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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 7th June 1862.

No. 132. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Ecclesiastical Department, dated 30th May 1862, No. 172 :—

Requesting to ascertain whether the sum of Rupees 5,168 incurred on account of certain improvements made in the substantial part of the Emmanuel Church in Black Town, can be met from any funds at the disposal of the Public Works Department for the current year. (Vide Ecclesiastical Proceedings, 30th May 1862, Nos. 41-42.)

No. 133. ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1862, No. 1,282.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer for early report with reference to paragraph 4.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Madras; to His Excellency the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated 21th May 1862, No. 54.

I have the honor to forward to your Excellency in Council the accompanying letter from the Reverend C. R. Drury, Chaplain of Black Town, applying for a grant from Government towards liquidating the debt incurred in the erection of the new Church in Black Town, denominated Emmanuel Church.

The arguments set forth in the letter will not fail, I think, to commend themselves to your Excellency as irresistible; and I beg to present the request with my hearty recommendation.

(Signed) F. MADRAS.

From the Reverend CHARLES ROUS DRURY, M. A., Chaplain of Black Town, on behalf of the Church Building Committee; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21th May 1862.

We have the honor to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that the new Central Church in Black Town, called Emmanuel Church, and towards the erection of which the Government were pleased to make a grant of ten thousand (10,000) Rupees on the understanding that it was to be made over to them, has been completed and was duly consecrated by the Lord Bishop on 12th April last.

2. We now beg to submit a statement of the accounts shewing the entire cost of the building with fittings, including the purchase of the site which according to the stipulation above named, we are prepared to make over to the Government as soon as practicable.

3. It will be seen from the statement that the actual expense of the building, with out-offices yet to be erected, has considerably exceeded the estimate, and that the Church is burdened with a debt of Rupees 9,630.

The greater part of this excess is as we will shew owing to improvements made upon the original plan in the substantial parts of the building, which we are sure will commend themselves to the approval of Government as judicious and expedient.

5. The original plan according to which the Church has been built is that marked No. 3, furnished by the Chief Engineer's Office. This plan and the estimate furnished with it were originally framed for small Churches at Military Stations in the Mofussil. It was necessary therefore to have the estimate revised and submitted to the Civil Architect before any contract was made for the execution of the work. This was done and an engagement was entered into with Mr. Loftus a skilful Civil Engineer who agreed to adopt the revised estimate to build the Church.

6. As the work progressed when the time arrived for commencing the arches, it was apparent to all that considering the edifice was situated in the centre of a densely populated District and surrounded by buildings, in order to secure proper ventilation it was necessary to increase the height of the walls, and more particularly to raise considerably the arches of the transepts and chancel. This improvement involved also additional cornice and moulding work.

7. The roof provided for in the standard plan and estimate consisting of flat and pan tiles with chunam borders over wooden rafters with a canvas cloth ceiling within was considered to be ill-suited for such a building in the Presidency Town and not likely to prove durable, it was determined therefore to have a substantial open roof with sheathing boards planed and varnished and a Bengal terrace above and the side aisles terraced with brick on edge.

This improvement in addition to its greater durability, has besides the advantage of not affording a protection and shelter for the rats and other vermin of Black Town which would have been the case with a canvas ceiling.

8. The original plan and estimate provided only for two coats of plastering while Government and other public buildings have never less than three coats. It was thought desirable

therefore both for the sake of appearance and also for economy to add another coat of plastering. It is well known that buildings which have only two coats of plastering, in the course of three or four years begin to look shabby, and require renewing, while on the other hand, three coats of plastering last many years without requiring any further outlay.

9. Additional expense was incurred in increasing the thickness of the walls of tower which the builder thought absolutely necessary, and also from the circumstance of a crack being discovered in the Clock story which it was necessary to pull down and to complete the tower omitting this story altogether.

10. The only other item of additional expenditure in the substantial parts of the building was incurred in having large size Gothic pattern Venetian windows for the chancel and transepts to make the building more airy, in lieu of the small and ill-suited windows provided for in the original plan.

11. The above improvements have cost Rupees 5,168 and have absorbed the money which it was intended to expend on the compound walls and rails, &c., which though not provided for in the contract, we expected would be completed from the funds at our disposal.

12. The compound walls, rails, &c. and levelling the compound and making the necessary roads have cost Rupees 3,500 including the estimated cost of out-offices yet to be built. This increases the amount of our debt to Rupees 8,920.

13. The fittings of the Church have cost a much larger sum than was allowed for that purpose in the original estimate which was found to be altogether inadequate.

Iron Gates for the east entrance and Wooden Rails for the west	700
Marble Slabs for the Chancel flooring	250
Cost of an Organ	750
Do. of Pulpit and Reading Desk	300
Do. of Altar Table, Chairs and Velvet Coverings	250
Additional Chalice and coverings for the two Chalices	100
Baptismal Font and Silver Basin for it	150
Rupees	2,500

The fittings of the Church cost Rs. 7,900 and Iron Gates, &c., for the compound cost, Rupees 950; towards this expenditure we have noted in the margin, sums contributed by Members of the Congregation for different articles amounting to Rupees 2,500.

We mention this merely to shew the great desire manifested by the Congregation that the furniture of the Church, should be worthy of the building itself and of the sacred purpose to which it is dedicated.

