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Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 1262-63W

DATED 14 May 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Mr. J. M. Lewis, manager of the Consg. Architect's Office; Ordered that the Sanction of the Govt. of India be requested to the grant of a personal allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem to — . —

The Govt. of India addressed.

[P.W. 26. 5,000—30-11-96.] DC 15/5/97

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(1) H.E. the Governor ✓

(2) The Hon'ble Mr. Bliss C.I.E.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 1262 W Dt/ 14-5-97

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

From the Consulting Architect to Govt., No. 2247
dated 28th July 1896.

" " Do No. 5090 dated 8th Febry 1897

The sanction of the Govt. of India will be requested to the grant of a personal allowance of Rs 50 per mensem to Mr. J. M. Lewis, Manager of the Consulting Architect's Office.

To The C.A. to Govt. Dt 17/5/97

A.H.

No. 1263 W Dt/ 14-5-97

(H.E. No. W Dt May 1897)

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
P.W.D.

Sir,

Under para 40, Rule I, Chap I, Vol I of the P.W. Code, I am directed to request the sanction of the Govt. of India to the grant to Mr. J. M. Lewis, Manager of the Office of the Consulting Architect to

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to Govt., of a personal allowance of Rs 50 in addition to his salary of Rs 250 *per mensem*.

2. Mr Lewis joined the Consulting Architect's division in 1872 as Head Draftsman and Estimator at a time when the duties of the Consulting Architect were confined to designing Architectural works with very little executive work. The pay of the post was specially fixed at Rs 145 *per mensem*, but Mr Lewis began on Rs 120. In 1875 he received the full salary of Rs 145 in recognition of good service in drawing up the plans of the restoration of Tirumal Naick's Palace at Madura. From 1st June 1883, having no further prospect of promotion as draftsman he was, with the sanction of Govt., graded as a clerk 1st Class, 3rd Grade (Rs 200 – 250) in consideration of his increased work and responsibilities. e attained the maximum pay f the grade in June 1888, and as since received no promotion.

3. There is no question that

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the work of the Consulting Architect's office has greatly increased since Mr Lewis was granted his present salary, for in 1883 only a few special buildings were under construction by the Consulting Architect, whereas now all the [illegible] Civil buildings at the Presidency Town in addition to those ~~at~~ in Guindy Park are in his charge, and he has also the supervision of three manufacturing operations of considerable magnitude.

4. In July 1896 Lieut. Col. Rawson, the then Acting Consulting Architect, strongly recommended that something should be done to improve Mr Lewis' prospects. He pointed out that the duties of Mr Lewis were those of a "technical Assistant with special knowledge of drawing and estimating — an appointment which even Upper Subordinates of the Sub Engineer class could not fill unless with previou special training"; that "Mr Lewis

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was particularly selected by preference for his present place as he was found to have special ability and aptitude"; and that he "could confidently say that it will be extremely difficult — nay impossible — to replace him". Col. Rawson further added that the work and qualifications of Mr. Lewis had been reported upon by successive Consulting Architects in the highest terms, and that he considered Mr. Lewis' services from commencement up to date to have been "simply invaluable".

5. The proposals made by Col. Rawson were allowed to stand over till Mr. Harris, the present Consulting Architect, had joined, and had had some opportunity of forming an opinion of Mr. ~~H~~ Lewis' work. Mr. Harris now endorses all that Col. Rawson wrote in July last, and adds that Mr. Lewis' pay is very inadequate for a man of his attainments

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attainments and capacity for hard work. He also strongly recommends the grant of ~~the~~ a special allowance of Rs50.

6. His Excellency the Governor in Council fully concurs with ~~the~~ the recommendations made by Col. Rawson and Mr. Harris, and I am to express the hope that the personal allowance now applied for on behalf of this deserving public servant will be sanctioned by the Govt. of India.

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the recommendations made by
Col. Rawson and the Hon'ble Mr.
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the personal allowance [illegible]
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[illegible] public [illegible]

C. P. W.

With reference to Hon'ble Mr. Bliss' note of yesterday's date, kindly say whether the accompanying draft marked for him may be withheld. H. E. has passed the draft. The matter involves an increase of cost in the charges for Establishment.

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For orders.

The H. M. has written to say that no unimportant papers should be sent to him just now as he is very busy, and that Secretaries should dispose of as many papers as possible. The present order involves a permanent increase of expenditure under Establishment, and as such would ordinarily go to the Financial Member. It is thus apparently an important matter.

