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ENCLOSURE.

CURRENT No.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

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3c.
 Is there a clock in
 the Council Room?
 What is the approxi-
 mate value of each
 clock & do the Con-
 tractors man do more
 than wind up the
 clocks? If-as I suppose
 is the case - the clocks
 are cheap ones it wd
 be economical to do
 the winding ourselves
 and to utilise the
 amount saved in
 the purchase of a new
 clock occasionally.

J.B.

3/3/91

I thought there was a clock
 in the Council Room here
 similarly as there is one at
 only - but I find ~~that~~ ^{it is} an mistake.
 The clock in the Ref. Rm.
 down stairs at the office are ordinary
 American ones & might be
 left to us to wind. But
 that in the Chief Secy's room
 seems to be an expensive
 English clock - though it
 must be very old. And
 even if the Council Clock
 on the opposite might be
 shown how to wind for
 the Council that the C.S.
 is at least. 16 5/3.

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There are four clocks
in the office, viz. the
bureau room - 1.
Chief Clerk - 1.
Office, up stairs - 1.
Office, down stairs - 1.
Dumhill hitherto had
the winding of the clocks
at a charge of Rs 1-8-0
per clock.
proposed to ask him
whether he will continue
to look after them. This
I am doubtful whether
he will consider the
remuneration sufficient
for his time with 1 fancy
want rather a large sum
to do the job. They might
however be asked to tender
too
Ch 3/3.

A A

Note for the Ch. Secy

Please see the attached
notes, G.O. No. 429. W. dt
16.2.91, and Mr. Dumhill's
appⁿ C. No. 672. It is
submitted that no
necessity exists for paying
a professional winder.
Nothing is done beyond
winding the clocks &
anyone can do that.
The 4/8 amount saved
will soon amount to
sufficient to buy a new
clock if necessary.

F.D.B.

15/3.

I think the present arrangement for
winding the clocks is one. Winding
the outside half a dozen clocks
over a week is not a difficult
job and the clock is not being sent
from outside any more.

18/3

H.C.
Please submit proposals
for winding the several
clocks in this dept.

F.D.B.

19/3

I shall wind the clock up stairs,
the 4th Refractory that down stairs
the 6th Refractory that down stairs
the 6th Refractory that down stairs
the 6th Refractory that down stairs.

There are four clocks
 in the office, requiring the —
 Board room — 1.
 Chief Clerk — 1.
 Office, up stairs — 1.
 Office, down stairs — 1.
 Drumbill hitherto had
 the responsibility of the clocks
 at a charge of Rs 1-8-0
 per clock. It is
 proposed to ask him
 whether he will continue
 to look after them. This
 I am doubtful whether
 he will consider the
 remuneration sufficient.
 Can I spare with 1 fancy
 want rather a (only) want
 to do the job. They might
 however be asked to tender
 too.

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 Nothing is done beyond
 winding the clocks &
 anyone can do that.
 The 4/8 amount saved
 is soon amount to
 sufficient to buy a new
 clock if necessary.

F.D.B.

15/3.

I think the present arrangement is
 satisfactory & expensive one. Winding
 on the outside half a dozen clocks
 over a week is not a sufficient
 job and a clock is not a dangerous
 item unless it is

18/3

H.C.

Please submit proposals
 for winding the several
 clocks in this dept.

F.D.B.

19/3

I shall wind the clock up stairs,
 the 1st Reference that down stairs
 & the Board & the one in
 the Chief Clerk's room.

20/3.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following paper:—

From H. IRWIN, Esq., C.I.E., Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras,
to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepak, 6th
February 1891, No. 3339.

I have the honor to forward a list of clocks in the several public offices, &c., kept
in order by a contractor annually employed for the purpose. The present contractor
Mr. E. S. Dunhill, a watch and clock maker in Popham's Broadway, has had the con-
tract for several years past, and, from inquiry, I have learned that he has generally
given satisfaction.

