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No. 50. Read the following letter from the Consulting Architect to Government, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 22nd June 1872, No. 81 :—

I HAVE the honour to lay before you the following report and enclosures marginally noted, with reference to paragraph 3 of G. O., No. 69, dated 11th January last, on the subject of the old Palace at Madura.

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2. The Government grant towards this work for the current year amounts to Rupees 10,000; but as certain sums of money will come from other sources and raise the available amount to Rupees 21,600, I have thought it advisable to lump all together and to submit one estimate for expending the whole sum of money at our disposal.

The sources from which the above-mentioned amount is to be derived are as follow :—

	Rs.
1*st.*—By subscription among the wealthy Chettys for the specific object of making a "Napier" entrance	4,000
2*nd.*—By the sale of the present Post Office, an old and inconvenient building	2,500
3*rd.*—By sale of the building used as a Range Office	5,100
Total sum ...	11,600

The estimates which I now submit provide for accommodating the Post Office and Range Office, for completing the unfinished works of the previous year, for completing the entrance gateway, and for tieing with galvanized iron bars the room known as Teroomala Naick's bed-room.

The cost of these works will be as follows :—

		Rs.	A.	P.	
1.	Fitting with doors and windows and otherwise completing the restored part marked A on plan	5,984	4	6	Sanctioned G. O., 1487.
2.	Restoring the lower portion of the waggon vault, D on plan	1,265	11	6	Do. do.
3.	Entrance gateway, B on plan	4,308	2	4	
4.	Converting a portion of the palace into a Post Office, C on plan	2,067	11	7	
5.	Converting a portion of the palace into Deputy Collector's Cutcherry, E	1,743	12	0	
6.	Converting a part into a Range Office, F	1,000	0	0	
7.	Cost of iron tie bars for Teroomala Naick's bed-room, G.	5,230	6	1	
	Total ...	21,600	0	0	

I would take this opportunity of mentioning that the sale of the Collector's Cutcherry, as ordered in paragraph 4 of the above quoted G. O., has not yet been effected, and that I think it would be very desirable to obtain the money to be derived in this way as soon as possible. The most critical part of the building has been secured, but there are many portions in a most unsafe condition which cannot be touched at present for want of f...

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1872, No. 1,839.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 1.

OF the estimates now submitted by the Consulting Architect, which should have been forwarded through the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division, the Government sanction that of Rs. 5,230 for providing iron bars of Tiroomala Naick's bed-room, G on plan now received, coinciding with H H H of the lithographed plan referred to in Lord Napier's Minute, and destined by him for a Civil and Sessions Court Room. This should have been the first submitted and taken in hand from the annual allotment of Rupees 10,000, according to His Lordship's express instructions and Mr. Chisholm's own opinion, which the Superintending Engineer disregarded in submitting the estimates sanctioned in G. O. No. 1,487 of 15th June 1872.

2. The amount of the latter sanction, namely, Rupees 7,250, is reduced by Rupees 1,750, the pay of the Overseer and Petty Establishment, which the Superintending Engineer has included contrary to standing orders of the Department and other positive Government orders regarding the individual concerned, whom Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts will now bring on the permanent establishment of the 8th Division from 1st May 1872. The three estimates above disposed of, amounting to Rupees 10,730, will alone be debited against the Budget allotment of the current year, and as they exceed it by Rupees 730, care will be taken by the Superintending Engineer to watch the expenditure.

3. The estimates of Rupees 2,068 and Rupees 1,744 for providing Post Office and Deputy Collector's Office accommodation cannot be dealt with until the Government are made fully acquainted with the reasons for departing from the allotment of available space mapped out in Lord Napier's Minute, and are assured of the concurrence of the heads of all departments concerned in the allocation now proposed. This information should be procured and furnished by the Superintending Engineer with as little delay as possible. As to the sum of Rupees 1,000 entered for a Range Office no plan or estimate has been sent in to account for it.

4. The Government deem it very advisable that however gradually the works may have to be carried on as funds become available, they should at once be definitely planned and estimated for, distinction being made between the absolutely necessary repairs and decorations chargeable to the annual allotment, and the cost of accommodating public offices to be defrayed by sale of existing buildings and other special assignments. And they direct the Superintending Engineer and Consulting Architect to take immediate steps to supply such complete plans and estimates in time for sanction, within the current official year.

5. The plan and estimate for the Napier gate are approved for execution from the funds subscribed by the inhabitants of Madura; but as these appear to be Rupees 308 short of the amount of the latter, the Superintending Engineer will either carry out the work within the sum of Rupees 4,000 subscribed, by reductions on contingencies which are struck down at 10 per cent., or by collection of such additional amount as may be required from those who have shown themselves so laudably desirous of commemorating what Lord Napier has done for the

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embellishment of their town, and for the encouragement of native art. The subscriptions have been paid into Treasury, it is presumed, and credited in the Public Works Accounts as private contributions.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
" Consulting Architect.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Public Department.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

8TH DIVISION.

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Tiroomala Naick's Palace at Madura.—Passing orders on letter from the Consulting Architect forwarding plans and estimates in connection with Teroomala Naick's Palace at Madura.

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