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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th April 1865.*

No. 265. Read the following Endorsement of the Under Secretary to Government Military Department:—

Read the following letter from Major-General W. C. McLEOD, Commanding Ceded Districts, to the Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, dated Bellary, 27th March 1865, No. 26.

SIR,

1. I beg to forward these letters, numbers and dates as per margin, to be laid before His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief. The first from the Senior Chaplain Church of Scotland to the Officer Commanding 21st Fusiliers, the

No. 39, dated 24th February.
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second from the latter Officer to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General of this Division, and the third from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, submitting his opinion on the subject mooted in them relative to the building now under construction as a School Room and Church for the European Protestants of the force.

2. The Reverend Mr. Macfarlane represents that the pillars down the body of the building will shut out, from the sight of the preacher, a large portion of the congregation; while the space taken up by these pillars (which instead of being two feet in diameter as in the original plan are three feet) can be ill spared. He consequently proposes their removal I may here state, that the Reverend Mr. Deane, the Chaplain of Bellary, advocates the same.

3. Colonel Robertson, Commanding the Fusiliers, supports the above proposition, and adds that the accommodation provided is altogether insufficient for the object contemplated, and further recommends the enlargement of the building itself.

4. Captain Moberley points out that the work is stopped, not that a reference may be made, but from want of timber for the roof. He observes, that the defects as regards the pillars might be removed by "placing them against the side walls, and resting on them the main trusses of the roof of about 40 feet span; which would necessitate, however, a revision of the estimate." He considers that accommodation is available, on the present plan, for 550 persons.

5. The adoption of Captain Moberley's plan would remedy the evil urged by the Reverend Mr. Macfarlane, and would, unquestionably, be a great improvement to the building. But as there appears to be some difficulty about timber even at present, I apprehend, it would be increased ten-fold to procure beams of sufficient dimensions to support a roof of 40 feet span even at a proportionably high price. It might have been in consequence of some difficulty regarding large sized timber that the pillars were placed in the building. If light iron ones, are procurable, and considered sufficiently strong for the roof, the wood work now intended to be used could be made available.

6. With regard to the accommodation, I think that the statement made by the Superintending Engineer, that it will hold 550 persons, must be accepted. Considering the number of men on duty, in hospital, and otherwise prevented attending service, I do not think that the numbers, including women and children, requiring seats will exceed that mentioned, at any one time. At all events, it is too late now to make any change in the size of the building.

7. I am induced to submit the question for His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's consideration, in consequence of the building being at a stand. Should His Excellency desire it the Executive Engineer will be called on for an estimate.

From the Reverend J. R. MACFARLANE, M. A., Senior Chaplain Church of Scotland, Bellary,
to Colonel J. E. ROBERTSON, Commanding Her Majesty's 2/21st N. B. Fusiliers,
Bellary, dated Bellary, 24th February 1865, No. 39.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to call your attention to the internal construction of the Chapel School Room now being built, which appears to me to be very faulty for the purpose to which it is to be chiefly devoted.

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2. The internal measurement of the building is 96 feet by 40 feet. It is divided into three portions by two rows of pillars, each 3 feet in diameter, the centre area measuring 14 feet, and each of the side aisles 10 feet wide.

3. These pillars from their immense size not merely occupy a large space in the building, which really cannot be spared, but indirectly render nearly a third of what remains almost useless, as they will wholly shut out the clergyman from the sight of the congregation in the greater part of the side aisles. This will be at once obvious to you on looking at the enclosed ground plan. The shaded part of it, as you will observe, is wholly excluded from the view of the clergyman. When a space of 4 feet in the middle of the centre area is deducted for a passage, you will observe that there is really very little good available space left; I need not add that this is a most grave defect. It is one, however, that may yet be easily remedied, and the Superintending Engineer, on my calling his attention to the subject, at once directed the further building of the pillars to be stopped, pending a reference with the view of the plan being altered.

4. As these pillars are simply for bearing the roof, I do not conceive that there could be any difficulty in dispensing with them, or any material additional expense in constructing a roof of such moderate span as 40 feet without central supports.

