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No. 15. Read the following letter from R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., F.R.I.B.A., Consulting Architect to Government, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 26th July 1872, No. 123:—

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2. The Hon. Mr. Arbuthnot, when Governor of Madras, expressed a wish that I should consult with Prince Azeem Jah on the subject of the accommodation being provided in the Royapettah Police Court, which is to be the future Palace of His Highness. In consultation with the Hon. Mr. Ellis that gentleman directed me to make my report and to submit it first to His Highness Prince Azeem Jah for his opinion, and secondly to Colonel Wilson, the Government Agent, for his opinion. I regret to say that neither opinion appears to me to be exactly what is required. His Highness indeed objects to form an opinion in the absence of explanatory plans, and Colonel Wilson confines himself to that particular point which is to be decided by Government.

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One set of plans.

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2. The accommodation afforded by the latter building may be roughly stated as follows:—

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Running feet of servants' godowns, about	400 ,,

In addition to this there are cook-rooms and bath-rooms, a Nobutkhana, Topekhana, Sepoys' barrack, &c., &c.

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Male apartments	70 squares.
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5. If the new residence is intended simply as a residence for His Highness, the accommodation I originally provided will be sufficient; but if the whole of the residents (all said to be members of His Highness' family) at present occupying the Shadee Mahal are to be accommodated at Royapettah, the original plan is much too small.

6. I may mention that shortly after the plans were prepared a meeting was arranged with His Highness at Royapettah, the plans were examined and explained, but, so far as I am aware, His Highness expressed neither approval nor disapproval.

7. Now that I am more intimately acquainted with the Prince's requirements and the domestic arrangements of the interior of the existing Palace, I will state briefly what alterations and additions are, in my opinion, necessary to convert the Royapettah property into a suitable Palace, roughly estimating at the same time the cost of each item.

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(1.)	The conversion of the existing building into private apartments, State room above and offices below, as already projected	9,215
(2.)	The purchase of three houses and a strip of land on the north side of the property for a bazaar entrance and Nobutkhana	20,000
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	Zenana apartment ... ... 15 × 15	27,500
(7.)	Additional servants' houses	3,000
(8.)	Converting existing buildings to various uses, say	10,000
(9.)	Small buildings	6,000
	Total ...	87,715

From HYDUR JUNG, Chief Secretary to His Highness the Prince of Arcot, to the Consulting Architect to Government, dated Shadee Mahal, 17th July 1872, No. 78.

With reference to your letter addressed to the Secretary to the Government in the Public Works Department, dated the 30th June 1872, and forwarded with your memorandum, No. 96, dated the 5th instant, I have the honour to state that His Highness the Prince of Arcot has read your letter but cannot offer any opinion as to the sufficiency or otherwise of the extent of accommodation proposed to be provided in the absence of explanatory plans. He would wish, however, to make the following observations :—

First.—With reference to paragraph 5 His Highness never at any time approved of the sanctioned plans but always considered them too small. He merely allowed the work to progress without formally protesting in deference to the wishes of Government.

Secondly.—It appears to His Highness that the existing boundary wall must be heightened and improved, and this work does not appear to be provided for in the estimate submitted.

2. With reference to this correspondence His Highness wishes to place it on record that although he formally accepted the proposal to remove his family to Royapettah, he did so under the conviction that the Government wished him to give such approval, and he still thinks it worthy

of consideration whether it would not be much better to allow him to remain in the Shadee Mahal. He feels convinced that if the Government acceded to this wish a considerable saving in expenditure would be effected.

From Colonel R. S. WILSON, Government Agent, Chepauk, and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends, to the Consulting Architect to Government, dated Chepauk, 25th July 1872, No. 154.

In reply to yours dated 18th instant, No. 107, I have the honour to inform you that, in my opinion, the plans originally prepared by you for the conversion of the Royapettah Police Office into a residence for His Highness the Prince of Arcot provide sufficient accommodation for His Highness and his immediate family. It is for His Highness and his immediate family that Government intend to provide accommodation.

2. It will be necessary to add to the buildings laid down in the above place a shed for the guns, and a guard-room for His Highness' guard; but these additions, I understand, can be made without difficulty.

Transferred to the Political Department with recommendation that the existing building may be ordered to be vacated so that the alterations and additions to it, estimated at Rupees 9,215, may be carried out.

The Zenana Plan might likewise be worked out if approved, and its precise position in the grounds defined.

The Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, has been called on to send up for information the plans sanctioned in G. O., No. 221, of 26th July 1870, with plan of the compound if available.

