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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of November 1859.*

No. 175. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 12th November 1859, No. 7149.

In Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 439, dated 14th November 1856, the Government requested the preparation and submission of plans and estimates for repairing the Cathedral, altering the position of the pulpit and reading desk, and throwing open the whole width of the church at the entrance.

2. In pursuance of this order the necessary plans and estimates, amounting to Rupees 13,140, were submitted to Government in a letter from this office, No. 4935, dated 4th November 1857; but in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 2280, dated 8th December following, the Government deferred the consideration of the foregoing improvements to Saint George's Cathedral, in consequence of the orders of the Government of India restricting the expenditure on public works; and the matter was thus set at rest for a time.

3. In his budget statement No. 2, the Civil Architect has now included the foregoing estimate, but as I do not consider myself authorized in admitting the same without special orders, I have the honor to request the favor of early instructions as to whether the estimate of Rupees 13,140, may be allowed to be included in the budget for the ensuing year.

No. 176. ORDER THEREON, 30th November 1859, No. 2791.

The Government are of opinion that the consideration of the proposed improvements to Saint George's Cathedral ought to be postponed for another year. The estimate will therefore be omitted from the budget for 1860-61.

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

Memo on P.W. No 2939 from the Chief Eng^r
respecting certain improvements proposed
to St. George's Cathedral. -

Parat. Of the several proposals
made in 1856 by the Trustees of St.
George's Cathedral for the improvement
of that edifice, one was to repair the
Cathedral and at the same time to
alter the position of the Pulpit and
Reading desk. The Gov^t in the Resolⁿ
of 14 Dec^r 1856 to Sept admitted that these measures
would improve the interior arrangement
of the edifice, but before passing
over, they wished to have a plan
and estimate of the work, which the
Chief Eng^r was desired to submit
after communication with the Trustees.

2. Another proposal made
by the Trustees had reference to
certain alterations in the building
itself whereby additional space
was to be secured for the Congregation.
This object was proposed to be
effected

affected by throwing open the whole
space at the western end, by length-
ening the Church by additions
made to the chancel, and by
enclosing the North and South
Verandahs and converting them
into Transpts. At this proposal,
the Govt remarked that to build
up between the pillars of the
side Portico with the view of
forming transpts would destroy
the appearance of the building,
that additional accommodation
was not needed, and that they
were therefore unable fully to
sanction the proposed changes.
They however requested the opinion
of the Chief Eng^r as to the effect
of throwing open the whole width
of the Church at the entrance,
leaving a space in the center
under the gallery for the new organ
with an entrance from the portico

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* No 24 d. No 395. E. & D. P. was passed deferring for the present
the consideration of the proposed
improvements to the Cathedral in
consequence of the orders of the
Govt of India of July 1857 res-
tricting public expenditure.
This decision was communicated
to the Chief Eng^r with an order
dated 8 Decr 1857. No 2280.

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3. In pursuance of this
order which was communicated
to the Chief Eng^r direct from the
Eccl. Dept, Col. Faber submitted to
this Dept on the 4 November 1857
Plans and Estimates amounting
to Rs 13,140. The papers were referred
to the Eccl. Dept where an order
dated 24 d. No 395. E. & D. P. was passed deferring for the present
the consideration of the proposed
improvements to the Cathedral in
consequence of the orders of the
Govt of India of July 1857 res-
tricting public expenditure.
This decision was communicated
to the Chief Eng^r with an order
dated 8 Decr 1857. No 2280.

4. Col. Bell now reports
that the Civil Architect has in-
cluded the estimate of Rs 13,140
in his Budget Statement No 2 for
the next year, but as he does not
consider himself at liberty to admit

the entry into his own Budget,
requests the order of Govt.

It is usual for the
Chief Estimator to include in his
Budget Estimates pending the
consideration of Govt., but as a
decision has been passed
in this case, it seems to me
that the estimates of Rs 13,140
ought not to find a place in
the Central Office Budget.

I entirely agree that the consideration
of this project should be postponed
for another year - I was not
aware that there was any want
of rooms in the Cathedral - It is
undoubtedly a beautiful building
as it now stands, and it would
be a matter of regret if any
proposals were encouraged calculated
to injure its symmetry.

Yours truly
Albany

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Central Office of P.W.
St. Vincent & the
Grenadines
12 November 1859.

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To
The Chief Engineer
The Secretary
to Government P.W.

Subordinate

In Executive Committee of Consultation
of P.W. dated 12th November 1858, the
Committee considered the proposition and submission
of Plans and Estimates for repairing the Cathedral,
altering the position of the Pulpit and Reading Desk
and throwing open the whole width of the Church at
the entrance.

In pursuance of this order the necessary
Plans and Estimates amounting to Rs. 13,140 were
submitted to Government in a letter from this Office
of P.W. dated 4th November 1857, but in Executive
Committee of Consultation of P.W. dated 8th
December following, the Government deferred the
consideration

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consideration of the foregoing improvements to
Saint Angel's Cathedral, in consequence of the
orders of the Government of India respecting the
expenditure on Public Works; and the matter was
thus set at rest for a time.

I On the Budget Statement
of 1858, the Civil Architect has now included the
foregoing Estimate but as I do not consider
myself authorized in admitting the same without
special orders, I have the honor to request the
favor of early instructions as to whether the Estimate
of Rs. 3,140 may be allowed to be included
in the Budget for the ensuing year. -

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St. George
12 November 1858

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

L. S. S. S.
Sd/-y to the Architect.

A. L. L. L.
Chief Engineer

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