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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 22nd March 1859.

No. 118. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 14th March 1859, No. 8567.

SIR,

Copies of Letters, viz.,
From District Engineer, Godavery
Division, No. 361, dated 17th Feb-
ruary 1859.
From Archdeacon, No. 46, dated 4th
March 1859.

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation of the 19th November 1858, No. 2449, I have the honor to forward a Report from the District Engineer, Godavery Division, on the condition of the Church at Rajahmundry, and a letter from the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, recommending that it should be taken over by Government.

2. The Church was built in 1852-53, under the immediate supervision of the Sessions' Judge, with funds raised by subscription, but a site for it having been most injudiciously selected on the Rampart of the old Fort, which not being wide enough, had to be spread out and levelled to make room, the foundations of the end walls were unfortunately placed on earth which no artificial process could sufficiently consolidate, and hence they have yielded so much, as to cause the cracking of the walls to such an extent, as to make it questionable whether it be worth while to repair the present Edifice at all, or to pull it entirely down and rebuild it, should Government, as the Archdeacon strongly recommends, accept the transfer of the Church.

3. The District Engineer is evidently of opinion, although he has hesitated to express it, that the building is worthless, and concurring with him, I would not recommend the Government taking charge of it unless it is prepared to sanction its re-construction at a cost almost equal to that of an entirely new Church, with some inconsiderable abatement for the value of the present structure.

Letter from Captain F. H. RUNDALL, District Engineer, Godavery Division; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp at Dowlaishwaram, 17th February 1859, No. 361.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 2449, dated 19th November last, I have the honor to inform you, that I have duly examined the state of the Church at Rajahmundry and find that its condition is such, that I could not recommend its being taken up as a Government Building.

2. The end walls have completely broken away from the side walls, the floor inside as well as that of the verandahs outside had sunk considerably, and the cracks are so large as to convey the impression that the building is unsafe and the end walls might at any moment fall.

3. The building is constructed on one of the old Ramparts of the Fort at Rajahmundry. Had these Ramparts been of any other material than they are, viz., extremely hard gravelling soil, the settlement of the walls might be attributable to the fact of their foundations having been laid in "Made Earth," but considering that the Fort must be some hundreds of years old, while the soil itself is of a very hard nature, the walls could not have given way on this account, and the only solution appears to be in the report that has been made to me, that after the foundations were originally excavated to a depth of 8 feet, it was found the funds subscribed would not prove sufficient; the excavation consequently was filled in for 2 or more feet, and the masonry commenced on the top of this newly made soil. This would fully account for the present settlement, as well as for the ultimate fall of the walls so built. As the side walls do not indicate any similar settlement, I can only conclude that the foundations for the end walls were only so treated.

4. It would of course never do to re-build on these foundations, and the only remedy would be to remove them altogether, and commence the masonry at or below the depth originally contemplated.

5. As I feel somewhat doubtful whether the new masonry could be effectually banded on the old without removing a considerable portion of the side walls, an operation which would also

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involve the necessity of removing the roof, I have not entered into the details of an Estimate, as the expense of repairs would unavoidably be very large, and I question whether the intrinsic value of the building would justify their being carried out.

Letter from the Venerable VINCENT SHORTLAND, Archdeacon of Madras; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 4th March 1859, No. 46.

SIR,

I have the honor to return the letter to your address from the District Engineer of the Godavery Division, No. 360 of the 17th Ultimo, which you were so good as to forward for my opinion, under date the 1st Instant.

I think it is impossible to read the report of the present condition of the Church at Rajahmundry without a strong impression that the only safe and desirable plan is to take down the whole structure, and re-build it from the foundation.

Perhaps, indeed, a more desirable site may be found, but on this point, I have at present, no information.

I am not aware under what circumstances or by whom, this Church has been brought under the notice of the Government.

Its history is this. It was built a few years since entirely by subscription, and on its completion conveyed by the Church Building Committee to the Lord Bishop and Archdeacon of Madras (as Bodies Corporate by letters Patent,) which conveyance is deposited in the Registry of the Diocese and Archdeaconry.

