

Sept 23, 1965 (cont.) the total cost may be somewhat reduced, as noted the contract was signed on August 4th. The excavation for the new wing was started August 9th, with the understanding that the project should be completed within 240 days.

On September 9th, I was notified by the Town Treasurer that he had received from the State the sum of \$22,150⁰⁰ - that is 50% per cent of the sum allotted the Library by governmental sources. This sum he had deposited at Citizens Savings Bank in an account entered as Town of Smithfield: Greenville Library Building Fund. The time had come, therefore, for the Library to turn over a matching sum for deposit in this fund.

According to governmental ruling, no funds allocated to a project shall pay interest and no bills contracted prior to the date of governmental approval shall be paid for from such funds. In view of the fact that a project cannot be approved without the submitting of blue prints and specifications, and that these cannot be procured without the services of an architect, it seemed to me highly illogical that payment for such services, even though contracted in advance of official approval, should not be included somewhere among the legitimate costs of the project. If not from governmental funds, then at least it would seem that these costs should be deductible from those supplied by us.

I, therefore, asked our Treasurer to send to the Town Treasurer the receipted bills for the \$3500⁰⁰ paid to the Architect to date, plus a check for \$18,650⁰⁰ which together constitute the \$22,150⁰⁰ due from the Library at this time. This procedure has been approved by the Rhode Island Department of State Library Services. Whether or not it will be questioned or ruled out entirely by Washington will not be known until some time in the spring, when the completed project will be checked and finally approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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