

Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 2950. *W*

DATED 17th oct 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Residence for the Govt. Astronomer at Kodai Kanal
Letter from the Govt. of India stating that the
cost of the — should be limited to Rs. 20,000 and that
the design of the building should be altered so as
not to exceed the limit, Coms to the Comdg. Architect
for submission of revised plans and estimates.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From N. F. MACKENZIE, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Buildings) to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, the 21st September 1896, No. 385 B.

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No. 1030 D., dated the 10th August 1896, on the subject of the construction of a residence for the Government Astronomer at Kodaikánal in the Madura district, I am directed to state that the accommodation proposed appears to the Government of India to be excessive for an officer whose average salary is Rs. 800 per mensem.

2. It is observed that the building is estimated to cost Rs. 31,360, the monthly rental of which, calculated under Code rules, would be Rs. 210, while the average pay of the Government Astronomer being Rs. 800 per mensem, the maximum rent payable by him is only Rs. 80 per mensem, thus resulting in a loss to Government of Rupees 130 per mensem.

3. This residence, with out-houses, was originally estimated by the Consulting Architect to cost Rs. 16,720, which was first revised to Rs. 19,920 and subsequently to Rs. 31,360. Having regard to the fact that building is expensive at Kodaikānal, the Government of India are prepared to accede to a capital expenditure in excess of that which the rent leviable would cover, but they consider that the cost of the house should be limited to Rs. 20,000, and I am accordingly to communicate sanction to the expenditure of that amount on the building in question, the design of which should be altered so as not to exceed the sanction herein accorded.

4 This sanction has been registered as No. 17 B. of 1896-97, and the plans received with your letter quoted above are herewith returned.

ORDER—No. 2950 W., dated 17th October 1896.

Communicated, with reference to G.O., No. 1588 W., dated 23rd May 1896, to the Consulting Architect, who will, in communication with the Government Astronomer, submit revised plans and estimates for a residence not exceeding the limit of Rs. 20,000 fixed by the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Architect to Government, with the plans and estimates returned.
 " Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
 " Public Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

BACK

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Government {1896} of Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

*India seems to have forgotten
or not to know that the Astronomer
is entitled to a free house*

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SUBJECT.

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According sanction
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of Rs. 20,000 only per a —

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*All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.*

No. 385⁻ B.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL WORKS.

. Buildings.

To

The Joint Secretary to the
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Simla, the 2/25 September 1896.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

N. F. Mackenzie

Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Documents accompanying:-

4 plans. *sent in a separate parcel.*

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