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No. 45. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 24th December 1857, No. 6260.

Read the following letter from Colonel W. H. ATKINSON, Civil Architect, Presidency Division; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 19th December 1857, No. 676.

SIR,

In obedience to the orders of Government as conveyed in the Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2213, dated 1st Instant, and your Resolution thereon No. 5680 of the 3rd following, I have the honor to report having personally inspected the Church and Burial Ground in Saint Thomé belonging to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and to state that the Church is in very tolerable repair, requiring only the tiles of the roof to be taken off and relaid, as they are much corroded with the saline atmosphere—trifling chunam repairs are required to the walls and floor, and the usual cleansing with soap and lime.

2. Similarly with the Burial Ground, the compound wall of which requires slight repairs and colouring.

3. But while about it, I have prepared an Estimate on a thorough inspection, in case it should be wanted for a complete renovation of the Church, not only as regards the building proper, but also the fittings and appertenances of it, i. e. repairing and varnishing all the seats and benches, &c., re-covering the footstools with red cloth, as they are all worn out or torn: re-covering also, or re-hanging with new crimson velvet, the Pulpit, Reading desk, Communion Table, Chairs &c., requiring it—supplying for the first time a Punkah to the Pulpit, Reading desk and Chancel, and of course repairing the other Punkahs, to the number of 15 in the Congregation part of the Church, repairing the mats and blinds; also the compound wall and godown, belonging to the Church, reforming the roads where necessary in the Church compound and Burial Ground. In fact making the Church like new again, the collective cost of which is 1,520 Rupees.

4. But as I am not aware whether these extensive repairs &c., are not beyond what the Government require, under the circumstances of merely renting the Church for 12 months, I refrain from submitting the estimate, till the receipt of further orders, although, unless they are all carried out, the Church will continue to have a shabby appearance internally at least.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing letter No. 676 dated 19th Instant, from the Civil Architect, be forwarded for the information and orders of Government, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 2213 dated 1st Idem, with the Chief Engineer's recommendation, founded on a careful personal examination of the premises, that the minor repairs and works of renovation, estimated for by the Civil Architect, may be authorized for early execution, not only for the sake of due decency of appearance, but to prevent the necessity of more extensive repairs hereafter agreeably to the Estimate which the Chief Engineer can dispose of in the usual manner.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, No. 24; dated 8th January 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Ecclesiastical Department with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation in that Department, dated 25th November 1857, No. 398.

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

N^o 6260

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works Fort St George
Under date the 24 December 1857

Read the following letter

N^o 6760

Civil Architects Office

From

Colonel W. A. Atkinson

Civil Architect S. D.

To

The Chief Engineer

D. F. W. Fort St George

Sir,

In obedience to the orders of
Government as conveyed in the Extract
Minutes of Consultation N^o 2213 dated
1st Instant, and your Resolution thereon
N^o 5680 of the 3rd following, I have the
honor to report having personally inspected
the Church and Burial Ground in St. Thomas
belonging to the Society for the propagation
of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and to state
that the Church is in very tolerable repair,
requiring only the tiles of the roof to be taken
off and relaid, as they are much corroded
with the saline atmosphere - trifling
Chambers

Chunam repairs are required to the wall & floor, and the usual cleansing with soap and lime.

2. Similarly with the Burial Ground, the Compound wall of which requires slight repairs and colouring.

3. But while about it, I have prepared an Estimate on a thorough inspection; in case it should be wanted for a complete renovation of the Church, not only as regards the building proper, but also the fittings and appointments of it, i.e. repairing and varnishing all the seats and benches of oak, re-covering the foot stools with red cloth, as they are all worn out or torn; re-covering also, or re-hanging with new crimson velvet: the Pulpit, Reading Desk, Communion Table, Chairs of oak requiring it - supplying for the first time a sum of Rs. 10 to the Pulpit, Reading Desk and Chancel, and of course repairing the other sum of Rs. 10 to the sum of Rs. 15 in the Congregation part of the Church - repairing the mats and blinds; also the Compound wall and Godown, belonging to the Church - reforming the roads where necessary in the Church Compound and Burial Ground. In fact making the Church like

like new again, the collective cost of which is 1520 Rupees.

4. But as I am not aware whether these extensive repairs of oak are not beyond what the Government require, under the circumstances, of merely renting the Church for 12 months, I refrain from submitting the Estimate, till the receipt of further orders, although, unless they are all carried out, the Church will continue to have a shabby appearance internally at least.

Civil Architect's Office,
Parrish Road, Madras,
19th December 1857.

I have the honor to be
Yours to H. H. Atkinson
Colonel - Civil Engineer
P.D.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing letter No 676 dated 19th Inst. sent from the Civil Architect, be forwarded for the information and orders of Government, with reference to C. M. C. No 2213 dated 1st Idem, with the Chief Engineer's recommendations, founded on a careful personal examination of the premises, that the minor repairs and works of renovation, estimated for by the Civil Architect, may be authorized for early execution, not only for the sake of due decency of appearance, but to prevent the necessity of more extensive repairs hereafter, agreeably to the Estimate which the Chief Engineer

Engineers can dispose of in the usual manner.
(at two detach)

W. L. Col.
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
D. O. W.

