ORDINARY, MS.

Public Department
G.O., dated 7-10-91.
No. 849
850
851.

INDEXED.

When given for copying

[Despatch Abstract]

Printing, and remarks, that the contents of the first despatch be extended to the accounts of the new bronze Jubilee Statue on the Calcutta Maidan.

Read 14/10

Recd. copy of the Despatch only for Mint & the Secy. Bengal

A 851
17 Oct 91

To The Secry to the Govt of India, Home dept

Sir,

I am directed to forward copy of a letter which has this day been addressed to the Govt of India in the Military Dept.

I have &c

A 850.
Send to G.O. A 849 both dated this day.

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2815
Public Deptt

No. 953 D. 25 Sept. 1891.

Transferred to the Public Department.

C.R.E.
Secty to Govt. P.W.D.

UNDER SECRETARY
28 SEP 91
PUBLIC WKS DEPTT

To The Public Dept. with notes in original by Hon. Members, and complete file. The latter to be returned when done with.

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H.E.C.C (W)
H.E. Govt IV

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the exact distance from the proposed building to the nearest point of the outworks of the Fort will be 800 feet and to the nearest point of the enceinte will be 950 feet, or 450 feet less than the distance of the existing Medical College

The height of the proposed building will be 69 feet. It may be noted that the propriety of demolishing the outworks of the Fort has already been admitted.

2 It will be seen from the detailed plans enclosed that only a very small portion of the proposed building will be within the present military boundary.

3 The defects of the present Women's and Children's hospital have long been recognised and the construction of a new building has become necessary for the erection of works or buildings in the neighbourhood of any fort or cantonment.

3. The requisite sanction will accordingly be applied for. Pending such sanction the works will be held in abeyance as already directed in telegram to the Consulting Architect passed on the 12th September 1891.—

(H.E. No. 850 dated 7 Oct 91)

To, The Secretary to the Government of India, Military Dept.

Sir,

I am forwarding the accompanying copy of Proceedings No. 849 dated the 4th day of Oct, I am directed to request, with reference to P.W.D. Circular No. 13 dated 17th Aug: '87, that the sanction of the Govt of India may be communicated to the erection of a hospital for women & children in the neighbourhood of Fort St. George on the site indicated in the accompanying plans. × The exact distance from the proposed building to the nearest point of the

× A & B

Through Chief Deputy it goes to Govt as the Defence Committee is consulted. Chief I presume it must be when the application reaches Simla.

22.9.91 J.CD

Send it to both the Public & Military Depts. at Simla. C.E. a copy to Public. W

Public Works Dept 24 Sep.

Military Dept 4 OCT 91

Public Works Dept 3 plans & Copies of letter.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Letter from the Govt: Calcutta to
Government (H.E. No. 2221 of Sept 4. 891.)
Ppr: of Govt [redacted] Public dept (. . 785 of " 12, ")

Order. 7 Oct 91 No. 849

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that when the site for the Women's & Children's hospital at Madras was selected the fact that a portion of the building would come within the Military boundary, which in this direction is very irregular, was overlooked.

2. The Quarter Master General also brings to notice that under the terms of Circular from the Government of India No. 13 P.W, dated 17th August 1881, the previous concurrence of that Govt in the Military Dept

Note
I understood that the Govt of India were to be addressed in the Public dept. Is there any objection to that course? If not, I should prefer it as the letter will go to the Home Dept. with a Sir J. Hutchings is familiar with the whole affair.

Note
I think the Mil[itary] & P.W. Depts of the Govt of India should be consulted. but then a fresh subject. but then a fresh question to be considered by the Govt of India. Sir J. Hutchings with a D.O. asking him to discuss the matter with the Comr-in-Chief & inform Government whether he sees any objection to the project

21/9/91

Note
I do not think it much matters

Pub Department.

No. 2815.

From the P. W. Dept

Dated 25th September 1891.

FOR ORDERS.

Submitted to the Hon'ble Member in charge of the P.W. Department with reference to the note of the Govt on the draft.

The fairs have been copied to bring up the Hon'ble Member's suggestions may kindly be dispatched.

The fairs alone were sent to me for signature and I did not see the draft when returned from Cab. I objected on the ground that I understood that the letter was to be addressed to the Home Dept - The explanation received this morning; hence the delay

see my note dated 7.10.91

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2 Oct

R 4.7.91

— FOR ORDERS. —

the Governor's remarks dated 24th Septr. As directed a copy of the correspondence is being sent to the Home Dept. Draft of this covering letter is submitted for initials and fair for signature.

(2). The expression regarding the soldiers' home should be "still nearer." The examiner of the fair copy, who has gone down, will be asked to explain his carelessness in not detecting the error. He should also have submitted the draft for initials with the fair.

RWR
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Oct 9.91
H.D. 11.91

Executive Engineer's letter which is not such as should be used to an officer so much his superior in departmental rank as the Consg: Architect. His proper course would have been to bring the matter forward in the Military Department through the Chief Engineer Military Works.