8 May 97

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Proposed grant of a personal allce. to Mr. Lewis, manager, Consg. Architect's office

READ the following:—

From the Consg. Architect to Govt. No. 2247 of 28.7.96
— do — — 5090 d, 8.2.97.

FOR ORDERS.

Colonel Rawson, in his letter No. 2247 dated 28th July 1896, while acting Consulting Architect strongly recommended the office manager, Mr J. M. Lewis, for a personal allowance of Rs 50, in addition to his salary of Rs. 25 per mensem.

The undersigned considered it desirable to let the matter be over until Mr. Harvey had joined & had some opportunity

I think a case is made out for the grant of this allowance, and application shd. be made to the Govt. of India.
29.4.97

H.E.
30.4.97

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FOR ORDERS.

forming an opinion of Mr Lewis' work.

Mr Harris now endorses all that Col. Rawson wrote in July last, and adds that Mr Lewis' pay is very inadequate for a man of his attainments and capacity for hard work. He also strongly recommends the grant of the special allowance of Rs 50 –

Mr Lewis joined the Consg. Architect division in 1872, as head draftsman. The pay of the post was specially fixed at Rs 145 per mensem, but Mr Lewis+ began on Rs 120. In 1875, he received the full salary‡ of Rs 145 in recognition of good service drawing up the plans the restoration of

+ G.O. No 822 of 15.3.73 (flagged A) –

‡ G.O. No 444 of 16.2.75 (flagged B)

Tirumal Naick's Palace at Madura –

From 1st June 1883, having no further prospect of promotion as draftsman, he was,+ with the sanction of Govt, graded as a Clerk 1st Class 3rd Grade (Rs 200-250). He attained the maximum pay of the grade in June 1888, & has since received no promotion –

+ G.O. No 1788W of 25-6-83 – (flagged C).

The office estabt. of the Consg. Architect compares as follows with that of a Supdg. Engr: –

C.A.'s office

1 Clerk 1st Class, 3rd Grade, Rs 200-250.
1 —"— 3rd —" 3rd —"— — 50-60.
1 —"— 4th —"— 1st —"— —" 40-50.
1 —"— 4th —"— 2nd —"— —" 30-40.
1 —"— 4th —"— 3rd —"— —" 20-30.
2 —"— 5th —"— 1st —"— —" 15-20.
1 Draftsman, Special Grade —" 100-130.
1 —"— 1st Class — " 50-70.
1 —"— 2nd —"— — " 35-50.
1 —"— 3rd —"— — " 20-30.

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S.E.'s office

1 Clerk 2nd Class 1st Grade – Rs 160-200
1 —"— 2nd —"— 3rd —"— —" 100-120
1 —"— 3rd —"— 3rd —"— —" 50-60
1 —"— 4th —"— 1st —"— —" 40-50
1 —"— 4th —"— 2nd —"— —" 30-40
2 —"— 4th —"— 3rd —"— —" 20-30
1 Draftsman Special Grade – 100-130
1 —"— 1st Class —" 50-70
1 —"— 2nd —"— —" 35-50

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The actual drawing and estimating work in the Consg.

Architect's office is largely in excess of what is done in a Supdg. Engr's office, but in the latter office there is a great amount of scrutiny. Mr Lewis, though styled the office manager, is still in reality the head draftsman of the Consg. Architect's office. This office is provided with a senior Accountant, who manages most of the correspondence work, but the executive functions exercised by the Consulting Architect involve a large amount of Accounts work, which a Supdg. Engr's office has not.

There is no question that the work of the Consg. Architect's office has greatly increased since Mr Lewis was granted his present salary, for in 1883 only a few special buildings were under construction by that office, whereas now all the civil buildings at the Presidency, in addition to Guindy Park, are in his charge.

If the proposal be favourably considered, application for sanction to the personal allowance of Rs 50 must be made to the Govt. of India under para 40, Rule I, Chapter I Vol I, P.W. Code.

Col. Rawson, in his letter of 28th July last, made an alternative recommendation, viz. that Mr Lewis should be brought on the permanent upper subordinate estabt. as a Sub Engr 2d Grade, (pay Rs 300 per mensem) which would give him further prospect of promotion to the 1st grade (Rs 400 per mensem) but it is not likely that the Govt. of India would listen to such a proposal, as Mr Lewis would have to be made entire to the fixed establt. of upper subordinates. The undersigned is not prepared to absorb him on the establt. in a vacancy, to the detriment of the prospects of the general body of upper subordinates.

