

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 1337 W

DATED 21. May 1897

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Young Men's Christian Association: The sketch of the front elevation for the proposed building of the Association has been approved and the request of the Association that the Messrs. Architects be permitted to draw up fresh plans sanctioned as a special case; and the application for a grant-in-aid referred for consideration in the Educational Dept.

Mr. McConoughy showed me the
place stalked him over a fence & I
was sure that some other man must
have been in it. It may be confirmed later
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From

H. A. Sim Esq^r J. C. S.

Encl^d No. 1032 of 12th May 1897.
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Chief Secretary

Dated 8th May 1897.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding letter and drawing
re the building of the young
men's Christian Association
for necessary action.

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THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

W. R. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., President.
S. SATTANADHAN, Esq., Vice-President.
W. F. PELL, Esq., Hony. Treasurer.
D. MCCONAUGHY, Esq., General Secretary.

Madras, May 8th, 1897.

H. A. Sim. Esq.,

Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

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Dear Mr. Sim:-

On the occasion of my interview with the governor in Madras last month, re the building of the Young Men's Christian Association, His Excellency expressed a wish that our Building Committee should act, as far as possible, under the advice of the Consulting Architect to government. Accordingly, I called upon Mr. Harris, ~~la~~ laid our plans before him and told him that we would be grateful for any co-operation that he could see his way clear to give in carrying them out. I am happy to say that he entered into the matter most cordially, inspected the work on the foundations as far as completed and has now made a pencil drawing of a revised elevation which I herewith send you, under separate cover *in case from Messrs. Nicholas & Co.* As His Excellency so kindly suggested this course to me, I think it right that this sketch elevation should be seen and approved by him.

His Excellency very rightly considered that as this building will directly front the New Law Court and College buildings, it should be in the same style. I mentioned this fact to Mr. Harris, and his elevation, it will at once be seen, will harmonize with the

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sanction to Mr. Harris's making out the other necessary drawings.
Packed in the same box with the drawing of the front elevation,
I am sending a framed copy of the photograph taken on the occasion of
the laying of the corner-stone. Will you please ask His Excellency
to accept this as a souvenir of that occasion.

Requesting the favour of a reply as early as possible,

Believe me,

Dear Mr. Sim,

Yours faithfully,

A. McConaughy
McConaughy

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Mr. Harris has looked through the plans kindly furnished us by
Messrs Merrill & Cutler and is of opinion that they are not adapted
to Madras. It will be necessary, therefore, to get out fresh ones.
If His Excellency will permit him to do so, Mr. Harris will
make out these drawings and will from time to time during the pro-
gress of the building visit the work.

We are most anxious to meet the wishes of Government so far as
can be done within the limits of the funds at our disposal. The
difference in cost between the plain elevation which we had origin-
ally contemplated and that which Mr. Harris now proposes, would be
about Rs. 6000. The total cost of the site and building, with the
revised elevation, is estimated at Rs. 160,000. The Association is
prepared to expend Rs. 130,000 and for the balance we shall be obli-
ged to look to Government for a liberal grant-in-aid.

From calculation it is found that 14,000 square feet of the
building will be devoted to educational purposes and we are given to
understand that one third of the cost of this ~~extension~~ will be met by
a grant-in-aid by Government.

As the building is reckoned to cost three per square foot of
floor, throughout, this would mean Rs. 42,000. The addition of the
front will amount to another 5000/- and the proportion of the amount
paid for the site would be 5000/- a total in all of Rs. 47,000.

I recognize that this matter will take a little time to pass
through the regular channels for decision, so I ask you to very kind-
ly obtain His Excellency's early approval to the drawing, and his

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Yours faithfully,

W. H. Harris

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Chasamund
11 May 1897

My dear Sir,

His Excellency

*desires that you will take
the necessary steps to have
the accompanying paper
and drawing circulated
for orders.*

Yours sincerely,

L. H. M.