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[Despatch Abstract.]

Comm^d to the Gov^t Astronomer
proceedings, P.W.D. directing the
transmission ^{for the approval of} the ~~of~~ of the
plans & estimates for the
proposed Observatory at
Kodaikanal.

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Comm^d to the
Govt Astronomer

SEPTEMBER.

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To the Govt Astronomer
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Observatory at Kodaikanal

Ordered that the plans and estimates for the proposed —, be forwarded for the approval of the Government of India.

No. 2681 W., 19TH SEPTEMBER 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers :—

From the Consulting Architect to Government, dated 22nd July 1896, No. 2154.

From C. MICHIE SMITH, Esq., Government Astronomer, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 23rd July 1896, No. 148.

I have the honour to forward, herewith, the plans and estimate of the Kodaikānal Observatory received from the Consulting Architect yesterday.

No. 1638, Public.

Transferred to the Public Works Department in view to the plan and estimate being forwarded for the approval of the Government of India.

OOTACAMUND,
14th August 1896.(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

The estimates are being forwarded to the Government of India for approval, in anticipation of submission by the Superintending Engineer of satisfactory data in support of the high rates. These data should be submitted without delay.

Footings of only 9 inches are provided for the concrete part of the foundations, the continuation of which to ground level, as would be preferable, would give footings of a foot, thus making the concrete 2 feet, instead of 1 foot 6 inches, broader than the superincumbent masonry.

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer.
11th September 1896.

ORDER—No. 2681 W., dated 19th September 1896.

The plans and estimates will be forwarded for the approval of the Government of India.

2. Attention is drawn to the note by the Chief Engineer recorded above.

[Here enter No. 2682 W., dated 19th September 1896.]

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

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

Encl. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

FOR ORDERS.

The plans sent to the Govt of India - I suppose Mr. Smith is satisfied with them. Anyway, he doesn't say anything now about forwarding Mr. Popson's design.

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11/8/96

For submission to the Govt of India

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The Govt Astronomer submits plans & an estimate amounting to Rs 35,053 for the observatory proper at Kodaikānal. In the P.W.D. Budget Estimate for 1896-97 Rs 20,000 has been provided for this work.

Attention is solicited to the notes with G.O. No. 39 Pt. 2 of 18.1.95 in which the estimates of the Consulting Architect and Mr. Popson are compared. The figures for the observatory proper are C.A.'s estimate Rs 23,101 Mr. Popson's do 12,595.

In para 4 of Mr. Michie Smith's letter, it was pointed out that the residence should be completed first so that the Astronomer might be on the spot.

Kodai Observatory

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DEPARTMENT.

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FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE, C.I.E.

No other remarks

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superior in the building of the Observatory. The plan & estimate for the residence furnished by the P.W.D. in May 95 were returned for revision in accordance with the notes in G.O. N° 723 Public C of 30. 8. 95. The revised estimate was approved but as the normal rent calculated under code rules was found to be considerably in excess of 8% of the astronomer's salary the sanction of the Govt of India was applied for to the construction of the residence at an estimated cost of Rs 31,360 vide G.O. N° 701 Public of 3. 7. 96.

In the notes with G.O. 723 Public of 30. 8. 95 it was observed that the ^{total} estimate then furnished by the P.W.D. was Rs 58,700 against the C.D.'s original estimate of Rs 54,500, and it was further remarked that the works would probably not be completed under Rs 75,000.

The figures now stand thus
Observing Rs 30,000

Astronomer's residence Rs 1,000

Rs 30,000 for quarters } Rs 31,000

on the establishment } Rs 74,000

FOR ORDERS.

In the Budget for 96-97 provision for quarters for the establishment is fixed at Rs 8,400. That this is not overestimated will be evident from the fact that Mr Doll's bungalow purchased for Rs 4,000 and requiring repairs estimated at Rs 660 has been reported by the Govt Astronomer to contain insufficient accommodation for all his needs. The papers have been transferred to the P.W.D. In fact he said that it would only do for one Imperial pay, so as long as India does not object to the cost this Govt. need not. The G.A. has ^{signed} counter ~~approved~~ the plan but not the estimate.

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There is apparently nothing to be said on the building -

Kodai Observatory

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Public Dept

C. N^o. 2395

Note for H.E. the Governor

With reference to H.E.
query of 5.8.96 it is
submitted that the
plans etc ~~must~~ ^{should} be
forwarded to the Govt
of India because
"Imperial" ^{will} find the
money, and the designs
~~must~~ ^{should} be approved
by the Meteorological
Reporter to the Govt
of India.

J.B.
7.8.96.

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