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No. 663. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R. A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works Buildings,) to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 7th July 1865, No. 682 C:—

SIR,

I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of the Government of Fort Saint George, that Public Works Department Standing Order No. 37 of 1865, regarding the expenditure of public money on Churches and Chapels in Military and Civil Stations, is to be considered applicable to the Madras Presidency.

No. 37.

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS IN MILITARY AND CIVIL STATIONS.

Expenditure of Government money on Churches.

The following general principles and rules regarding the expenditure of public money on

Churches and Chapels are published for general information, and must be strictly adhered to by Local Governments and Administrations in considering proposals for such works, and in according sanction to them :—

Churches not allowed for purely Military Stations.

I.—In the case of purely Military Stations, where there is no European population excepting the Troops, such as the Hill Sanatoria at Dugshai or Subathoo, &c., applications for Protestant Churches will not, as a rule, be entertained by the Government, and a Regimental School-room or other large suitable building should be made available for divine worship.

Churches when provided.

II.—Where, however, a Military Station is of a permanent character, and there is also a Civil European community, Protestant Churches are desirable, and will be constructed by the Government.

Roman Catholic Chapels when provided.

III.—Roman Catholic Chapels will be provided by the Government to the extent required for Troops in those Military Stations in which sanction is accorded to the erection of Protestant Churches.

Amount of grant for a Protestant Church.

IV.—The amount of the Government grant for a Protestant Church will, in no case exceed such a sum as will suffice to provide a plain substantial building adapted to its special purposes, and large enough to contain the whole congregation which may ordinarily be expected to attend, together with such plain furniture as is essentially necessary for the proper performance of the service according to the ritual of the Church of England. It will rest with private individuals to furnish the means of imparting ecclesiastical features, and architectural decorations to the building, should they desire it, and also of supplying additional furniture, or furniture of a more costly description, and means of lighting.

Amount of grant for a Roman Catholic Chapel.

V.—The same principles with regard to the extent of accommodation and amount of the Government grants will hold good in the case of Roman Catholic Chapels.

Churches allowed at the chief Civil Station of a District.

VI.—At the chief Civil Station of a District, the Government will be ready to provide a small Protestant Church, on a scale commensurate with the probable congregation to be accommodated, whenever the community of the station is willing to bear a portion of the expense, the share taken by the Government being calculated on the principle above laid down, viz., that the Government will provide the cost of the solid and essential parts of the fabric, while it shall rest with the community to supply the means of giving to the building, the special architectural character and the distinguishing features of ecclesiastical form, which it is desirable Churches should possess.

Scale of maximum cost and accommodation provided by Government.

VII.—The following sums are fixed as sufficient to provide places of worship on the above principles for the various details of Troops and for Civil Stations. The scale of size for Military Stations, and of expense for all Churches or Chapels, now laid down, are in no case to be exceeded without a reference to the Government of India, even though the proposed expenditure may be, within the power of sanction, vested in the Local Government or Administration.

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Military Stations.

DETAILS.	PROTESTANT.		ROMAN CATHOLIC.	
	Number of Sittings.	Amount.	Number of Sittings.	Amount.
For each Regiment of European Infantry...	700	RS. 20,000	300	RS. 9,000
" Wing of ...	350	10,000	150	6,000
" Regiment of British Cavalry ...	400	12,000	200	7,000
" Wing of ...	200	7,000	100	5,000
" Field Battery of Artillery ...	150	6,000	50	3,500
" Garrison " of " ...	50	3,500	...	...

N. B.—As a rule, one Church and one Roman Catholic Chapel only will be provided at any station, the necessary accommodation and amount of grant being calculated on the above standard, and if the required number of sittings exceed 700, the addition to the grant will be Rupees 25 for each sitting above that number.

Civil Stations or Stations where there are only Native Troops.

NUMBER OF CONGREGATION.	PROTESTANT CHURCH.	
	Maximum Government grant.	Minimum amount to be raised by private subscrip- tion.
Probable congregation 24	RS. 2,000	RS. 1,000
Ditto 50	3,500	1,750
Ditto 100	5,000	2,500
Ditto 150	6,000	3,000
Ditto 200	7,000	3,500
Ditto 300	9,000	4,500
Ditto 400	12,000	6,000
Ditto 500	15,000	7,500
Ditto 700	20,000	10,000

No. 664. ORDER THEREON, 27th July 1865, No. 2,160.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 91.

The foregoing letter together with the Standing Order of the Government of India, No. 37 of 1865, will be communicated to the

Military and Ecclesiastical Departments, and to the Superintending Engineers for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
,, Ecclesiastical Department.
,, Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

From No. 6820
The Secretary to the Govt of India
To The Secretary to the Govt of Fort St. George
Public Works Department

Public Works Department
Simla, 7th July 1865.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most-Obt. Servant,
W. Dickson Smith Col R.A.
Secretary to the Govt of India

