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P. W. D.

Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.,
Chepauk, Madras,
12th December 1891.

No. 3421.

From

Henry Irwin, Esq., C.I.E.,
Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Sir,

Enclosures.

In reply to your Memo: No: 55790 dated the 11th Instant; I have the honor to state that after due Enquiry, I found no public, or suitable private building which may be rented, available at Madras, for accommodating the wives of His Excellency the Governors band I have already intimated the fact to His Excellency's Military Secretary. I believe sufficient accommodation can be found at Saint Thomas' Mount.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Henry Irwin
Consulting Architect to
Government

In file of P. W. D. (Memo) 2230/95

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Public Works Department.

From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P. W. D

No. 3421

Dated 12th December 1891.
Received 14th

No. OF ENCLOSURES.

Subject.

Reporting on the non-availableness of suitable public or private accommodation for the Governor's Band.

Avail further orders from the Governor. (1)

For orders.

Submitted to His Excellency the Governor together with the papers in the linked file which contain the reply of the Military Department to the reference made in compliance with His Excellency's note dated 24th September.

14.12

From what I can learn there is no possible accommodation for the Band in the Fort - but it appears probable they can be accomd at the Mount. I hope soon to get full information as to this - and if this plan should prove feasible, there may be no occasion to go up to India for the Band quarters. The Body Guard lines have already been disposed of.

W
25 Feb. 1892

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Military Buildings.

No. 6015

Government of Madras.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT,

Fort-Saint George the 27th October 1891.

Read the following:-

From the Public Works Department No. 952/D, dated 25th September 1891, enquiring whether quarters for the Bandsmen, can be found in the Fort.

From the Quarter Master General to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, No. 2314 M. W. dated 16th October 1891.

In returning the correspondence received under your Reference Order No. 5411, dated 25th ultimo, referring for the opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the question of the accommodation of His Excellency the Governor's Band within the enceinte of Fort Saint George, I am desired by Sir James Dormer to state that the location of these men with

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their families and followers within the Fort, when previously held, was found on Military grounds almost intolerable, and on Sanitary grounds as well as on account of the want of proper accommodation it is considered now, as in 1884, most undesirable.

2. I am to state however — that endeavours will be made to find accommodation for the single men of the Band, provided that it is to be understood that they are to be subject to strict military discipline, and to all the rules and regulations including those of Sanitation and conservancy which maintain in the Fort; for which purposes they should be placed under the orders of the Assistant Adjutant General Madras District.

3. I am to suggest that Saint Mary's School which it has been recommended should be demolished, in order to afford greater

greater space and improved ventilation inside the Fort might be made available as a Barrack for these men. It is to be observed however that the Principal Medical Officer Her Majesty's Forces, is still strongly of opinion that this building should be demolished as regards the families of the men of the Band however there is no possibility of affording them and their followers, accommodation within the Fort both from want of room, and the serious objections on sanitary grounds of their location in the immediate proximity to the troops.

(4) As the Commander in Chief has been given to understand that His Excellency the Governor proposes making Guindy Park his permanent residence while the Government is at Madras, I am desired to suggest that His Excellency's Band should be located at Saint Thomas Mount which is close to Guindy and

and where there is ample Barrack accommodation which could be allotted to it, though it may be necessary to incur some small expense in running up partition walls to convert it into quarters for married men.

Order:— The foregoing letter from the Quarter Master General will be communicated to the Public Works Department for such action as may be considered necessary.

2. With reference to the proposal in para 3 that St. Mary's School building be adapted for occupation by the single men of His Excellency the Governor's Band, it is observed that the Government of India have just sanctioned the purchase and demolition of this building.

(True Extract.)

A Kenney Herbert Brigdr Genl
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Secretary to Government.

To
The Public Works Department.
" Quarter Master General
for information
" Mily. Secy. to His Excellency the Governor.

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Recd: 29.10.91

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

READ the following :—

Proceedings of Govt. Military Dept. No. 6005 dy 27th October 1891.

FOR ORDERS.

I think this paper had better go first to the Hon. the Governor. It seems to be impossible to quarter the bandsmen in the Fort. I don't know what arrangements are made when this service are required at Guindy. Barracks for them being quartered at St. Thomas' Mount would be convenient. If they are to remain in Madras, I think it would be better to give them Lodging allowance, building for them a practising room in Govt. house park, than to spend 60000 Rs in providing Quarters.

HMS
31 Oct.

The sanction accorded in G.O. 2292 W dated 26th August 1891 is in abeyance pending the result of this further inquiry in the Military Department which has proved fruitless.

2. Orders are requested whether the reference to the Govt. of India for confirmation of the sanction should now go forward, or the men be accommodated at St. Thomas' Mount where ample barrack accommodation is stated

staked to be available. H/E

H/E
19.10.91

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

No 138-9 W dt 18-Jany/92

READ the following:—

FOR ORDERS.

In G.O. 2292 W dated 26 Aug 1891, an estimate amounting to Rs 58,100 was sanctioned for constructing quarters for His Excellency the Governor's Bandsmen. The quarters were to have been built at the S.E. corner of Government House compound, Madras. Vide Site B on the plan.

