

Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 2386. W

DATED 18 August

[Despatch Abstract.]

Minor Works stating that Cong: Architects' proposal that outlay on works costing over Rupees 2500 be met from the grant for — at his disposal is opposed to the provisions of the Public Works Code, & that it cannot be sanctioned.

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Government of Madras.
1896.

DISPOSAL.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

No 2960C dated 31 July 1896

CURRENT No. 6235

From

The Cong. Architect
to Government

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For favour of
remarks.

ENCLOS.

No. 1881

Dated 9-7-96

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SUBJECT.

Requesting to issue orders
directing the outlay on such
works as the aggregate of the
sanctions in any one year
exceeds Rs. 2500 being met
from the Minor Works grant
at the disposal of the Cong.
Architect

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of {1896} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 18th.

Recd.

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G.O. No. 1804 W., 18th June 1896.

JUNE.

Sea Customs House and
connected buildings, Madras

The Examiner of Public Works Accounts
authorized to admit the outlay of Rs. 2,387
incurred on the work, Minor additions, &c.,
to the —, during 1895-96.

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No. 1804 W., 18TH JUNE 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads,
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel C. C. RAWSON, R.E., in charge Consulting Architect Division, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepāk, 15th May 1896, No. 764.

With reference to G.O. No. 1954 W., dated 7th August 1895, I have the honour to bring to notice that the outlay during 1895-96 on eight estimates sanctioned by me in connection with "Minor additions, &c., to the Sea Customs House and connected buildings, Madras," amounts in the aggregate to Rs. 2,387 which has been met from the Minor works grant allotted to this division; but as the amount of the estimates exceeds Rs. 2,500 it now becomes a major work, and as such the grant should be provided by the Government.

2. The official year having expired, and as it is too late to make any re-appropriation from "Minor" to "Major," I request you will obtain the sanction of Government authorizing the Examiner to pass the above outlay.

From Lieutenant-Colonel C. C. RAWSON, R.E., in charge Consulting Architect Division, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepāk, 6th June 1896, No. 1123.

With reference to your memo. No. 269 D., dated 29th May 1896, I have the honour to state that the case is precisely similar to the one disposed of in G.O. No. 1430 W., dated 5th May 1896, with the difference that while in the latter both the estimate and the outlay exceeded Rs. 2,500, in the former the estimate only has exceeded Rs. 2,500, the outlay during the year being Rs. 2,387.

2. As under the orders in G.O. No. 1954 W., dated 7th August 1895, the aggregate of the estimates sanctioned during the year has exceeded Rs. 2,500 and the work has become a major work in consequence, sanction of Government was requested to authorize the Examiner to pass the outlay against the grant for minor works, as owing to the official year having come to a close, it was too late to apply for any re-appropriation from "Minor" to "Major."

ORDER—No. 1804 W., dated 18th June 1896.

In the circumstances stated, the Examiner is authorized to admit the outlay of Rs. 2,387 incurred on the work.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Consulting Architect to Government.
,, Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.
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7TH AUGUST 1895, No. 1954 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers:—

From H. IRWIN, Esq., C.I.E., Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 18th June 1895, No. 1113.

With reference to the marginally-noted estimates sanctioned by me under minor original works during January 1895 in connection with the General Hospital buildings at Madras, the Examiner wanted to know why these items should not be sanctioned as one estimate. In reply, I stated that it is not convenient to do this, inasmuch as the estimates referred to were prepared on separate requisitions received on different dates for different portions of the building, and that, if every requisition that comes in be added to the first, there would be no end to the estimate, and that I should be exceeding my powers of sanction ultimately.

2. With reference to my reply, the Examiner draws my attention to Public Works Department Code, Volume I, Chapter VII, paragraph 31, and IX, paragraphs 48, 49 and 58, and states that all sanctions during any one financial year connected with any one work or project shall be looked upon as supplemental to one another in order to check piece-meal sanctions beyond the powers of the sanctioning authority.

3. I annex hereto a memorandum of the estimates sanctioned by me during 1894-95 under minor original works in connection with the General Hospital buildings, from which you will see that, if the Examiner's instructions had been carried out, I should have exceeded my powers of sanction when sanctioning the estimates amounting to Rs. 1,420 on 24th September 1894, as each successive estimate commencing with the first estimate for Rs. 87 was sanctioned by me before the one immediately preceding it was completed; and under the Examiner's ruling both the above estimate for Rs. 1,420 and each succeeding estimate will necessarily need the sanction of Government.

4. Then again, if the Examiner's suggestion is to be adopted, the nomenclature in the accounts and returns of the whole 13 estimates referred to in the accompanying memorandum will be that of the first estimate for Rs. 87, viz., "Providing designation boards," and although the amount of each subsequent estimate will be added to the above amount, yet the outlay on the whole 13 works will be recorded against the above work, and it will be difficult to tell what each of the other works actually cost.

5. As the necessity for each of the estimates referred to in the accompanying memorandum could not be foreseen when the estimate immediately preceding it was sanctioned, and as there was no intention on my part to evade the rules limiting my powers of sanction, I beg that you will kindly obtain the sanction of Government to a continuance of the existing arrangements which have been in force for years and found to work well.

6. If, on the other hand, you cannot see your way to comply with my request, I beg that you will kindly have my powers of sanction, in respect of minor original works, increased from Rs. 2,500 to Rs. 10,000 under Public Works Department Code, Volume I, Chapter III, paragraph 51, or that I may be permitted to submit for the sanction of Government at the close of each year, one consolidated estimate, when the total outlay during any one financial year connected with any one work or project, exceeds Rs. 2,500.

Office-note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 13th July 1895, No. 2503 D./A.

[Your office-note No. 2129 C., dated 26th June 1895.]

