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From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No. 4472

Dated

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17"
February 1896.

No. of ENCLOSURES. 2

Subject.

Reporting that there is no
suitable public building
available to be used by the
Meteorological Reporter
as an office and as a
residence & no accommodation
available for his office
alone

No 686 W of 25 Feb 1896
ms.
L.H.

Communicated
to the Res. Dept with
reference to S.O. No
353 mis. Res. dated 27
January 1896.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Meteorological Reporter, Madras, No 1484, dated 31st December 1895.

I have the honor to submit for favourable ~~consideration~~ ^{consideration} of the Government of Madras the following request.

As assistant Government Astronomer from 1873 and as --- Meteorological Reporter to the Government of Madras to the date of the transfer of the Madras Meteorological Office from the Astronomical Observatory in 1885 I was allowed free - quarters at the Observatory but since that date I have had to bear the additional expense of House rent out of my ^{small} salary - a sum barely sufficient for simple maintenance. A comparative -ly small amount viz Rs 40 per mensem was allowed by Government as the rent of the Madras Meteorological Office while I had to pay the remaining part of the rent charged for the - building occupied by the Office and myself. Since the introduction of the publication of the Daily Weather Report in my Office in October 1893, additional rooms have been required one for the Lithographic Presses, another for the Telephone and Telegraphic Instruments, besides additional space for the extra establishment. The records, furniture & have also increased proportionally and consequently I only occupy one or two rooms in the house as my private residence. To attend to the weather chart, to reply to enquiries of the Deputy Conservator of the Port of Madras, and to look after the - Meteorological, Telegraphic and Telephonic Instruments & it is absolutely necessary for me to reside at my Office quarters. A portion of the compound is also utilized for the erection of a thermometer shed, rain gauge and other instruments to - enable me to instruct new observers, as they are taught their duties at this Office prior to being appointed to any of the

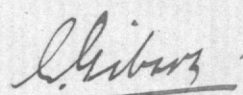
the Mofussil Observatories.

Taking into consideration the small amount of pay-
I draw, my length of service, the serious loss I have sustain-
-ed since January 1885 in having to defray house rent, I beg
the Government of Madras kindly to grant me the whole rent of
the house viz Rs 100. as a special favor until the removal of
the Meteorological Office to the Madras Astronomical Observa-
-tory already sanctioned. I may point out that various Officers
such as the Superintendent of the Central Museum, the School
of Arts, the Government training school for Mistresses, the
Government Astronomer, the Principal Medical Storekeeper, the
Principal of the Agricultural College, the Superintendent of
Prisons, the Madras Railway Mail Service, and the Assistant
Commissioners of Salt and Abkari Revenue, though in receipt
of far higher pay than mine enjoy either house rent or free
quarters.

Order thereon, No 353 Mis, dated 27th January 1896.

The Public Works Department will be
requested to state whether a suitable Government building can
be placed at the disposal of the Meteorological Reporter to
be used by her both as an office and as a residence, and if no
such building is available, whether accommodation can be pro-
vided for her office alone in any Government building.

(True Extract)



Secretary to Government.

To

The P.W.D.

Gobt. of {1896} Madras.
REVENUE.

Recd: 30.1.96

To

The Public Works
Department

No. 608 of 3rd February
1896

Referred to the Comdg.
Architect for report.

Dated

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Encl.

Mis. G.O., 27 Jan'y 1896, No. 353
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Mr. Campbell Col. Secy.
Joint Secy. to Govt.
P.W.D.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting the P. W. D to state
whether accommodation can
be provided in any Govt.
building for the Metl Repoy
Office and residence or
office alone.