OOTACAMUND, *6th August* 1872. (Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R. E., *Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.*

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1872, No. 305.

His Excellency the Governor in Council approves of the recommendation that the alterations in the main building of the Royapettah Police Court be at once proceeded with, and with this object Captain Lys, at present officiating as Police Magistrate, will be requested to vacate the house recently occupied by Captain Weldon. It is not stated whether the building, formerly the property of Casavoo Moodelliar, and which has been undergoing alteration and additions to render it suitable for a Police Court, is ready for occupation.

2. As soon as a plan of the Royapettah Police compound is submitted the site of the zenana can be determined and the work proceeded with. Before arriving at a decision as to the amount of accommodation to be provided at Royapettah for the Prince of Arcot and his immediate family, the Government must have before them the original plans alluded to by Colonel Wilson in paragraph 1 of his letter dated 25th July last.

3. Paragraph 7 of the Government Architect's letter No. 83, dated 30th June last, requires explanation. It is not clear whether in this paragraph Mr. Chisholm proposes to provide at Royapettah the same amount of accommodation as is afforded by the Shadee Mahal, but this would appear to be the intention, as in addition to the main building and main zenana building Mr. Chisholm proposes to provide no less than eight suites of superior apartments, each suite with zenana, and eight inferior suites of apartments also with zenanas.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
9th August 1872.

4. The purchase of land, amounting to 20,000 Rupees, to provide a site for a Bazaar entrance and Nobutkhana seems an extravagant proposal. Some alternative and more economical arrangement will be suggested by the Public Works Department when the plans called for and the plan of the compound are received. In the meantime Mr. Chisholm will be required to explain with what intention the numerous additions to the original plan contained in paragraph 7 have been suggested. It was clearly explained to Mr. Chisholm that the object which the Government have in view is not to provide at Royapettah the same accommodation as is contained in the Shadee Mahal, but to provide a residence affording suitable accommodation for the representative of the Carnatic family, *i. e.*, State apartments and the apartments for the representative's own immediate family. As regards His Highness Prince Azeem Jah, it was never contemplated that the building in question should provide for the accommodation of His Highness' four sons and their families and dependents.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Government Agent, Chepauk.
,, Public Works Department, with plan returned.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

POLITICAL.

To

The GOVERNMENT AGENT,
Chepauk,
&c., &c.

Dated August, 9th.
Recd. Read.

G. O., *9th August* 1872, No. 805.

AUGUST.
Nos. 15-16.

Passing certain orders in connexion with the subject of converting the Royapettah Police Court into a residence for the Prince of Arcot.

No. 123. Consulting Archt. Office
Madras 26th. July 1872

From

R. F. Chisholm Esqre. F.R.I.B.A.
Consulting Architect to Govt.

To

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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Madras 30 June 1872

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R. F. Chisholm Esqre F.R.I.B.A.
Consulting Architect to Govt

To
Colonel G. K. Walker R.E
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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Plan approved in G.O. No. 221 of 26th July 1870.

Date not stated. Mem. 2

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	Total Rupees	87715	-	-

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your most Obed^{t} servt

R. S. F. Chichester
Commd^{g} Escort to Govt

From
The Committing Architect
to Government

To
The Secretary to
the Government of H.H.
the Nizam's Government

Dated 30th June 1872
Received

Regarding the Proposed
Police Court and Residence
for Police Superintendent
Secunderabad

No. A/8623 1/2

Amount Sanctioned — Rs 1,00,000
Land acquired for purchase of New Police Office — 45,000
Amount now asked for — Rs 55,000
Deficit — Rs 32,715
87,715

No. 154 of 1872.

Govt. Agent's Office
Chepauk
25th July 1872.

From

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Public Works Dept. Cheph
No. 1203

From
To 3023
The Consulting Archt. to Govt

FORM 308

The Secretary to
Govt. of T. C.
Sir,
I have the honor to
Dated 26 July 1872
Received 27 July
Regarding the Royapettah
Police Court and Residence
for Prince Agreed

Consulting Architect

Proceedings of the Political Dept. dated 29th July 1872

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Endd. [illegible]

Political Department. 6
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5. The Government observe that the Government Architect has received but little assistance from the Govt Agent at Chepâk in the solution of this question. Colonel Wilson's letter which forms an enclosure to Mr Chisholm's is extremely meagre.

W.E.

~~The Govt Architect~~
Govt. Agent, Chepâk.
Public Works Dept – with Plan returned.

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Govt. of {1872} Madras.

Political

To

The Govt. Agent-Chepauk

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Dated Aug 29. }
Recd. }

1872, No. 305.

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