2. At the close of the last official year (1889-90) I received two tenders for the
work, but, as there was no appreciable difference between the rates tendered and those
allowed to the contractor of the past year and as this office had not any previous
experience in the matter, it was thought advisable to retain the same contractor on the
old rates, which he agreed to and which are as shown below:—

	RS.	A.	P.
77 clocks or time-pieces in Madras at Rs. 1-8-0 each per mensem	115	8	0
1 clock at Government House, Guindy, at Rs. 6 per mensem ...	6	0	0
3 turret clocks at St. George's Cathedral, St. Andrew's Kirk and St. Mary's in the Fort, at Rs. 5 each per mensem ...	15	0	0
Total per mensem ...	136	8	0
Total per annum ...	1,638	0	0

I may observe that the contractor signs a bond and deposits Rs. 500 as security
for the due fulfilment of his contract. He is paid in two instalments at the termina-
tion of each half year.

3. On the close of the first half of the current official year, before disbursing the
first instalment to him, I addressed the several offices concerned to ascertain from
them whether the contractor had done his work well. With the following exceptions
satisfactory replies were received from all:—

Military Secretary to the Right Honorable the Governor.
Garrison Chaplain, Fort St. George.
Registrar, High Court, Appellate Side.
Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
Executive Engineer, Buckingham Canal division.

The explanation afforded by the contractor having appeared to me to be satisfac-
tory, I disbursed to him the first instalment of Rs. 819.

4. I have the honor now to inquire whether I am to continue to invite tenders,
as usual, for the performance of the work for the ensuing official year. The Military
Secretary to the Right Honorable the Governor considered that Messrs. Orr and Sons
should be entrusted with the conservancy of the clocks of Government House, as their
place of business is near to it.

5. I beg to add that a great deal of unnecessary correspondence is thrown on this office in consequence of this matter, and I am not sure whether the present system is economical or more satisfactory than if each office were allowed to make its own arrangements for winding and repairing its clocks. I should prefer being relieved of the responsibility, but, if the system now in vogue is to continue, I request that the contract may extend for a period of two years instead of one year only as heretofore, as contractors have to employ an establishment for the performance of the work, and one year is, in my opinion, too short a period for them to retain efficient men.

6. I would also suggest that the heads of departments may be asked to replace any old or worn-out clocks, which are frequently getting out of order, also that the Garrison Chaplain or this office be authorized to ask Messrs. Orr and Sons to examine the clock on the steeple of St. Mary's church in the Fort, as the contractor states that there is something radically wrong about it.

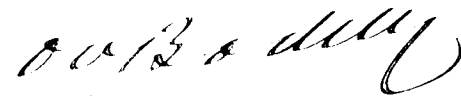
7. I beg to request that early orders in this matter may be issued to enable me to invite tenders for the ensuing official year should Government decide that the present contract system should continue.

ORDER—dated 16th February 1891, No. 429 W., Public Works.

The present system under which the conservancy of clocks in the various public offices at the Presidency is left to the Consulting Architect will cease at end of the present official year and each office will make its own arrangements for winding and repairing its clocks.

2. The Government considers that the small saving, which is probably effected under the present arrangement, is dearly purchased at the cost of the time and labor of the Consulting Architect and his establishment.

(True Extract.)



Major, R.E.,
Under-Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.



To the Public, &c., Departments.

- „ Revenue Department.
- „ Military
- „ Consulting Architect to Government.
- „ Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
- „ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
- „ Consulting Engineer for Railways.
- „ Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
- „ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
- „ „ Railway Accounts.
- „ Executive Engineer, Buckingham Canal
(through Superintending Engineer, II Circle).

Exd. A. D. Xavier.

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Govt. of 1891 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

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*Recorded with the
remark that arrange-
ments have been
made for winding the
clocks in the Chief
Secretariat.*

Dated February, 16th.

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Encl.

G.O., 16th Feb. 1391, No. 429 W.

*J.B.
20/3*

FEBRUARY.

Clocks

Passing orders regarding the conservancy
of — in the public offices at the Presidency.