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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th November 1865.*

No. 233. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Ecclesiastical Department :—

Intimating that as the Protestant Charity School
House in Fort Saint George is not the property
of Government no orders can be given for
its repairs at the Government expense, until
the report called for on the administration of
the charity has been received. } (Here enter 3rd November 1865, No. 293.)

No. 234. ORDER THEREON, 13th November 1865, No. 3,395.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 35.

Communicated to the Superintending
Engineer of the 4th Division, in continuation
of the Proceedings of Government, No. 3,095,
dated 17th October 1865.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department,
3rd November 1865.

No. 6. Read the following letter from the Accountant General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 26th October 1865, No. 141.

Book and Adjustment Department.

With reference to the Order of Government in the Ecclesiastical Department, No. 273, dated 18th instant, I have the honor to forward, herewith, a letter, in original, from the Reverend R. A. Denton to this office, dated 18th February 1833, and its annexure, being extract of the Committee's Report, from paragraph 10 of which it will be seen that the ground on which the Fort School stands belonged to the late Honorable East India Company, and was granted in the year 1780, on a lease of 99 years, to the Vestry of Saint Mary's Church, at a rent of 5 Pagodas per annum. This sum has never been paid, and the Government, at the time the school was built, granted a donation of 500 Pagodas towards its erection. All repairs to the school appear to have been executed from the Funds belonging to Saint Mary's Church.

From the Garrison Chaplain, Fort Saint George, to the Accountant General, &c., &c., &c., Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 18th February 1833, No. 5.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the Deputy Accountant General, requiring a separate bill for the contingencies charged in the last month's account for Saint Mary's Charity School. As I consider this letter has been written under a mistake, I beg to offer the following explanations with reference to it.

2. When the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctioned the repairs of the Fort School-house, he likewise authorized the increase of the number of boys in the school to 50 as originally intended. And as the repairs were completed at the end of December last, I thought it right to elect some new boys, and further, to be ready for the full number (now 42) of 50, to increase the store of cumblies, pillows, bowls, &c., to that extent. The books and clothes charged for are on account of boys actually received since the last supply of these articles was furnished.

Amount saved in three years, Madras Rupees. 721 11 2,
vide below:—
Average Rupees 250 per annum.

Amount realized.		
1830.....	432	5 6
1831.....	433	2 7
1832.....	426	3 1

3. The outlay on account of this charity has not, since I have been in charge, nearly equalled the amount proposed in the Committee's Report to Government, whereas the Church and monumental collections have far exceeded the sum given therein, as the average of preceding years.

4. With respect to the stationery allowance of Rupees 17-8-0 per mensem, I beg to observe the authority of Government to purchase stationery from the stores was never intended to interfere with it. The indulgence of so purchasing was granted to the *Garrison Chaplain*, and not to the *Superintendent* of the school only, on account of the increased consumption of paper for returns, consequent on the extra ones required for Government, the doing away the fee for certificates of marriages, baptisms, &c., and also those extra ones I am required to forward monthly to your office.

5. The Superintendent's salary is, strictly speaking, Rupees 105 per mensem, though of late years it has been charged under two heads, as will appear from the annexed extract of the Report to Government regarding the Funds of Saint Mary's Church, and it could never have been intended, I presume, in granting the indulgence of buying stationery at a cheap rate, that I should be a loser, as would be the case were the reduction now proposed by you carried into effect. I need scarcely add that many officers drawing stationery allowance, even from Government, are permitted to purchase supplies from the public stores.

6. Had these circumstances been in your recollection, I feel assured the bill would not have been returned, nevertheless I cannot but lament that the pensioners and Native servants,

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especially in this season of distress, should have been subjected to this delay in receiving their payments.

7. I further beg to observe that the Fund of Saint Mary's Church is private property, and that the only power the Government can exercise over it, at present, is in virtue of the Honorable Company's Sovereign rights, which may make the Government guardians of all charities not specially provided with trustees.

8. As Contingent bills of a larger amount for the Protestant Charity school have on several occasions been passed by you without reference to Government, and in the hope that the explanation now given may remove any difficulty regarding the payment of this bill, I beg to return it, in its original state, for payment. I annex a copy of extracts from Report to Government sent

Sic in original.

Home to the Court of Directors, as you are aware, from Chief Secretary's letter, dated 7th February 1832, several sums allowed for contingent charges annually, &c. A reference to the records in the Accountant General's office will show that I have husbanded the resources of the school to the utmost, and I am not aware of any Government Order which calls for a reference, in the matter of a private fund, which must inevitably lead to a long delay in settling the just demands against the Institution.

9. I beg to add that it would be a great boon to the pensioners and servants if the monthly abstracts for the school could be passed, and the cheque on the Government Bank sent to me on some fixed day in each month, say the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th day.

Extract from the Report of the Committee appointed by Government to inquire into the amount and appropriation of the Funds belonging to St. Mary's Church.

Paragraph 18. "We have endeavoured to reduce the expenses of the school establishment to the lowest scale. The Superintendent at present draws his stipend under two heads—pay, and stationery allowance; it would perhaps be better for him to draw the sum of thirty (30) Pagodas under one head, and we beg to recommend it. The actual sum expended for stationery might be added to the accounts when required."

Extract from Minutes of Consultation forwarded in Chief Secretary's letter of the 7th February 1832 to the Committee.

