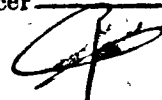


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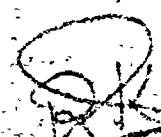
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## Government of Madras.

*Pulchurmes* DEPARTMENT.  
*Can, 3/5/59*

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government Public Works Department,  
from 30th April to 3rd May 1859.*

No. 58. Read the following letter from the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop; to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, dated Madras, 24th March 1859.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to bring to your notice the increasing inconvenience of all the residents at Ootacamund owing to the want of Church accommodation. During the past year the place has continued unusually full and the Church is altogether inadequate to the wants of the community and as the hills are now filling the inconvenience is becoming greater every day.

I have recommended the Chaplain to try the effect of holding a third service in order to enable those to find additional opportunities who cannot find room, but this can only be a temporary expedient and can only be kept up as long as the Chaplain can obtain assistance from other Clergymen who may have resorted to the Hills for the benefit of their health.

Your Lordship will remember that the late Honorable Court of Directors in a Despatch dated the 22nd July 1857, expressed their readiness to sanction the expenditure of Rupees (20,000,) twenty thousand for the enlargement of the present Church or to send out an Iron Church such as they had sanctioned for Rangoon. If your Lordship in Council could obtain for us either the grant of money for a new building or the Iron Church, we should be most thankful.

At the time when this subject was under consideration, the probability of a Lawrence Asylum being established was taken into consideration. This is no longer a matter of probability. The Asylum has been established and opened and capable of receiving more than fifty children. These with a staff of Masters and Subordinates have to be accommodated in the Church, and it is likely that within a year the number of children in the Institution will be doubled.

It is needless for me to refer to the prospect of a very large increase in the number of residents on your Hills when the Railway shall have been brought to the foot of the ghâts. These circumstances have already had full consideration and my only object at present is to reopen the question as one of increasing urgency and to entreat your Lordship to recommend the immediate adoption of some measures for the supply of our pressing wants.

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1859, No. 1028.

In this letter, the Bishop of Madras again brings before Government the necessity of additional Church accommodation at Ootacamund and urges the immediate adoption of some measures to supply the want.

2. The Governor in Council fully recognizes the justice of the Bishop's representations; but he is decidedly of opinion that the community of Ootacamund, and that large portion of Madras and Bombay Society which avails itself of the advantages of these Hills, ought to contribute towards the expense of a second Church. He therefore requests the Bishop will be good enough to take measures to ascertain and inform Government, what contributions may be relied on from the Ootacamund community and the general public; and that being known the Government will be prepared to make a proportionate grant-in-aid.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,  
*Secretary to Government.*

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Memo on P.W. No 813 on the subject  
of providing extended Church accommo-  
-dation at Portacumund, and on the pro-  
-posal for obtaining an Iron Church  
for that Station.

The Lord Bishop of Madras  
having expressed himself in favor of establish-  
-ing Iron Churches at some of the stations  
in India, an application was submitted  
\* Despatch from Eng<sup>d</sup> to the late Court of Directors for informa-  
of Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 1853 to  
tion on the matter. The Court in re-  
sponse forwarded Drawings of such Churches  
and suggested that the opinion of one  
or more Engineer officers should be taken  
as to the suitability of the buildings to  
the climate of this Presidency. The  
\* M. L. C. Dept question was accordingly referred to the  
of Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 1856 to  
Chief Engineer, who expressed himself  
\* Letter of Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 1856 unfavorable to the measure. Colonel  
No 1226 Hailey was of opinion that Iron would  
not equal Brick in Chumam in dur-  
-ability as a material for walls and  
that for roofing it would not prove so  
cool.

cool as either the brick in Chumam  
used in ~~traced~~ on the tiles in sloping  
roofs. He observed that Iron may be  
used with advantage for upright  
pillars though at a much greater cost  
than a brick in ~~chumam~~ in pillar. Of  
the five designs of Iron Churches sent by  
the Court, Col. Haber ~~approved~~ of only  
one but even this he ~~considered~~ defective  
from the want of sufficient openings  
and room for the passage of air. He  
was also of opinion that such Churches  
would be more expensive than mason-  
ry buildings.