As Co-Trustee, I do not think a better arrangement can be made than the transfer of the property to the Government, with a view to its being thoroughly repaired or re-built, and I shall be prepared cordially to concur therein.

I only mention this circumstance because, certainly in all courtesy and propriety, no important step should be taken with regard to property of which I am Co-Trustee without my being consulted.

No. 119. ORDER THEREON, No. 666; dated 21st March 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Ecclesiastical Department, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation in that Department, dated 5th November 1858, No. 347.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Actg. Dy. Secretary to Government.

No. 361

Dist. Eng. Office Godavery Division,
Camp at Dowlaishanmam,
17th February 1859.

From, The District Engineer
Godavery Division

To The Chief Engineer
Department of Works
Fort Saint George.

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4. It would of course never do to rebuild on these foundations and the only remedy would be to remove them altogether and commence the masonry on below the depth originally contemplated.

5. To feel somewhat doubtful whether the new masonry could be effectually bonded on the old without removing a considerable portion of the side walls, an operation which would also involve the necessity of removing the Roof

Roof. I have not entered into the details of an Estimate as the expense of Repairs would unavoidably be very large and I question whether the intrinsic value of the Building would justify their being carried out.

Have the honor to be
Signed J. H. Rundall, Captain
District Engineer Division,

No. 26

Maoras 4th March 1859

From The Venerable
The Archdeacon of Maoras.

To

Colonel Faber
Chief Engineer
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to return the letter to your address from the District Engineer of the Godavery Division No. 360 of the 17th Ultimo, which you were so good as to forward for my opinion under date the 7th Instant.

I think it is impossible to read the report of the present condition of the Church at Rajahmundry without a strong impression that the only safe and desirable plan is to take down the whole structure, and rebuild it from the foundation.
Perhaps.

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may be found, but on this point, I have at present
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and Archdeaconry.

As Co. Trustee, I do not think a better
arrangement can be made than the transfer of the
property to the Government, with a view to its being thoroughly
repaired or re-built; and I shall be prepared cordially
to concur therein.

I only mention this circumstance because,
certainly in all courtesy and propriety no important
step should be taken with regard to property of which
I am Co. Trustee without my being consulted.

I have the honor to be, &c.

Signed Vincent Shilland
Archdeacon.

1 True Copy

Charles R. Captain
Supt. Eng. & M. Works

W. A.

N^o 8567

Central Office of Pub Works,
Fort St George, 14th March, 1859.

From,
The Chief Engineer,
Ecclesiastical

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

Enclosed
Copies of letters dtd
14th March 1859
N^o 2618/17 Feb 1859
N^o 46
14th March 1859

With reference to Contract Minutes
Consultation of the 19th November 1850 N^o 24,19,
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no artificial prop could sufficiently
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so much as to cause the cracking of the
walls to such an extent as to make it
questionable

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Enclosure in a letter

From
The Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Govt

Dated 14th
14th March 1859

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of the Church at Rajahmundry
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with him I would not recommend the
Government taking charge of it unless it is
prepared to sanction its reconstruction at
a cost almost equal to that of an entirely
new Church, with some inconsiderable abate-
ment for the value of the present structure.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St. George
11th March 1859

Resd. Major Colonel
Chief Engineer.

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

C. B.

23rd Nov/58 No 48449.

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Dr. J. C. 1881
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Have the Chief Engineer
in the Department to forward to
the Public

Dear Friends, I am with
you in the best of
affection,
Yours truly,
J. B. C.

"Dated 14th"
 Received 11th 1897.

Feb. 1 1856

Towards the end of the
 session of the Church of
 the Sabbath, the letter from the
 venerable the Moderator of the
 State had as the subject
 of prayer the words of the
 command to keep the
 Sabbath day holy, in
 reference to the
 Sabbath day.

Ms. B. 6. 27th March 1857.

With an order

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transmitted to the Secretary.
that Department on the re-
ference to Dr. Mann: at
least in that Department
dated 3^d November 1858 &c.



Just the same
21st March/89

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