"Resolved that copies of paragraphs 8 to, 10 of the Report of St. Mary's Church Committee dated 17th June 1830, with copy of the estimate referred to and a copy of the Garrison Chaplain's letter of the 27th January 1832, be furnished to the Military Board, with instructions to cause the Protestant Charity School-house in Fort Saint George to be repaired, and to take into their consideration and report upon the suggestion of the Garrison Chaplain in the 3rd paragraph of his letter above noticed. The expense of repairing the school-house will be payable from St. Mary's Church Fund."

"The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is not aware of any objection to the increase of the number of boys to be admitted to 50 after the completion of the repairs."
(A true Extract).

(Signed) H. CHAMIER,
Chief Secretary.

Extract from the Committee's Report referred to in the above Extract.

Paragraph 8. "With respect to the present state of the Protestant Charity School in Fort Saint George, we beg to observe that the boys appear to be as well taken care of by the master now in charge, as the state of the premises will admit of, and to have made a satisfactory progress in the different branches of the education bestowed on them—reading, writing, arithmetic. The number of the boys on the foundation has been much diminished, as there are now only twenty-seven (27) foundation boys, and the complement is fifty (50). We beg to recommend

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that the vacancies be filled up, as it will appear there are sufficient funds for the support of the full number of boys, from the accounts annexed."

Paragraph 9. "But before this plan can be adopted, or the necessary steps be taken to place the Institution on an efficient footing, it is absolutely necessary to re-build, or thoroughly repair the school-house. The premises are in a ruinous state and can scarcely be considered habitable in the rainy season. It is therefore hoped something may be done to them prior to the monsoon."

Paragraph 10. "The ground on which the house stands appears to be the property of the Honorable Company, and to have been granted in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty (1780) on a lease of ninety-nine (99) years to the vestry of St. Mary's Church at a rent of five (5) Pagodas per annum. This sum does not seem ever to have been demanded, and the Government of that day granted a donation of five hundred (500) Pagodas towards the erection of the premises. Under these circumstances, it is hoped that the Government will grant a donation for this purpose. The amount required, according to an estimate prepared by the Superintending Engineer, is Madras Rupees two thousand four hundred and ninety-two, Annas twelve, and Pice eight, (2492-12-8). There appears to be a balance in the Government Bank, in favor of the Saint Mary's Church Fund, of Rupees seven thousand seven hundred and fifty-four, Annas six, and Pice five (7754-6-5), which might be appropriated to this purpose, if the Government does not feel authorized to relieve the Fund of this charge. But as the money may be required for other purposes, such as individual claims against it, and on former occasions aid has been granted from the Lottery Fund, the Committee indulge a hope that assistance of the same nature will not now be denied."

From the Town Major, to the Garrison Chaplain, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 5th December 1832.

With reference to your letter of the 1st October last, I am directed to transmit, for your information and guidance, the annexed Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 27th ultimo.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 175.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 27th November 1832.

Read the following letter from the Accountant General.

With reference to application of Garrison Chaplain to be allowed to purchase Stationery from Government Stores, stating that no objection appears to such permission being granted. } Dated 21st November 1832.

Resolved, accordingly, that the Accountant General be authorized to pass the quarterly Indents of the Garrison Chaplain for Stationery to be supplied from the Public Stores on payment.

(A true Extract).

(Signed) H. CHAMIER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Town Major of Fort Saint George.

(Copy of true Extract).

(Signed) J. K. LIMOND,
Town Major.

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<i>Sums Allowed.</i>					<i>Sums Expended.</i>				
	RS.	A.	P.			RS.	A.	P.	
1830—Books.....	100	0	0		1830—Books.....	33	0	0	
Clothing, &c. ...	350	0	0		Clothing, &c. ...	127	3	0	
				450 0 0					160 3 0
1831—Books.....	100	0	0		1831—Books.....	8	4	0	
Clothing, &c. ...	350	0	0		Clothing, &c. ...	184	13	6	
				450 0 0					193 1 6
1832—Books.....	100	0	0		1832—Books.....	57	9	4	
Clothing, &c. ...	350	0	0		Clothing, &c. ...	217	7	0	
				450 0 0					275 0 4

Amount saved in three years, Madras Rupees 721-10-2.

The above are true Copies.

(Signed) R. A. DENTON,
Garrison Chaplain.

No. 7.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd November 1865, No. 293.

Ordered to be communicated to the Garrison Chaplain, in continuation of G. O., dated 11th instant, No. 265.

2. As it appears that the building is not the property of Government, no orders can be given for its repair at the Government expense, until the full report on the administration of the charity, called for in the Government Order above quoted, has been received and considered.

(True Extract).

G. J. Cantelmo
Chief Secretary.

To the Garrison Chaplain of Fort Saint George, with Proceedings No. 273 of 1865,
" Accountant General, with original enclosure returned.
" Barrack Master.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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No. 3395

*Communicated to the Superintendent
of the 4th Division, in continuation of the Proceedings of Government No 3095, dated 17th October 1865.*

*Fort St. George
13th Nov 65*

*To The Superintendent Engineer
of the 4th Division
Controller of P. W. Accounts
X⁸⁷ 14th November*

17th 1865 Dept
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No. 293

Estimating that
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School-house in Fort
St. George is not the
property of Govt. no
orders can be given for
its repair at the Govt
expense, until the report
called for on the ad-
ministration of the
charity has been re-
ceived.

With an order
No. 3395-13th Nov 1865

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