2. In reply to an enquiry from Gov-  
ernment whether the above remarks  
were intended to apply to Churches on  
the Neilgherry Hills, Col. Haber  
remarked that he was not aware <sup>Letter dated 20<sup>th</sup></sup>  
that the Iron Church was intended <sup>June 1856 ho 4228</sup>  
for that station; but nevertheless  
gave it as his opinion that a brick  
in Chumam building even there  
would be cheaper than an Iron one

Letter from Eng<sup>d</sup>  
of Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1856 ho 1  
recorded in C.M.C. would be  
Eccl Dept April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1856  
ho 106

Despatch to Eng<sup>d</sup>  
of Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1856  
ho 14

3. As regards the question of  
Church accommodation at Pota cum<sup>ing</sup>,  
two applications on the subject were  
made from the Ecclesiastical Depart-  
ment to the Court of Directors in  
letters dated 1<sup>st</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> July 1855  
nos 11 and 13. The Court in reply to these  
communications, intimated that they  
were prepared to sanction a con-  
tribution towards erecting a second  
Church on being furnished with in-  
formation on certain specified points.  
The required information was obtained  
and furnished to the Court in Dec<sup>r</sup> 1856  
with the recommendation of Government  
for the construction of a second Church  
to contain 500 sittings. It was at the  
same time intimated that the Lord  
Bishop was in favor of an Iron Church,  
but that the Chief Engineer and  
Government entertained a contrary  
opinion, and it was left optional  
with the Court either to send out  
an Iron Church with 500 seats or

to allow the equivalent of it in money for the erection of a masonry building. The Court observed in reply with reference to the number of sittings required, that the most convenient arrangement would be to enlarge the existing building, for which purpose they pressed themselves willing to sanction an expenditure of Rupees 2000. They however deferred passing a definite decision on the point until it had been ascertained from the result of the experiment of an iron church at Rangoon whether a church of similar construction would be likely to answer at Calcutta. No further communication on the subject has since been received from the Home Authorities.

1839. This office memo. states the facts of the case as respects both the question of increased Church accommodation  
 L.D.C. 8 April 1839

Despatch from Calcutta  
 of 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1857 has  
 recorded in Calcutta  
 157/329

But see also C.E.  
 letter of June 27/56.  
 comparing the cost  
 of the two buildings.

Capt. Francis to  
 the C.E.: in C.E.  
 11<sup>th</sup> July 12/56.

at 100 to 1200 generally, & that of iron versus brick for the purpose -  
 On the latter I think there can be no doubt, nearly work building nothing neg. to be put in and well suited to a country where labour is so extremely dear; but obviously not to one where it is so much cheaper. Building is dearer indeed in the hills than in the low country, but by no means so much as to neutralize the difference against masonry buildings. Further there is the uncertainty of iron under a hot sun, & in a climate where at certain seasons there is much wetness.  
 On the general question, the H. Ct. offered 2000 Rs. to enlarge the present church; but the Bishop prefers a separate building, & for various & obvious reasons. This seems the best in so extensive & increasing a place. The H. Ct. had regard perhaps to the cost of a second chaplain; but that is how framed, & a second chaplain w<sup>d</sup> probably be needed in either case. The

revised might fairly be  
expected to lay out its  
best of the church.

In his letter of  
20/56, the Ch. Evng.  
made the cost of a two-  
-voiced building at  
25,250; but it does not  
-how what number of  
churches we accommodate

The Bishop's letter was  
No. 38462: see Hon Ch.  
Secretary, in Evng. of 2/56.

Perhaps the next  
step was to see what  
amount was to be contributed  
by the Government, revised  
by the Eastern building  
as it is a question not of  
meeting the present revenue  
only -

24 April 59

29 April 1859

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that the Commemorative of W. & A. and  
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Madras and Bombay Community  
Society which would still  
the advantages of these shall  
ought to contribute towards  
the expense of the second  
Church and after the amount  
raised by private subscription  
has been ascertained a  
proportionate grant-in-aid  
may be made by the  
Government

15 April 59

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J. W. De P.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation  
Under date the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1859

Read the following  
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24<sup>th</sup>  
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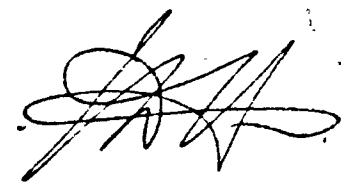
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Copy to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Madras  
Diocese 4<sup>th</sup>  
Copy to the Ecclesiastical Department



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P. M.  
 12th Nov 1859  
 3rd day.

No 1028.

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Company March 160 Colling 81.

The Bishop of  
Melanesia to inform what  
contributions may be  
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Church Community and the  
General Public. God will  
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aid.

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22. April 1894