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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 8th January 1858.

No. 43. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 24th December 1857, No. 6199.

Read the following letters.

From Captain P. M. FRANCIS, District Engineer of Coimbatore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 2nd November 1857, No. 217.

SIR,

In reply to Resolution No. 3862 on Minutes of Consultation No. 1746, dated 14th September 1857, I have the honor to forward copies of two letters formerly submitted by me on the subject.

From Captain P. M. FRANCIS, District Engineer of Coimbatore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Ootacamund, 20th May 1857, No. 95.

SIR,

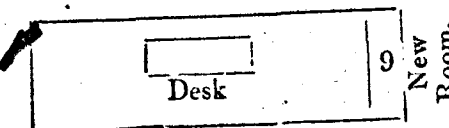
In reply to your Resolution No. 202, upon Minutes of Consultation No. 859, dated 5th May 1857, I have the honor to inform you that Captain Campbell, reports the temporary Barrack room No. 3 used for Divine Service, to have been recently laid with a teak floor and if it should leak, the roof can easily be repaired from the funds of repairs of buildings entered in the Budget for 1857-58.

The Barrack buildings contain a plan for a separate block, containing the Library, and School rooms, Schoolmaster's quarters &c. as referred to by Government, but I have no copies of the plans by me to see whether the large School rooms can accommodate 700 men. I should think it very unlikely that it was calculated to hold that number when I first submitted the plans of the Schools to the Sub Military Board and adverted to their use as Chapels. I was told not to consider that question as no doubt the Government would grant a more suitable building for Divine service. The School buildings are not likely to be begun with reference to the other wants of the station for 2 years unless especial orders as issued from the Central Office over-ruling our present plan of procedure.

From Captain P. M. FRANCIS, District Engineer of Coimbatore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Ootacamund, 2nd June 1857, No. 104.

SIR,

1. In continuation of my letter under date 20th May 1857, No. 95, which was incomplete in as much as it did not enter into all the inconveniences pointed out by Mr. Taylor and ordered by Government in the concluding part of para. 2 to be reported on for remedy, I have the honor further to state that I have taken the opportunity of a visit to Jackatallah personally to examine the place of worship, which I find to be a temporary room part of a Barrack which was condemned some time ago as being unsafe on which account it was cut in half, the worst half removed altogether, and the ends of the remainder bricked up and the trusses supported within by uprights, it is now I believe quite secure and is floored with teak, the walls however are of an inferior description to that stated by Mr. Taylor, for they are of mattle and dab, and the tiebeams are not above 7½ feet from the floor, although the roof is open to the ridge, yet the lowness of the building prevents the passage of sound to such an extent that I was informed by one of the men that they could not hear more than half way down the building although Mr. Taylor has a powerful voice, this might be obviated by placing the reading desk in the centre near the side wall thus.



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2. A small room ought no doubt to be built at once for the convenience of the Chaplain to prevent the necessity of his having to robe in the open air, this might be put up at west end of the building and would cost 200 Rupees.

3. The whole building is no doubt miserable in the extreme, compared with the permanent Barrack rooms, but as none of those are available, I don't see what other arrangement can be made for the present, and as it is floored there ought to be no difficulty in keeping it clean and decent. The Church Committee I observe will make all arrangements with regard to furniture and appliances.

In the letters recorded above, the District Engineer of Coimbatore reports that the room now used for Divine Service at Jackatallah is one of the temporary Barracks, and that the plan of permanent buildings contains provision for a separate block consisting of Library and School rooms, but Captain Francis doubts if either would be large enough to serve as a Chapel and states his instructions were that separate provision for that purpose should be made.

2. The permanent Barrack rooms cannot be made available for Divine Service, and the School room is not likely to be completed for two years.

3. Resolved therefore to report that in the Chief Engineer's opinion the present temporary Barrack can by proper repair be rendered fit for the performance of Divine worship until the completion of a Church, the construction of which is recommended, and authority for preparing a plan and estimate for which is solicited, unless by the adoption of one of the three standard plans, recently approved (the selection being referred to the Venerable the Archdeacon) the outgoing Budget for 1858-59 can be allowed to contain the requisite entry of the estimated amount according to the class fixed upon. Regard being had however to the maximum congregation being limited to 600, and to the probability of 1,000 to 1,200 sittings being required for a full Regiment at Jackatallah, the Government may consider that the District Engineer should be called upon to prepare a Church design suitable in every respect both to the number of its congregation and to the climate and site at Jackatallah.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, No. 23; dated 8th January 1858.

Ordered to be referred to the Ecclesiastical Department.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

*N^o 6194.
Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works*

Under date the 24th December 1857

*Read the following letter
from the District Engineer of Coimbatore
[N^o 8. 11. 217 dated 2nd Nov/57/
— 2nd 98 — D^o — 20th May/58/
— 2nd 104 — D^o — 2nd June/58/*

Enclosure 3.

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3. Resolved therefore to report that in the Chief Engineer's opinion the present temporary Barracks can by proper repair be rendered fit for the performance of Divine Worship until the completion of a Church, the construction of which is recommended and authorized for preparing a Plan and Estimate for which is solicited, unless by the adoption of one of the three Standard Plans recently approved, the selection being referred to the Venerable the Archbishop, the outgoing Budget for 1858/59 can be allowed to contain the requisite entry of the estimated amount according to the Class fixed upon. No regard being had however to the maximum congregation being limited to 600, and the probability of 1000 to 1200 sittings, and being required for a full Regiment at Dacca, the Government may consider that the District Engineer should be called upon to prepare a Church design suitable in every respect both to the number of the congregation and to

to the climate and site at Dacca.

True Extract

Ld.
B. Clerk

Resd. Col. Chief Eng.

at the Secretary to Government.

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