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26TH JANUARY 1883, No. 302 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

No. 258-A.

READ—the following papers:—

From R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 15th January 1883, No. 839.

As ordered in your No. 130, dated the 12th January, I have the honor to report that the work of making the additions to this building should be carried out by the Presidency Executive Engineer under the orders of the Superintending Engineer, and that, inasmuch as we ourselves supply bricks, lime, terracotta, glass, and iron-work, the work should, in my opinion, be let to sub-contractors who are working maistries—men who will simply use up the materials we supply on a fixed schedule of rates. I have found by experience that this is the most satisfactory way of executing work in Madras, and will, I think, continue to be so until the business of Madras attracts men of capital, who will commence contracting by the manufacture of proper materials.

2. Although the details show clearly the character of the work, as the officers of the department have not (so far as I know) executed work of this character, it is very desirable that I should have free access to the order book to be kept on the works, so that I may assist in matters of detail without having to be continually asked questions, and that I should be further, so to speak, the recognized authority for permitting those small differences which always occur in the builder's interpretation of drawing board work—the sketch and the picture.

3. The only consideration it appears to me to be urged against this system of working is the sub-division of authority, but this would be more conclusively fixed in the event of failure by the evidence of the written order book than under the present system.

No. 139 C.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, for any remarks he may wish to offer.

16th January 1883.

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

No. 258-B.

From Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 22nd January 1883, No. 3648.

In returning your endorsement, No. 139 C., of the 16th instant, I have the honor to enclose a letter * from the Executive

* No. 4531, dated 20th January 1883. Engineer of the Presidency Division on the subject of the addition to the Chepauk Offices.

2. I consider the arrangement suggested in the last sentence of this letter as quite impracticable. But I agree with Colonel Burton that there is much objection to there being two masters, viz., the Consulting Architect and himself, over the sub-contractors and work generally.

3. I think it will be much better if the Consulting Architect has the work in his own hands.

ENCLOSURE.

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. BURTON, R.E., Executive Engineer, Presidency, to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, dated Bangalore, 20th January 1883, No. 4531.

In reply to your No. 3581, dated 18th January 1883, forwarding Consulting Architect's No. 839, dated 15th January 1883, reporting how he proposes that some additions, &c., to the Chepauk Offices might, in his opinion, best be carried out, I have the honor to state that first of all I have not seen the plan, bills of quantities and specifications of those additions, &c., nor have I ever had them described to me, and therefore I have no idea what the nature of the work to be done is.

2. If, however, this work is of such a nature that it requires the Consulting Architect's constant, let us say daily, inspection, &c., it were better, as his office is on the spot, that he be the Executive Officer, and not I, who have to reside 216 miles away.

3. I quite agree with him in all he says in above letter about contractors of the maistry class, but my position would be an impossible one when such a contractor found he had more than one master, as he would do directly he received orders from any one other than I, or my assistant, for alterations in the plan, specification, &c.

4. As the Consulting Architect well knows, I have not the slightest disposition to disregard his suggestions about all works, whether designed and specified by him or not, but no one in my appointment could properly perform his duties if every now and then a second Executive Engineer appeared on the work in the manner he suggests.

5. If I might make a suggestion, I would propose that Lieutenant Plummer's sub-division be made over to the Consulting Architect's charge; this would obviate the necessity of having two Executive Engineers over one contractor on a particular work.

No. 259.

ORDER—dated 26th January 1883, No. 302 W., Public Works.

A new sub-division to include the improvements to the Public Works Offices at Chepauk, the additions to the Museum, and any other work which the Chief Engineer may desire to add thereto, will be formed and placed under the orders of the Consulting Architect, who will be solely responsible for the work carried on therein.

2. The Chief Engineer will arrange for the posting of a qualified Assistant Engineer or Upper Subordinate to this charge.

3. Pending the formation of the new sub-division, the work at Chepauk will remain under the charge of the Executive Engineer, Presidency, and any suggestions which the Consulting Architect may desire to make must be made through him.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Consulting Architect to Government.
„ Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated January, 26th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 26th Jan. 1883, No. 302 W.

JANUARY.
Nos. 258-A-259.

New Sub-division.

The formation of a — under the orders of the Consulting Architect to Government, Madras, sanctioned.

