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[Despatch Abstract.]

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, BERRHAMPUR.

Recording Proceedings, Public Works Department, communicating copy of a letter from the Divisional Officer, Ganjam, detailing the repairs made in 1892 to --.

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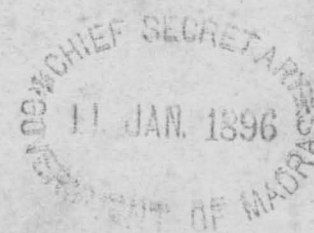
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SUBJECT.

Communicating
Copy of letter from
the Divisional officer
Gangam detailing
the repairs carried
out to the St. Stephens
Church at Berhampur
in 1892.



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Copy of report from the Executive Engineer, Ganjam Division, No. 2395 dated 12th November 1895:-

With reference to your letter No. 759 G.N. dated 4th November 1895, I have the honor to inform you that the repairs executed in 1892 were as follows:-

1. Replacing wood work, such as purlins, ridge pole, wall plates, common rafters and eave boards in place of rotten ones, at a cost of Rs. 540.
2. Wood oiling the whole of the wood work with 3 coats at a cost of Rs. 112 (actual work done).
3. Reroofing the roof with new sal reepers, $\frac{3}{4}$ new pan and flat tiles and chunam borders &c complete at a cost of Rs. 239 (actual work done).
4. White and blue washing with 2 coats at a cost of Rs. 4 (actual work done).
5. Opening the wall by the sides of the 5 tie beams and re-constructing the same after examining the wood work and brick work along the foot of rafters when replacing, tarring and plastering at a cost of Rs. 50 (actual work done).
6. Fixing ridge tiles all along the roof at a cost of Rs. 6 (actual work done).

From the above it is clear that the cracks referred to in the present estimate were not then noticed.

I herewith submit the estimate sanctioned in 1892 for your information and request that it may be returned after you have done with it.

Rs. 540
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Letter from the Superintending Engineer I Circle,
No. 897 G.N. dated 13th December 1895:-

*Encl. 60
25-10-95*

With reference to Proceedings of the Madras Government No. 2532 W. dated 15th October 1895, I have the honor to forward a report from the Executive Engineer, Ganjam Division, detailing the repairs to the Berhampur Church carried out in 1892 under the sanction given in G.O. No. 1299 W. dated 23rd April 1892.

2. I did not forward this report before, as I intended inspecting the Church and wished to give a more complete reply to the second part of the Hon. Mr. Grose's question.

3. I am unable to ascertain when the cracks were first noticed, but the Reverend C. E. Whiteley has recorded his opinion that when he left Berhampore in March 1888 there were no cracks to be seen as far as he could remember.

4. Cracks appeared shortly after this and in October 1888 measurements of the cracks were taken to see if they were enlarging.

5. In March 1889 the Church was inspected by the Superintending Engineer and an estimate was submitted in the same month for sundry repairs including buttresses for the walls which had showed signs of failure.

6. As no provision was made in the estimate submitted in 1892 for the repair of the cracked walls it is to be presumed that the measures taken in 1889 had been successful.

7. The walls are now very badly cracked and cracks are also to be seen in the buttresses. The estimate recently

sanctioned

sanctioned provides for rebuilding the cracked portions and this is the only course now open.

8. I have asked the Executive Engineer to have the roof timbers carefully examined when work is in progress as they are of sal wood and are apparently being attacked by white ants.

9. If the building is of brick in mud it will be necessary to protect the roof timbers from white ants.

Order thereon: no: 82 W of 9th January 1896

Communicated to the Ecclesiastical Department.

(True Extract)

C. H. R. Butler.

Under Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

The Ecclesiastical Department.

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For Order

Submitted with ref. to the H. M's note of the 14th November last on C. N. 188 (vide f.o. N. 80 Ecd. d/25.10.95).

It appears from the Ex. Engineer's report that the cracks were not noticed in 1892. The Supdg. Engineer in paras 4 to 6 of his letter suggests in explanation that the repairs in 1889 removed traces of the cracks.

Orders are requested as to whether a further report should be called for.

It is not probable that the P.W.D. will spend 1400/- on the church if it is not worth it - but it wd be satisfactory to have it thoroughly overhauled & reported on before the repairs are ^{taken in hand} ~~commenced~~.

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* Letter N. 2395 d/12.11.95

* Letter N. 2978 d/13.12.95

Nothing more can be done. The attention of the P.W.D. has been called to the state of the building. The repairs must go on.

22/1/96

* C.A. This is perhaps unnecessary - but the building is apparently rotten - a white-washed building is a dangerous one for a church.

St Stephens Church
Berkhamstead

Hon W. J. Gore C.D.E

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