He must have known that the Consulting Architect was acting under the orders of Govt

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The proposed building will be about 400 feet from the nearest point of the enceinte of the Fort, the Medical College being a little under 1000 feet —.

P. W. CURRENT No.

Govt. Resolution 10.7.91.

Department was not obtained to any of the orders on the subject.

It would be very undesirable to alter the site now, as it is incomparably the best available, and there is really no reason why the area in question should even have been included in the Military boundary the course of which is somewhat erratic.

The enclosed tracing shows the position; the triangular space marked A is the one in question

It is doubtful whether notice should not be taken in the Military Department of the issue of the

FOR ORDERS.

Lt. Col. Scott & I had no idea that we were encroaching on civil domains in any way. The matter must be referred to the proper Civil Authorities.

Lt. Roberts wrote 'by order' I don't think the tone of his letter calls for notice — J.H.P.

21/9/91

P. W. Department.

Read the following:—

From the Consulting Architect to Govt
No. 2221 of Sept. 4. 1891.—

+ Wrote 12-10-91

FOR ORDERS.

The question now discussed is merely pertaining to ownership land between a public institution and building on its plinth & not affecting India. Government, I submit as well as me.+

The question whether this land is to be reserved for public purposes or not is a matter entirely for the Government of India, & I am to request that with the accompanying plan of the site in question, the Govt of India may be moved to decide whether it is to be reserved for public purposes or not.

I omit in my letter of yesterday's date to mention that the Chief Engineer in his letter No. 1753 dated 28th August 1891 to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, has stated that the site in question was selected by the Members of Government in person in November last (vide note by the Hon'ble Mr Garstin dated 4th November 1890) but it appears to have been entirely overlooked that the ground was within the Military Defence boundaries, and consequently the countersignature of the Secretary in that

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12/10.

I was present with Lord Connemara & I think the Hon'ble W. Grieve as well as W. Ennis & I think G. Pennycuick, when Colonel

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P. W. CURRENT No.

Public Works Department.

From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No. 2221

Dated 4th } September 1891.
Received 7th }

No. of Enclosures. 2 Plan

3 Pencil Copies

Subject.

New Women & Childrens Hospital Madras

Forwarding for orders Copy of the letter from the Chief Engineer Madras Division Military Works requesting to state on what authority the foundations of the ——— have been allowed to encroach on the Military boundaries.

G.O. 1908 W 8 10.7.91.
1753.45W " 28-6-91
1687 W " 19.6.91
1018 W " 11.4.91
225 W " 5.1.91
5764 C " 11.12.90
2943 W " 6.11.90
2787 W " 20.10.90
1324 W " 5.5.88 misl
285 W " 24.1.88
3173 W " 22.11.87
2707 W " 13.10.87
2232 W " 8.9.81
C.A. 2360 " 15.5.91
870 D " 12.9.91

OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

No. *Chepâk*, _____ 18 .

Copy of a communication from the Executive Engineer Madras Division Military Works to the Consulting Architect to Government, No. 5077, dated 3rd September 1891.

I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to inform me of the authority under which the foundations of the new Female Hospital now under Construction have been allowed to encroach on the triangular patch of ground East of the Medical College and have also rendered the closing of the road from the Coonamallee Road in the direction of the Wallajah bridge necessary, the patch of ground and road under reference being both within the Military Department boundaries.

2 I have the honor to further inform you, by order, that the question raised above is quite distinct from that of the legality or otherwise of constructing so large a building in such close proximity to Fort St. George.

I have &c.

(Sd) E. Stokes Roberts Lt: RE
Exc: Engineer Mdu

(Countersigned)

Capt- R E

Offg Consulting Architect to Govt

done.

3 The foundations have been excavated and I am on the point of commencing to lay Concrete and propose to proceed with the work in the absence of further orders. If therefore it is thought that Serious opposition will be made to the Site I would suggest the advisability of ordering (by wire) the work to be stopped pending Settlement of the question.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Capt- R E
offg Consulting Architect to Govt

P. W. D.

Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.,
Chepauk, Madras,
4th September 1891.

No. 2221

From Captain W. M. Ellis R.E
~~Henry Irwin, Esq., C.I.E.~~,
Offg. Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras,

To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Madras

Sir,

2 Enclosures.

I have the honor herewith to forward a copy of letter No 5077 of 3rd instant received from the Executive Engineer Madras Division Military Works requesting to know by what authority the site of the new Women & Childrens Hospital has been allowed to encroach on the Military Department boundaries.

2. The site in question was approved of in G.O No. 1018 W of 11th April 1891 and permission to commence foundations was given in G.O No 1657 W of 19th June 1891. As it is thought that the Military Department may not have been consulted in the matter, the above letter is referred to you and the Executive Engineer Military Works has been informed that this has been done