In the circumstances stated by the Consulting Architect to Government, it certainly appears desirable that his powers of sanction should be increased to any amount that Government may consider necessary within a limit of Rs. 10,000 (Code I, III, 51); but, even with such increased powers, it would simplify accounting considerably if only one estimate could be sanctioned for each building at the commencement of every official year, and if further work found necessary in connection with that building were sanctioned on estimates supplementary to it. This would be in strict accordance with Code I, VII, 31.

2. The list that accompanied the Consulting Architect's letter shows that 13 separate estimates, aggregating Rs. 4,131, were sanctioned during 1894-95 for one and the same building; and this, though not intended as such, was clearly a violation of the rule in Code I, IX, 58. The sanction of Government is necessary to cover this.

3. Of the 13 estimates, two only were for sums between Rs. 1,400 and Rs. 1,700; 5 for sums between Rs. 100 and Rs. 270; and 6 for sums between Rs. 16 and Rs. 90; but for each of them separate works-abstracts had to be prepared, each of them had to be separately accounted for in (a) registers of works and (b) the monthly schedule of expenditure submitted to audit, and excesses on each had to be separately noticed in audit. But under the procedure recommended in paragraph 1 above, each of these operations would be reduced to one; and in the works-abstracts and the registers only the two items of Rs. 1,600 and Rs. 1,420 would be accounted for as separate sub-heads of the work, the other eleven being grouped together, being under Rs. 500 each (Code II, II, 153).

4. The difficulty as to nomenclature pointed out in paragraph 4 of the Consulting Architect's letter could be easily met by sanctioning the original estimate as for "minor additions, &c., to the General Hospital and connected buildings."

ORDER—dated 7th August 1895, No. 1954 W., Public Works.

The Government considers that the Examiner's contention is correct, and that all estimates for improvements to a single building in any official year must be considered as one work, that first sanctioned being the original estimate, and subsequent sanctions as supplemental thereto.

2. The difficulty as regards nomenclature may be met as suggested in paragraph 4 of the Examiner's note.

3. In order to avoid unnecessary reference to Government for sanction to minor works the powers of sanction of the Consulting Architect will be raised to Rs. 5,000 under Public Works Code I, III, 51.

4. The Examiner is authorized to pass the expenditure referred to in paragraph 2 of his note.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Architect to Government.
Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. A. Streeramooloo.
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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Gobt. of {1895} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 7th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 7th Aug. 1895, No. 1954 W.

AUGUST.

Powers of sanction

Ruling that all estimates for improvements to a single building in any official year must be considered as one work, and raising the — of the Consulting Architect to Rs. 5,000.

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No. 1881

Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.,
Chepauk, Madras.

2nd July 1896



From

Lt Colbb Rameson Esq.

Ag Consulting Architect

to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer

Public Works Department

Sir,

Enclosures.

In para 3 of G.O. 1954 W. dated the 7th August 1895, the powers of Sanction of the Consulting Architect have been raised from Rs. 2500 to Rs. 5000 in order, it is said, to avoid unnecessary reference to Government for Sanctions to minor works. The effect of the above order is not fulfilled, as whenever the aggregate of the Sanctions in any one year exceeds Rs. 2500, the work has to be treated as a major work & as such, funds for it have to be found and allotted by Government, either from the Reserve with this or from a reappropriation from the grant for minor works placed at my disposal. This probably was not intended

intended and if my supposition is correct,
I have the honour to request that orders
may issue directing the outlay on such
works being met from the known works
grant at my disposal, notwithstanding
that under the decision conveyed in
para 1 of Government Order No 1954 W
dtd 7th August 1895 the estimate exceeds
Rs 25000.

2 I make this proposal, as even with
the increased powers of sanction allowed
in G.O. No 1954 W dated 7th August 1895 the
necessity for frequent reference to Govern-
ment in the matter of providing funds &
passing outlay has not ceased. I may instance the
cases disposed of in G.O. No 1430 W dtd 5th May
1896 and No 1804 W dtd 10th June 1896 as illus-
trative of the above.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most Obedt Servant.

C. L. M.

7.7.96

L. H. M.

Ag. Secy to Govt.

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From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No. 1881

Dated

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1896.

No. OF ENCLOSURES.

Subject.

Requesting to issue orders
instructing the outlay on such
works as the aggregate of the
sanctions in any one year
exceeds Rs 2500/ being met
from the minor works
fund at the disposal
of the Consulting Architect.

Recd: 11-6-96

N^o 2960 C. dated 31 July 1896

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OF MADRAS. }

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EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS,

Madras; 5th August 1896.

OFFICE NOTE No. 565-C

To

W.

Your O.N.No.2960 C.dated 31st.July
1896.

The Consulting Architect can
sanction estimates to the extent of
Rs.5000 in each case without reference
to Government vide G.O.No.1954 W.dated
7th.August 1895 but any work,the amount
of Estimate of which,exceeds Rs.2500
should be treated as a major work and
grant to cover the same appropriated
accordingly vide Code II. IV. 56.

2. During 1895-96 there have been
only two cases in which the Estimates
sanctioned by the Consulting Architect
exceeded Rs.2500 as indicated in para
2 of Consulting Architect's letter No.
1881 of 9th.July 1896 and reference to
Government even in these two cases would
have been avoided had steps been taken
in time to provide funds by reappropria-
tion,just as in the case of any other
major work in the Division.

3. It would be irregular to treat

works costing over Rs.2500 as minor works
vide Code II. IV. 57.

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No 2386 W. d/18 August 96

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Archt's proposal is
opposed to para 56 &
57 Chapter IV vol II
O. W. Code & cannot be
sanctioned

2 Works costing over
Rs. 2500 must be
treated as major works
with respect to the
provision of funds.

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