2. It was subsequently brought to notice that under P.W. Dept Code Rules the sanction of the Government of India would be necessary to the proposed expenditure, and enquiry was thereupon made whether the men could not be accommodated in existing buildings in Fort St. George, but this not seeming feasible, His Excellency the Governor undertook to make enquiries as to possible accommodation at St. Thomas' Mount (vide His Excellency's Note dated 25 February 1892 on

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C№ 13038).

3. Nothing further has been heard on the subject in the Secretariat, and the project has been in abeyance for want of funds. Now however, an allotment of Rs 20,000 has been made in the Provincial Public Works Budget of 1895-96, and it is necessary to decide whether the quarters are to be built at Madras on the plans and estimates already approved by the local Government, or whether the allotment is to be utilised on alterations of existing buildings at St. Thomas' Mount.

4. In either case the sanction of the Government of India to the proposed expenditure will be necessary under para 10 chap. 6 Vol. II of the P.W. Code.

C.H.W.S. 10/95

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FOR ORDERS.

Quarters for His Excellency the Governor's Bandsmen.

An allotment of Rs. 20,000 was made for expenditure on quarters on site marked B. on plan during 1895-96. The Consulting Architect should consult with my Milty. Secy. as to what sort of buildings shd. be erected with this money. And every endeavour shd. be made to lay out the money on quarters which can be hired as soon as possible. The bandsmen are now housed most disgracefully, and the new buildings shd. be pushed on as rapidly as possible.

After full enquiry I am satisfied that we can make nothing out of St. Thomas' Mount.

India's sanction being apparently necessary, shd. be obtained as soon as possible - the necessity for the provision for new quarters being clearly explained.

JK 13/1

The only remark I have to make is that I hope the buildings will be as simple & as economical as possible (consistently with the site) so as to save expense. Rs 58100 is a very large sum.

HM 12/1/95

12.1.95.

My dear Pringuenick,

His Excellency has asked Irwin to hunt about & suggest some place. I suppose the papers had better go back to me to be brought up on H.E.'s return?

Yrs sincerely
JWolfe

Plan to accompany
the Z.O. to the
C.K.
A.
18 January 95

Public Works Department,
Consulting Architect's Office,
Madras,
3rd November 1891.

3/11

My dear Rees. 6/11/91

I know of no building which would do for the Bench Quarters at present available, but will do what I can to find one. I do not know exactly what has been decided about the old High Court, but have heard that it is to be sold to the Harbour Trust.

Believe me yours.

Henry Irwin

No 1384

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

dy 18th January 1895

READ the following

A sum of Rs 20,000 having been set apart in the Provincial budget of 1895-96 for constructing quarters for His Excellency the Governor's Bandsmen, the Consulting Architect will, in communication with His Excellency's Military Secretary, consider the nature & extent of accommodation that can be provided for this amount. The site selected is at the South East corner of Government House com-

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found, and is marked
B on the plan which
accompanied the Consg:
Architects letter No
1970 dated 11 Aug: 1891.
The buildings should be
of as simple a character
as possible consistently
with the site, so as to
save expense.

2. The proposal will
require the sanction of
the Govt of India, under
para 10, Chap: 6. Vol. II
of the P. W. Code, and
this sanction will now
be applied for. Mean-
while, revised plans
and estimates should
be prepared, and
preliminary arrangements
made for starting the

Consg Architect
with site plan
Military Secy to H.E. the Gov.

To,
The Secretary to the
Government of India,
P. W. Dept.

Sir,

With reference to para
10 Chapter VI Vol: II of the
P. W. Code, I am directed
to request the sanction
of the Government of India
to the expenditure of a
sum not exceeding
Rs 20,000 on the provision
of quarters at Madras

work on receipt of sanction.
when every endeavour
should be made to have
the buildings ready
for occupation as soon
as possible.

3. The sanction accorded
in G.O. No 2293 W dated
26 Aug: 1891 will now be
cancelled.

(H.E. No 139 W dt 18 Jany 93)

for the men of his Excellency the Governor's Band.

2. The Bandsmen have hitherto been accommodated in the lunettes of Fort St. George, but so far back as 1884 these quarters were condemned as damp and unhealthy, and the question of providing the men with new quarters has since been under consideration. Several proposals have been submitted to this end, but they have been postponed from time to time owing chiefly to the difficulty of providing funds. The question has now become one of urgency as the present quarters are pronounced to be quite unfit for habitation and to be in a dangerous condition. A site for the new barracks has been allotted in the grounds of Government House, and funds for the work have been provided in the Provincial Budget of 1895-96. ~~The estimates~~ are under preparation, and it is desirable that the work should be put in hand and completed with the least possible delay. I am accordingly to request the early sanction of the Govt. of India to the proposed

An estimate amounting to Rs 58,100 was prepared in 1884, but this is now under revision and the amount of the original estimate will be communicated to the party in due course; it is desirable

Proposed expenditure

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Quarters for His Excellency
the Governor's Bandsmen

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