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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Ans 18/8/38

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 19th October 1858.

No. 63. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Ecclesiastical Department, dated 25th September 1858, No. 311.

Sanctioning the grant of Rupees 2,617 towards the erection of a Church at Trivandrum, payable only on the amount stated to be still due of intended contributions being made good and directing that orders be issued in Public Works Department to the Civil Engineer of Travancore to Superintend the construction of the Church in question. (Vide Ecclesiastical Consultation, 28th September 1858, Nos. 7-8.)

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, No. 2174; dated 15th October 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Chief Engineer for his information and guidance.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 311.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 25th September 1858.

Read again letter from the Church Committee of Trevandrum, dated 14th July, and recorded in Diary to Consultation, 17th August 1858, No. 266.

Read also letter from the Members of the Committee for erecting the Church at Trevandrum; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Trevandrum, 6th September 1858.

SIR,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter enclosing an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 12th August 1858, No. 266, enquiring how much of the estimate for the proposed Church at Trevandrum is for the substantial and essential, and how much for the Ornamental parts of the Edifice.

This question has been submitted to Mr. Shedden, the local (Travancore) Engineer, who estimates the Ornamental portion at five hundred (500) Rupees. This sum includes the Pulpit, Reading Desk, Communion Table, Pews, Globes, Wall-Shades, Table-Shades and Cornices.

Should an Estimate more in detail be required, we shall be most happy to furnish it, if you will kindly forward to us the Estimate and Plan sent in our last communication, as by an oversight, copies were not retained by us.

In July 1856 application was made by certain Residents at Trevandrum for a Grant, equal in amount to the local Subscriptions then raised, *viz* Rupees 2,500, in aid of the erection of a Church at that Station for the use of Members of the Church of England, a design to which the Bishop, it would appear, was favorable; and in Extract Minutes of Consultation, 15th August following, No. 314, the Committee were requested to lay before Government in a form therein prescribed certain particulars connected with the project, necessary to a decision being come to on the application.

2. This the Committee have now done, forwarding at the same time a Plan and Estimate (revised by the Chief Engineer) of the proposed building.

3. The Church, it is observed, is to contain 80 Sittings, but can easily be made to hold 100. Its estimated Cost, inclusive of furniture, compound Wall, &c., is Rupees 6,400. The private contributions amount to Rupees 2,617, but of this sum Rupees 1,417 is still to be collected.

4. The Government sanction the Grant applied for, *viz.*, Rupees (2,617) two housand six hundred and seventeen, payable, however, on the amount still due of intended contributions being made good.

5. Orders will be issued from the Department of Public Works to the Civil Engineer of the District to superintend the construction of the Church as soon as the Committee have collected the full amount of the Estimate.

(True Extract and Copy.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Church Committee at Trevandrum, with Plan and Estimate.
" Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Madras.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Auditor.
" Department of Public Works.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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No. 311.

From the Offg Chief Engr 19th Octr
No. 2179 in both Offices.

Sanctioning the grant
of Rs 2617 towards the erection
of a church at Trivandrum
payable only on the amount
stated to be still due of
intended contributions being
made good and directing that
order be issued in Public
Works Dept to the Civil Engineer of
Travancore to superintend
the construction of the church
in question.

No. 2174 and 2294 — 15th Oct.

No. 6384.

No. 2174

Ordered to be communicated
to the Offg Chief Engineer for
his information and guidance.

Fort St George
15th Octr 1858

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