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Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 1408

Order

From

The Consulting Architect
to the Government
of Madras

No. 5090

Dated 8th February 1897

Received 9.2.97

Enclosures one

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Returning with the opinion & remarks of Mr. Harris, Chief Engineers Endt: No. 735 dd: 5.2.97 about personal allowance of Rs 50/- recommended to Mr. J M. Lewis, Manager Consg: Archt: Office by Colonel C. C. Rawson.

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A/1. 500—20-3-96.

Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.,
Chepauk, Madras,
28th July 1896.

No. 2247

From
Lt. Colonel C. C. Ranson R.E.
Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras,

To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Sir,

Enclosures.

I have the honour to submit the following proposal relating to Mr. J. M. Lewis, Manager of this office & to request that you will lay it before Government with your support, for their favourable consideration

2. Mr. Lewis joined this office in May 187 as its Head draughtsman & Estimator at a time when the duties of the Consulting Architects were confined to designing architectural works with very little Executive work. These duties graduall increased especially since the amalgamation of the late Presidency Division in 1890, ye after year, so much so that the Consulting Architect of the present day has not only the designing of architectural works but has also to supervise the actual construction & repair of wo

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in addition to the supervision of three manufacturing operations of great magnitude, the outlay on all of which is perhaps the heaviest in the Presidency

3. The work & responsibilities of Mr. Lewis increased and as the Madras P. W. Code did not admit of higher pay than Rs 100/ per mensem being allowed to draughtsmen and Estimators, he was graded as a clerk 1st class 3d grade & allowed to draw pay at Rs 200 - 10 - 250 per month with effect from 1st January 1883. Mr. Lewis has thus been in his present grade for nearly 14 years.

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4. It must be admitted beyond doubt that the duties of Mr. Lewis in this office have been those of a technical assistant with special knowledge of drawing & Estimating - an appointment which even upper subordinates of the class of Sub Engineers could not fill, unless with previous special training. Mr. Lewis passed a creditable Examination in the College and had previous to oining this office, completed a service of 12 years i the Madras Railway, thus acquiring special knowledge in this branch of the work. He was particularly selected by preference to fill his present place, as he was found to have special bility and aptitude and I may confidently say that it will be extremely difficult - nay impossible, to replace him

5. The work & qualifications of Mr. Lewis have been reported upon by successive Consulting Architects in the highest terms and my Experience of this office for nearly 9 months has convinced me that he is a capable person, well able not only to manage the office duties but also the execution of works even under trying circumstances. If he had joined the upper subordinate establishment in his earlier days (this would have very easily accomplished, considering his practical qualification he should have risen to the rank of sub Engineers with the best prospects of advancement. Indeed he held a temporary Supervisorship of the 1st grade so far back as February 1885 i.e. 11/2 years ago, in which he distinguishe himself.

6. Mr. Lewis has now very nearly completed the requisite period of service qualifying for half pension but as his services from the commencement up to date have been simply invaluable, it seems to me that his case is one in which the Government of India should be moved to grant a personal allowance of a least Rs 50/ per mensem and I earnestly venture to hope that this sanction will be obtained on an early date in the interests of a deserving public servant. As an alternative measure, it may be considered whether he may not with the approva of the Government of India, be graded as a Sub. Engineer, linking him with one in the secon grade for purposes of promotion.

7 In making the above recommendat I beg it to be distinctly understood that I do no propose to increase the pay of the appointment, as

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this must depend upon the merits of the person who may eventually take the place of Mr. Lewis. The difficulty of securing the services of efficient draughtsmen & Estimators for ordinary duties is already being felt & I have no hesitation in stating that it would be extremely difficult to secure one of the capabilities of Mr. Lewis to supply his place.

8. Trusting Govt will take a favourable view of the case.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

C. C. Rawson
28/7/96
Lt. Colonel R.E.
Ag: Consulting Architect
to Government

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P. W. CURRENT No. 6835

Recd: 29.7.96

From
THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To
THE Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No. 2247

Dated 28th
Despatched
Received
July 1896.

No. OF ENCLOSURES. 8

Subject.
Recommending for a personal allowance of Rs. 50/- to Mr. J. M. Lewis, Manager, Consulting Architect's Office

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No. 735 C of 5th Feby 1897

Referred back for favour of Mr. Harris' opinion and remarks.

D. McD. Campbell Colonel R.E.
Chief Engineer.

To W.
on No. 5090 of 8th February 1897

I concur in all that Col. Rawson has written of Mr. Lewis — and am certainly of opinion that his pay is very inadequate for a man of his attainments, and capacity for hard work: — It would be a requisition of good work and usefulness, if the special allowance of 50/- extra per mensem were granted him.

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C. M. Harris
8/2/97
C.A.