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No. 70. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Educational Department, dated 25th April 1862, No. 111 :—

Sanctioning an addition of Rupees 8,596 to the grant of Rupees 9,000 made in aid of the erection of a School house at Calicut. } (Vide Educational Department, 25th April 1862, Nos. 30-31.)

No. 71. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1862, No. 924.

Communicated to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, for information and guidance.

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

Educational Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following

No. 694.

MADRAS, 24th *April* 1862.

From

A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq.,

Director of Public Instruction.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

Adverting to the Proceedings of Government under date the 14th July 1860, No. 1908, sanctioning a grant of Rupees 9,000 in aid of the erection of a school house for the Provincial school at Calicut, I have the honor to submit for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council the enclosed letter,* under date the 1st Instant, from the Collector of Malabar, applying for a supplemental grant of Rupees 8,596, the funds available having been found insufficient for the erection of a building of the size which is considered necessary to meet the educational wants of the town and district.

*Requested to be returned.

2. The amount contributed from local sources, including the estimated value of the ground on which the school is being built, was Rs. 9,400, and Mr. Grant states that this sum was subscribed under the impression that the Government would be prepared to give double the amount. The original estimate was Rs. 14,442, but after the grant authorized by Government in July 1860 was sanctioned, it was found insufficient and on examination in the Chief Engineer's Office, it was fixed at Rs. 19,430, the amount then available being Rs. 16,962, viz., the Government grant of Rs. 9,000 and the subscriptions in cash Rs. 7,962. On receiving the revised estimate, I suggested that 3 of the rooms provided for in the plan might be omitted. This, it appears, the Committee were unwilling to do, and the foundations have been laid according to the original plan. The Collector's letter is accompanied by a revised abstract estimate, from which it appears that the original estimate, as revised by the Chief Engineer, will be exceeded by the sum of Rs. 4789-10-9. Provision is also made for a tiffin room and privy, not originally provided for, costing respectively Rs. 545 and Rs. 395, and also for a payment of Rs. 393-14-0 for certain cocoanut trees and small buildings on the site selected, which had to be paid for. The increase over the Chief Engineer's Estimate is explained partly by a rise in wages and prices of materials, and partly in consequence of the Committee having employed workmen on daily wages instead of having had the work done on contract, which would doubtless have been a more economical arrangement. This large excess over the amount of the original estimate is not satisfactory, but as the foundations have been laid for the whole of the building provided for in the original plan, which apparently cannot be completed at a smaller cost, and as it is desirable that the work should be proceeded with as fast as possible before the monsoon sets in, I beg leave to recommend that the grant of Rupees 8,596, for which the Collector has applied, may be sanctioned.

3. The charge can be met from the Budget estimate for educational buildings for the current year.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Signed) A. J. Arbuthnot

Director of Public Instruction.

Order

Order thereon 25th April 1862 No 111

The Government sanction, under the circumstances explained, an addition of Rupees (8596) eight thousand five hundred and ninety six to the grant of Rupees (9,000) nine thousand made in July 1860 in aid of the erection of a School house at Calicut.

2. The charge can, it is observed, be met from the Budget Estimate for Educational Buildings for the current year.

(True Extract)

Chief Secretary

To

The Department
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