BOARD OF REVENUE, 18TH MARCH 1886, No. 644.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

READ—the following letter from W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 12th February 1886, No. 577:—

Referring to the Government Orders marginally noted, I have the honor to submit herewith, for the early approval of the Board and Government, plans,* estimates* and other documents, received from the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, relative to the construction of a new cutcherry for the Collector at Calicut. The plans and estimates have been countersigned by me. A copy of the Superintending Engineer's letter on the subject, dated 7th November 1885, No. 318-M., is also enclosed.

2. The Board will observe from these papers that the estimates framed amount to Rs. 2,36,720, and provide for all present requirements, viz., accommodation for (1) the Collector, (2) Assistant Collector, (3) Divisional officers who may visit headquarters, (4) Treasury Deputy Collector, (5) District Forest officer, (6) District Medical and Sanitary officer, (7) District Board District Engineer, and the various establishments under them, and adequate provision is also made for the Treasury, Currency, Record and the Printing offices. The necessary out-houses, such as stables, latrines, &c., have also been provided for and included in the estimate.

3. The present opportunity has been taken for bringing together under the same roof with the Collector the various officers who now occupy separate rented buildings, and this arrangement would tend to facilitate the transaction of business and secure great convenience to the public, although the estimated cost of the buildings may appear at first sight to be somewhat high.

4. The ground on which the late Huzur cutcherry stands is too small to admit of the proposed buildings being conveniently erected on it, and there are also sundry substantial structures now used as Currency, Treasury and Press offices which will have to be demolished for securing the required extent of ground. This demolition of these buildings, which, at a comparatively slight cost, can be utilised for other necessary public purposes, to be presently adverted to, involves sheer waste of money, and I have therefore arranged with the Public Works department to erect the proposed Collector's cutcherry on an excellent site facing the public green at a distance of about 500 yards from the late cutcherry, and which was once proposed to be taken up in connection with the civil courts at Calicut. The cost of acquiring the required extent of ground is estimated at Rs. 12,800, which has been included in the present estimate. There is absolutely no land, the property of Government, at Calicut available for the erection of the office. I have the honor strongly to recommend that the new site proposed may be approved.

5. In G.O., Public Works department, dated 17th December 1883, No. 3595 W., the Government, at the instance of Mr. Galton, sanctioned his proposal to build a new cutcherry for the tahsildar and deputy tahsildar, Calicut, on the premises purchased from Messrs. Stanes and Co. for the use of the law courts, and have directed the preparation of the necessary estimates. I referred to the District Judge on the subject of these premises in connection with the erection of a post office and enclose copy of his reply. The Board will see that he thinks no portion of the premises can be spared "as a large open space is required for the convenience of the

public that attend the courts, as the neighbourhood of the court site is already extremely crowded, as it will be desirable to make the entrance to the courts through the ground now sought for the new post office, and as it may be hereafter necessary to use parts of it for buildings connected with the courts." If my recommendation in paragraph 4 is approved, the necessity for constructing a new cutcherry for those officers can be avoided and the late Huzur cutcherry buildings can be adapted for their use at a moderate cost. In fact a portion of the *main* building in which the arms collected in the late disarmaments are now stored and which is considered by the Public Works department to be sufficiently strong (*vide* paragraph 2 of Mr. Davidson's letter, recorded in G.O., dated 8th May 1884, No. 1168 W—A.), may be used as a court-room, &c., of the tahsildar-magistrate, whilst the remaining blocks may, with slight alterations, be converted into an excellent sub-jail—a desideratum which has long been felt at Calicut. The present town sub-jail is entirely unsuited for the purpose and has been condemned by all inspecting officers. The remarks of the Inspector-General of Jails and of the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, on its present condition are quoted below:—

"There is a great want of accommodation so far as the latrines, kitchens, &c., are concerned. A store-room is much needed. In fact the present subsidiary jail should be abandoned and a new one built."

21st November 1885.

(Signed) H. R. GRIMES,
Inspector-General of Jails.

"Visited the sub-jail this morning; a very unsatisfactory place, being shut in with high walls so as to prevent ventilation and the cells have a close inanimalised smell."

"The place was not very clean and the well which supplies water is closely surrounded with buildings. There were six men in confinement. A new building is greatly needed."

30th November 1885.

(Signed) G. BIDIE,
Sanitary Commissioner.

