Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 3135 & 3136

DATED 7th Dec '98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Young Men's Christian Association

Ordered that the Govt of India be addressed in regard to the liability of the to pay more than Rs 4000 in connection with the Construction of a building for the Association under the Supervision of the Consg: architect.

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The Govt of India addressed

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Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

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Current No. 9041 of 1898, dated 25th Octr. , from the Govt. of India

" " 9766 " 1898, " 24th Novr. , " the Consg. Architect

" " " 189 , " , "

ORDER.

No: 3135-W dy 7.12.98

A.H. 3.12.98

Ordered that the Govt. of India be addressed.

AcK 28.11.98.

To The Consg. Architect

(Mr. No 3136W dy 7th December November 1898)

To

The Jt. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Public Works Dept.

Sir,

A.H. 3.12.98

With reference to your letter No. 2864 G, dated 25th October 1898, I am directed to state that the Young Men's Christian Association has represented that, owing to the cost of the building being enhanced to make it harmonize with

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with the adjoining Govt. buildings, it is short of funds. The most that that institution finds itself able to contribute towards the professional supervision afforded is 3 p.c. on the estimate, or Rs 4,800. It is not in a position to pay Rs 4000 to the credit of Govt., and a similar amount to the Consulting Architect as suggested by the Govt. of India.

2. Since the Association is unable to pay more than Rs 4,800, H.E. the Govr. in Council considers that it would not be equitable to credit Rs 4000 to Govt., & give the balance to the Consg. Architect. The building is of elaborate design, and ~~in a manner~~ of a style different to other buildings ~~in the~~ ~~obtaining~~ in Madras; and requires ~~ing~~ most careful individual attention and ~~much thought~~ H.E. the Govr. in Council ~~therefore~~ earnestly hopes that the Govt. of India may be moved to treat this as a special case, and allow the Consulting Architect to receive the whole of the fee which the M.M.C. Assocn. is able to pay. Even if this is permitted, the Consg. Architect will have only received, by the time the building is completed about Rs 13 for each visit made by him, which is not a great remuneration when the fact that his residence is 3 miles from the building, and that a carriage costs Rs 80 a month in Madras, is taken into consideration.

I have &c.

A.H.
28.11.98.

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Do.

3. I am to add that Mr Harris is an exceedingly zealous officer whose present pay inadequately represents his value to Govt.; and His Excellency in Council trusts he will see his way to offering him a substantial addition thereto.

The question suggests itself—Does this interfere at all with Mr Harris' official work? If so not wish to press the question, but it should be borne in mind in other like cases.

A.H.
3.12.98

The Municipality does not in any way interfere with Mr Harris' official work, which is more up to date than that of any other executive Municipal Engr.

W. Hall
5.12.98

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Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 9766

From

The Consulting Architect
to the Government
of Madras

Order

No. 2699

Dated 24th November 1898

Received } 25-11-98

Registered }

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SUBJECT.

Returning with remark
Govt. of India letter
No. 2862, G.J. 25.10.98 re:
the question of the
fees to be paid by the
Y.M.C.A. association to
Mr. G.S.T. Harris for
designing & supervising
the construction of a
building for the Y.M.C.A.

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No. 2864 *G.*

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department.

Simla, the 25th October 1898.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2052 W., dated 12th August 1898, reporting that the Government of Madras have permitted Mr. Harris, Consulting Architect to design and supervise the construction of a building which is being erected at Madras for the Young Men's Christian Association, and recommending that the officer be allowed to accept a fee of Rs. 4,800 i.e. 3 % on the estimated cost of the building viz Rs. 1,60,000 which the Association proposes to give him.

It is also stated in your letter that the Government of Madras are interested in the Architectural features of the building, and are considering the question of a grant-in-aid towards its cost.

2. In reply I am to state that the Government of India consider that the question of the fees to be paid by the Association should be governed by the principles laid down in Public Works Department Resolution No. 3231 G., dated 30th December 1896, under which the fee for general plans and estimates is 2½ per cent, on the estimated cost of the work, or Rs. 4,000, and the fee for working drawings and general supervision of construction is 2½ per cent or Rs. 4,000, total

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Rs.8,000.

3. For the preparation of general plans and estimates which Mr.Harris has been permitted to undertake, I am to suggest, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor.in Council, that he be allowed to accept from the Association a fee not exceeding 2½ per cent on the estimated cost of the work,or Rs.4,000. But if, under the circumstances stated in your letter, Mr.Harris is required to provide working drawings and supervise the construction it should be as part of his ordinary duties.I am to suggest that for this further work a fee of 2½ per cent or Rs.4,000 should be recovered from the Association and credited to Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Under Secretary to the Govt.of India.

Documents accompanying :-

Nil.

S.s.S.

Public Works (189 8) Department.

CURRENT No. 9044 8766/98

No: 4808C dj 3 Nov: 98.

To

C.A.

For favour of remarks.

A.C.R 2-11-98. DW.

Pwr. No. 2699 dj: 24-11-98.

GW.

The Asst.s represented that owing to the cost of the Building being enhanced, (to make it harmonize with the adjoining Govt. Buildings) that they were short of funds — The Secretary wrote me on 13th July explaining, that the most they found themselves able to contribute towards the superintendence &c to the W.s was 3 p.c.t., under the circumstances — & this the Madras Govt. recommended G. of I that I should be allowed to accept i.s.4800/-

The Association are not in a position to pay To credit of Govt. - 4000 / To me. 4000 } Rs 8000/-

[P. W. 29. 1,000—5-9-98.] as suggested by G. of I :-

They can pay 4800/- & no more, if

From The Government of India

No. 28646.

Dated 25 October 1898.

Received

Registered } 1-11-98

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SUBJECT

Mr Harris Consg. Architect Regarding the question of the fees to be paid by the Young Men's Christian Association to — for designing and superintending the Construction of a building which is being erected at Madras for the Association

4000/- must be credited to Govt:- there to the remains 800/-

I invite an inspection of the Building - it is elaborate - of a style different in a measure to work pertaining to Madras, & therefore making opening must compel individual attention & much thought -

I would ask that the 4800/- may come to me - for subscription this be permitted - by the time the Building is complete I shall require about 13/- for such rent made by me - It is not a great Remuneration - especially when it is brought to notice that the Building is 3½ miles from my house, & that a Bullocks costs 8 or 9 annas in Madras.

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C.A. 3

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Please see H's remarks on the draft:

H. apparently does not require a reply to the question as the draft has been passed, & might now issue.

Rm
5.12.98.

No. It need not go back -

Time

5-12-98.