5. I intended to write to Government, but as I have only a partial interest in the subject, and as I know the deep interest you take in all that concerns the welfare of your Regiment, I consider it more appropriate and more likely to ensure a successful result, to bring the question to your notice, with a request that you will be good enough to obtain the views of General McLeod, the Superintending Engineer, and others concerned, regarding the suggested alterations, and submit them to Government.

6. This course will probably also secure a more speedy decision, as any communication from me, would be referred back to Bellary for opinions which may all be submitted to Government now.

From Colonel J. E. ROBERTSON, Commanding 2/21st Regiment, Royal Fusiliers, to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Ceded Districts, dated Bellary, 27th February 1865, No. 90-65.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Major General Commanding, a letter from the Reverend Mr. Macfarlane, Senior Chaplain of the Church of Scotland, enclosing a plan of the Church School which is now in course of erection in the lines of my Regiment, and where it is intended that Divine Service should be held for the Presbyterians and Church of England Troops in Garrison. I beg to point out that there are in my Battalion alone, 223 Presbyterians and 539 Church of England, which numbers do not include their wives and children.

2. From the measurement given in the plan, this building could not even accommodate (if there were no pillars) the small number of Presbyterians and their families of my Battalion, without taking the two Batteries of the Royal Artillery into consideration. The twelve huge pillars which are placed inside the building take up a very large amount of room, and obscure upwards of 100 persons from the sight of the Minister. I should imagine that this grave defect in the building could be remedied before the roof was placed on it, and that it might also be enlarged so as to accommodate the number of Troops and their families who are required to attend their Church on Sundays.

From Captain A. S. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Ceded Districts, dated Camp Kadgipett, 14th March 1865, No. 32A.

SIR,

1. In returning the letters as per margin, I have the honor to inform you in reply to your letter No. 248 of the 3rd instant, that, in my opinion, there is sufficient accommodation for about 550 persons.

Letter No. 90-65, dated 27th February 1865, from the Officer Commanding Her Majesty's 2-21st N. B. Fusiliers.
Letter No. 39, dated 24th February 1865, from the Reverend Mr. Macfarlane.

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2. The Reverend Mr. Macfarlane has made a slight mistake in paragraph 3 of his letter; he called my attention to the great inconvenience that would be occasioned by the pillars being allowed to remain and, in reply, I informed him that I was unable to do any thing in the matter as the plan had received the approval of Government; but that, if he wished to make a reference on the subject, now there was good opportunity as the work was at a stand still for want of wood for the roofing.

3. The available space might be greatly improved by putting the pillars against the side walls, and resting on them the main trusses of a roof of about 40 feet span; this however would necessitate a revision of the estimate, as the work could not be executed with the present sanctioned amount.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 4,009.

Forwarded to Government with the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief that the subject of another roof, and the enlargement of the building, may be considered in the Public Works Department.

(By Order.)

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

4th April 1865.

To the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

(Signed) F. H. SCOTT, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Quarter Master General.

Referred to the Public Works Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

April 1865.

No. 266.

ORDER THEREON, 19th April 1865, No. 1,024.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 13.

1. From the papers recorded at the head of these Proceedings the Government observe that complaints have been made regarding the space taken up by the centre pillars of the building now under construction at Bellary for an Army School Room and Protestant place of worship.

* 3 Feet.

2. The diameter* of the pillars as constructed does not, as stated by Major General McLeod, differ from that given in the amended plan, which bears the countersignature of Major

General Armstrong and is now on the records of the Government Office. Their construction, however, is certainly objectionable, and it was only authorized† on its being pointed out by Captain Fischer that the roof as originally designed was not suitable to a District where skilled artificers could not be easily procured. The Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, will now be requested to report whether a trussed roof, as shown in the accompanying plan, can be made up at Bellary without difficulty, and if so, to submit a revised estimate of the cost of substituting such work for that provided in the estimate (Rupees 11,220) sanctioned for the building in G. O. No. 362, dated 3rd February 1864.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, with two Plans.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

„ Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Headquarters 1st District
Bellary 27th March 1855.