6. In view of the foregoing circumstances and of the fact that the utilisation of the late Huzur cutcherry buildings in the manner indicated above is more economical than the erection of fresh structures for the tahsildar and deputy tahsildar, I have the honor strongly to recommend that the proposals contained in this letter may be sanctioned at a very early date.

7. The Board will see from what has already passed on the subject that I labor under very great disadvantages in having my office located at present in *four* different buildings separated from each other by considerable distances. And not only is this so, but the departments located in the *cells* which formed the old jail building, condemned years ago as unfit for prisoners, are put to the greatest inconvenience. In the monsoon season the *old jail cells* are frequently too dark to work in without the aid of candles or lamps even at midday, and in the hot weather the closeness, heat and dust are almost unbearable. I can personally testify that working in such an atmosphere in the hot weather gives me frequent head-aches, and complaints from the establishment to the same effect are not uncommon. There is urgent necessity for providing us with better accommodation at a very early date.

8. This letter has been delayed owing to some uncertainty as to what ought to be done for the tahsildar and deputy tahsildar.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. J. STOKES, Esq., Acting District Judge, South Malabar, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 12th October 1885, No. 648.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 4279, dated the 22nd September 1885, forwarding a copy of the Executive Engineer's letter, No. 806, dated the 19th idem, I have the honor to state that I do not approve the proposal to erect a building for the post office in the compound (Parry and Co.'s coffee works) in which the new law courts are being built, as a large open space is required for the convenience of the public that attend the courts, as the neighbourhood of the court site is already extremely crowded, as it will be desirable to make the entrance to the courts through the ground now sought for the new post office, and as it may be hereafter necessary to use parts of it for buildings connected with the courts.

ENCLOSURE No. 2

From Colonel R. THOMPSON, R.E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Coimbatore, 7th November 1885, No. 318-M.

With reference to G.Os. marginally noted, I have the honor to forward, for transmission to Government for sanction, nine plans and eleven estimates, amounting to Rs. 2,36,720, for constructing an entirely new building for the Collector's cutcherry at Calicut, together with a report, specification, and abstract estimate.

No. 1168 W—A., of 8th May 1884.
No. 1333 W., of 8th June 1885.

2. As the demolition of the old building was sanctioned in G.O., No. 1874 W., of 13th August 1885, the estimate for the reconstruction of the upper story and roof of the building called for in G.O., No. 1168 W—A., of 8th May 1884, could not be prepared.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 3 AND 4.—Estimates.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.—Specification.

ENCLOSURE No. 6.—Report.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 7 TO 9.—Plans.

RESOLUTION—dated 18th March 1886, No. 644.

With the above letter, the Collector of Malabar submits plans, and estimates for building a new cutcherry for his own office and that of his Assistants and the District Forest officer, the District Medical and Sanitary officer, the District Board Engineer and their respective establishments. The cost of the whole building is estimated at Rs. 2,36,720, including the cost of acquiring a new site, viz., Rs. 12,800. It is stated that the existing building can be altered at a comparatively moderate outlay to provide accommodation for the tahsildar and town sub-magistrate and thus obviate the necessity for erecting new buildings for these officers as contemplated in G.O., dated 17th December 1883, No. 3595.

2. The Collector's proposals have the entire approval of the Board and are submitted for the early sanction of Government and for the provision of the necessary funds in the budget of the Public Works department.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with thirteen enclosures in original.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

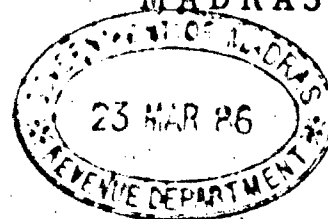
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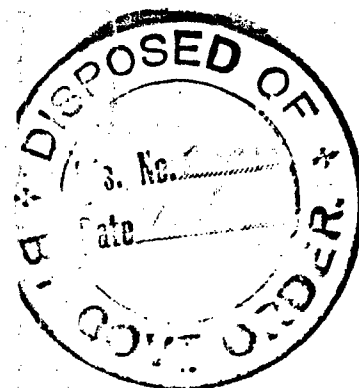
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Approving and submitting, for the early sanction of Government, proposals of the Collector of Malabar for building a new cutcherry for his own office and that of his Assistants, the District Forest officer, &c.

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