14. It will be seen from the statement of accounts that the entire cost of the Church to be now made over to Government, including Rupees 13,400 paid in the first instance for the purchase of the site, which was raised by private contributions alone, amounts to Rupees 48,380 and that of this sum Rupees 28,750 have been raised from the public, and Rupees 10,000 received from Government, leaving Rupees 9,630 yet to be raised.

15. We beg also to remark that in addition to the Church and compound there is also a School-room in the compound built at the cost of Rupees 3,000, raised by public subscription in the year 1855, and which was licensed by the late Bishop as a Chapel of Ease, which will also be made over to the Government and therefore increases the value of the property to be made over rom 48,380 to 51,380 Rupees.

16. Taking therefore into consideration that we are bound by agreement to make over to Government, property amounting in value to Rupees 51,380, because Government have on this understanding made a grant of 10,000 Rupees towards defraying the cost of building the Church, and that in our humble endeavours as Members of the Church Building Committee to do our duty both to the public and the Government in building the Church in the best way we could, we have so far succeeded as to elicit praise and admiration of the edifice from all who have inspected it, and that the sum expended on the work has not been wasted on useless decoration but expended in good taste and sound judgment, and further that in most cases in which Churches built in this Presidency have been made over to the Government, the Government have paid a moiety of the cost or at least more than a third of it, we hope that His Excellency will not deem it inconsistent either to make a further grant sufficient to liquidate our debt or at least such portion of it as we have shewn has been expended on improving the substantial parts of the building only, namely Rupees 5,168.

17. We have only to add, that it is with much pleasure we are able to inform His Excellency that the new Church is well attended every Lord's day, and fully answers the purpose for which it has been built in a central position in the District.

Statement of accounts of the cost of Emmanuel Church.

	Rs.			Rs.		
Cost of Foundation up to base including expense of sinking a new well...				3,439	0	0
Contractor's Estimate for completing the Church...	17,788	0	0			
Deduct fittings not executed by the Contractor...	3,067	0	0			
				14,721	0	0
				18,160	0	0

Additional work done not provided for in the Contractor's Estimate.

Additional Masonry work for increased height of walls and extra Arch Cornice and Moulding work	1,878	0	0		
Do. for Roofing with sheathing boards and Bengal terrace, and for terracing the side Aisles with brick on edge	1,560	0	0		
Do. for plastering interior with an extra coat of superior chunam.	730	0	0		
Do. for increased thickness to tower walls and for modification of tower	650	0	0		
Do. for large size chancel and transept windows	350	0	0		
	5,168	0	0		
Cost of Compound walls and fixing rails on the east and west sides and metalling roads	1,783	0	0		
Estimate for out-offices and turfing the sides not yet done	769	0	0		
	7,720	0	0		
Two Iron Gates for the east entrance and wooden rails for the west.	700	0	0		
Western Gate and Bell stand	250	0	0		
Marble slabs for the Chancel flooring	250	0	0		
				8,920	0	0

Fittings of the Church.

Organ purchased	750	0	0		
Seats and Almirahs for the vestry	2,050	0	0		
Altar Table, Chairs, and rails and velvet coverings	250	0	0		
Punkahs made up...	1,200	0	0		
Kneeling Cushions...	550	0	0		
Rattan Mats...	350	0	0		
Pulpit and Reading Desk	300	0	0		
Masonry Font and Silver basin	150	0	0		
Additional Chalice and covering for two Chalices	100	0	0		
Lamps ordered out...	2,200	0	0		
				7,900	0	0
				34,980	0	0
Add cost of site...				13,400	0	0
				48,380	0	0

Contributions received from the Public.

In payment of the site	13,400	0	0		
Do. for the Church	15,350	0	0		
	28,750	0	0		
Grant from the Government...	10,000	0	0		
				38,750	0	0
Due and payable				9,630	0	0

(Signed) CHARLES ROUS DRURY, M. A.
Chaplain of Black Town.

ORDER THEREON, 20th May 1862, No. 172.

In the tabular application for a grant-in-aid of the erection of Emmanuel Church in Black Town, noticed in the Proceedings of Government 28th June 1860, No. 189, the total cost of the building, inclusive of the purchase of the site, fittings, &c., was estimated at Rupees 37,236. Towards this outlay the Government contributed, as requested, Rupees 10,000.

2. It now appears that a sum of Rupees 11,144, in excess of the Estimate, has (with the exception of Rupees 769 for work still to be done) been incurred in completing the building and supplying all its requirements, thus raising the cost to Rupees 48,380. Of this sum Rupees 38,750 have been defrayed, leaving Rupees 9,630 still to be made up.

3. The greater part of the additional expense incurred arises, it is stated, from improvements made in the substantial parts of the building, this amounts, as per statement appended to the enclosure of the foregoing letter, to Rupees 5,168. Keeping therefore in view the Orders of the late Court of Directors on the subject, quoted in paragraph 4 of the Proceedings of Government above referred to, His Excellency the Governor in Council will be prepared to make a further grant to the above extent towards the liquidation of the sum still required, provided funds for that purpose are available.

4. Reference will accordingly be made to the Public Works Department to ascertain whether the sum in question, viz., Rupees 5,168, can be met from any funds at the disposal of that Department for the current year.

(True Extract.)

G. J. Cartlidge

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Department Public Works.
" Right Reverend the Bishop.
" Venerable the Archdeacon.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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