employed in worked at and picottahs and 6 men in dragging barrels [illegible]. Were it not for these natural disadvantages the 140, acres, of which the Park consists, can be worked by fewer men. The number of gardeners

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in the current years Estimate is reduced by two and a similar reduction shewn last year.

Day & night watchmen. 3. Three day & four night watchmen are employed to keep people away from defiling the tanks, trespassing on the grass & leaving tiffin litter under the trees and to prevent deer from coming from the Government House Park and grazing the plants and the Triplicane people from committing nuisance in the Park.

They ought to be abolished at least 20.

The four night men might be cut off. Nobody – not even probably the night watchmen – goes near the place at night.

Sweepers. 4. Six sweepers are kept for sweeping out the Revenue Board, P. W. D office and Presidency College stables, also for sweeping away horse litter & leaves from the public roads in the Park and the Kuam river road next to Government house.

The offices should provide for their own requirements.

Pipe Maistry 5. One pipe maistry is employed in looking after the water pipes in all the Chepak Park and in the Public buildings, the Government House buildings and Park the water pipes in all the other large buildings charge of this Division

mers 6. Four men are employed for ing, weeding & planting the bank of the ingham Canal within the limits of Chepak This was done under the orders of the late Engineer

Gardeners should do this. The banks are all in grass & require no cutting or weeding now.

ght Watchmen 7. Eight night watchmen re employed for watching the Revenue Board and P. W. D. office buildings during the night and on Sundays and holidays to prevent thefts in buildings. These men were entertained under sanction accorded in G. O. No 2181 W dated 17 September 1885 as Temporary Establishment. But since all the temporary Establishments were ordered to be abolished, the pay of these men are now charged to works and hence included in the Park Estimate.

The offices must provide for their own safety and the charge on acct. of this is not properly debitable to the Park.

8. The Park was made over to this Division about 5½ years ago and since that time very extensive planting was carried out and which is being maintained

South Beach Marina. 9. The Estimate provides for the maintenance of the planting of the Madras South Beach, 15 men are employed in looking after the planting and road on the sandy foreshore. Here the soil is pure sand. Windswept and full of salt. Yet ornamental plants are made to grow on it. Many have tried and failed in this attempt before, and by constant but expensive care it is progressing well for the last four years. Four men are employed in planting the vicinity of the old Ice House and 4 in the old Hindu Cemetery. All these men also look after, cut and stack the hay growing on the site of the old fishing village by which Rs 1191 worth of hay was realized last year and about 1000 Rupees worth in the year before last. A night watchman

28 men in all.

men is kept here to watch the tools of the gardeners and to prevent grass being stolen during night

10 Four men are employed in levelling the tannery bank of the river and keeping it clean.

11 The Superintendents work is to look after the Marina, the planting of which was so successfully carried out by him, this requires a great deal of attention. He also keeps the accounts of the several works (repairs & original) constantly going on to the following seven very large buildings viz: Presidency College, P.W.D offices, College of Engineering, Revenue Board Office, Principals Quarters College of Engineering, Senate House and Amir Mahal. The accounts of these buildings which is the work of two men, is being managed very fairly by this man.

12. A tracing showing the different sections into which the Chepak Park is divided and a statement of gardeners employed on each section are herewith enclosed for your information

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
J W Brassington
Consulting Architect
to Government.

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The sketch map of the 8 sections into which the park is divided shows 42 gardeners of whom Mr Brassington says 15 are employed solely in lifting water by picottahs & distributing it by hand carts. The only section of the Park which seems to me overmanned is the Cricket Pavilion section. The work there must be very light for 8 men, as the flower beds are few in number & small. There is little or no planting. I think 3 men might be reduced here. I also think the 4 night watchmen might be dispensed with – if the various offices are made to provide their own stable sweepers & night watchmen 6 sweepers & 8 night watchmen can be cut out of this estimate – but I doubt if any advantage in this arrangement. The men will be employed again & be under half a dozen different masters instead of one. We therefore let them be as I think they are wanted.
The 4 trimmers seem superfluous. The gardeners should do the weeding & planting of the canal banks.
As to the Marina I do not **

** think the establishment should be reduced. There are only 23 gardeners – (not 28 as my Hon: colleague Mr. Stokes has noted) & 4 men to look after the lawn side – besides the superintendent * & the tools watcher. The last is perhaps superfluous but I am not sure he is – & would not abolish him.
The Marina is the chief lounge & attraction of the town & a most legitimate object for the expenditure of public money. I would therefore pass the estimates except in the particulars I have noted. viz: 3 gardeners & 4 night watchmen & 4 canal bank trimmers

16/6/89 H.S.

If the offices have to find their own night watchmen they would have to get sanction in the Civil Dept. & would find this difficult in consequence as they have a host of peons of whom some are told off to sleep on the premises every night, if not men specially entertained for the purpose. I suspect they will if asked repudiate reliance on these P.W.D. watchers. These latter are under no supervision & I am sure they are useless & as I said probably draw their pay for sleeping at home. I would refer to the Board of Revenue &c. about these people.
I pass the rest as my hon. colleague thinks the gardeners &c are not too numerous, though I confess I think they are

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Sr. Bns. 905 W d/ 2. 4. 86
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" " 1756 D d/ 30. 7. 85
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" " 1605 D d/ 15 - 7. 85
" " 1522 D d/ 3 - 7. 85
" " 1507 D d/ 30. 6. 85
" " 1439 D d/ 18. 6. 85
P. R. 1431 D d/ 18. 6. 85
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" " 3495 W d/ 6. 12. 83
" " 416 W d/ 8. 2. 83

~~The Hon Mr. J. H. Garstin C.S.I.~~
~~The Hon Mr. H. E. Stokes C.S.I.~~

P. W. D.

P. W. C. No. 5222

From

The Consulting Architect
to the Government of
Madras

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No. 356

Dated 8th June 1889

Enclo: 2.
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Subject.

Submitting explanations for the establishment of the Chepak Park

Submitted with reference to the Hon: Members notes on the draft order put up with C. No: 3611.

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I decline to sanction these estimates which might I thk. easily be reduced one half. Send to the Hon Mr. Garstin who knows the [illegible] much better than I do.

[illegible] H. S.

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M. 28/6

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For orders

Recirculated with reference to remarks by the Hon. Mr. Garstin d/ 16. vi. 89.

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The Hon Mr. H. E. Stokes
C.S.I.

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UNDER date the 1st July 1889

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(Note The reductions ordered in para 1 of the draft have been made in the estimate)

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C. Eng. I. ✓
C. Eng. K. ✓
Ex. Ry. Accts. ✓
S. E. V Circle ✓
Cons: Arch. to Govt. with 22 enclos:
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Revenue dept.
The Revenue Secretary for favor of counterinitial, R.J.

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Public Works Department.

Order No. 1739 W

Dated 1 July /89

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SUBJECT.

Chepâuk Park &
Santhome Beach Marina
Orders on letters from
the Junr Assistant to
furnh. mthly Estimates
for maintaining the
~~Chepâuk Park &~~
~~Santhome Beach~~ Marina
during 1889/90

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