No 26

From Major General W. Keble
Commanding 1st District

To The Quarter Master General
of the Army
Fort St. George.

Sir. I beg to forward three letters, bearing
date as per margin, the last signed by
yourself. The first from
the Senior Chaplain Church of Scotland
& the Officer commanding 21st Fusiliers - the
second from the latter Officer to the Dep.
Asst. Q. Master General of the Division - and
the third from the Superintendent Engineer
3rd Division submitting his opinion on the
subject brot up in them, relative to the
building now under construction as a
school room and church for the European
Protestants of the town.

2. The Rev. Mr. Macfarlane represents
that the pillars above the body of the
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I am here to state, that the Rev. Mr. Deane, the Chaplain of the Army, advocates the same.

3. Colonel Robinson, Comd. the Fusiliers, supports the above proposition and adds that the accommodation provided is altogether insufficient for the objects contemplated and further recommends the enlargement of the building itself.

4. Captain Lubbock prints out, that the work is stopped, not that a reference may be made, but from want of timber for the roof. He observes, that the defect or repairs the pillars might be removed by placing them against the side walls and resting on them the main trusses of the roof of about 40 feet span. "That would be a substitute, however, a revision of the estimate" - He considers that accommodation is available, on the present plan, for 550 persons.

5. The adoption of Captain Lubbock's plan would remedy the evil urged by the Rev. Mr. Hoare, and would, unquestionably, be a great improvement to the building. But as there appears to some difficulty about timber, some at present, I apprehend, it could be increased ten-fold to procure beams of sufficient dimensions to support a roof of 40 ft. high. It might have been

in consequence of some difficulty regarding large sized timber that the pillars were placed in the building. If left here, and are procurable and extended sufficiently strong for the roof, the work now intended to be and could be more available.

6. With regard to the accommodation I think, that the statement made by the Inspecting Engineer, that it will hold 550 persons, must be accepted. Considering the number of men on duty - in hospital - and otherwise prevented attending ^{service}, I don't think that the number, including women and children, requiring seats will exceed that mentioned, at any one time. At all events, it is too late now to make any change in the size of the building.

7. I am induced to submit the question for his Excellency the Commander in Chief's consideration in consequence of the building being at a stand. Should his Excellency desire it the Executive Engineer will be called on for an estimate.

Yours truly
Sir, John Lubbock

John Lubbock Esq.
Comd. the Fusiliers

Milit. Works

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Public Works Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 19 April 1865

Read the following -

Remo:

From

Quartermaster General.

For words correction
-ence relative to the
Building now under construction
as a school Room and
Church for the European
Protestant of the Force

Here enters 4 April 1865

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for an Army School
Room and Protestant

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1865
Office
of the
Quartermaster General

10/1831

Memorandum
from Mr. General

to Mr. General
10/1198

(Office Communication)
Lieut. Colonel

E. L.

Forwarded for consideration
relative to the building
now under construction
as a school Room and
Church for the European
Protestant of the Force

Memorandum

N: 4009

Quartermaster General's Office
1st August 1865

Forwarded to Government with the
recommendation of the Government
-Chief that the subject of another roof, and
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considered in the 18th Q.

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Lieut. Colonel

Quartermaster General

to the Secretary to Government
Military Department

Forwarded to the Public
Works Department

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Place of Worship—

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3 Feb—

Note Capt Eng 3^d Div
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W. B.
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7. The Capt Engineer 3^d Div: with 2 Plans ✓
--- Controller P. O. and ✓
--- Military Dep. W. & 3 letters ✓

Decr 19th April.

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To Wm D. Deane
Pres. of Govt. for
April

No. 1024
Pres. of the M. Govt.
D/ 19 April/65

C. No. 2522/65

The Supy Engrs & Co.
requested to report whether
a tiled roof for the Army
School Room and Protest.
and places of worship were
construction at Battery Camp
has made at that station, and
if so, to submit a revised
estimate for the work.

No. 265.266

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