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G.O., No. 346010

DATED 10 December 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Observatory buildings and the Astronomer's Residence
at Kodaikanal: Placing the construction of the —
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for the works with the expenditure incurred on
them from the Madras to the Cons. Architect
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DECEMBER.

Observatory Buildings and the Astronomer's Residence at Kodaikanal

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 445 W., dated 15th February 1897.
" " 2335 W., " 25th August "
" " 2708 W., " 29th September "

READ—also the following paper:—

Office-note from the Consulting Architect to Government, dated 26th Nov. 1897, No. 2283.

ORDER—No. 3460 W., dated 10th December 1897.

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	RS.
(1) Observatory	28,200
(2) Residence for the Superintendent	12,000
(3) Quarters for Observatory establishment	3,200
Total ...	43,400

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
" Consulting Architect to Government.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Public Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 15th February

Again G.O., dated 25th August

Again G.O. d/29th September

Current No. 11837

of 1897, dated 29th November

1897, No. 445 W.

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Curr. Total Rs. 43400
9.12.97.

The Suptg. Engineer VI Circle.

,, Consulting Architect to Govt.

,, Examiner, P.W. Accounts.

,, Public Department.

10.12.97

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.
THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E. ✓
THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E. ✓

SUBJECT.
Observatory buildings at
Kodaikanal.

FOR ORDERS.

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Tentatively approved.
ASH
3.12.97
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JG
8/12/97

out Departmentally.

Mr. Harris has expressed his willingness and ability to do the work, as he has only a few works in progress at Madras. It has already been ordered that all materials for these buildings except the masonry shall be prepared by him in Madras, and the woodwork is all ready. It will be more satisfactory if he has the construction also, and it will be a guarantee that the work will be done well, quickly and as economically as possible.

W. Harris
2.12.97
W.

A.S.H.
3.12.97

P.W. DEPARTMENT.

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draft under
transferring the ob-
servatory building
& residence at
Koonilume C.A.
submitted for
approval.

Nothing is sent
in the 50. or notes
about the questions
for the assistants.

The papers on
the subject are
in the library
free - If C.A. is
to do the large
buildings, it will
be convenient
perhaps if the
art's' quarters
are built by
the same agency.
For the 1st
art. a house
has been pro-
posed. It is

97) Department.

CURRENT No. 11837

From
The Consulting Architect
to the Government
of Madras

No. 2283

Dated 26th November 1897

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SUBJECT.

Informing that Consulting
Architect is willing to
undertake the charges
of the Govt. Astronomical
Observatory & Residence
at Kodakunel in addition
to his current work.

only for the quarters
that quarters
are to be built.
for the quarters.
C. 25211
9.12.97.

Submitted Account
of the
work done in 1896-97.

W. The expenditure being only
Rs 229 to end of Oct. for
this year, it seems
desirable that C.A.
should take over the
work of the quarters for
progress can not be satisfactory.

C.A.
9.12.97

Yes. I have added
to the bill.

Mr. S. A. W. has sent
the bill
10.12.97

S.A.W.

An estimate of
Rs 11570 for quarters for the
observatory establishment
at Kodaikanal was sanctioned
in G.O. No 3513 W of 8th December
1896. The outlay on the work
to end of 1896-97 was
Rs 4280 and the current
year's grant is Rs 3200.

What is the
Superintendent's
opinion?
C.A.
9.12.97

Div.
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Public Works (1897) Department.

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W. S. A. W.
C.A.
9.12.97

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Madras, 25 November 1897.

OFFICE NOTE.

From *W*

To C. A.

I should much like to
place you in ^{sole charge}
of the Govt. Astronomical
Observatory & Residence
at Kodaikanal with a
view to their being
carried out departmentally.
Please say if you are
willing to undertake
this & whether you can
do it in addition to
your current work.

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No. 2283 J. 26th November 1897

L. W.

Yes - I can -

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