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23th May 1866.

No. 616. Read the following letter from the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madura, 11th May 1866, No. 96 :—

1. I have the honor to submit an abstract estimate of Rupees 1,300, for repairing the church at Tuticorin, as called for in G. O. No. 3,603 of the 29th November 1865. The first requisition
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for an estimate was conveyed in G. O. No. 1,804, of the 29th June 1865, on a letter from the Reverend Mr. Kearns, pointing out the condition of the church. I have attended to the nine paragraphs of that letter, and had the estimate framed accordingly, except in the item of the screen for the vestry, paragraph 7. A teak screen would be expensive, and being by way of ornament is, I consider, unnecessary. I propose only to renew the canvas screen, which will look quite neat, and answer the purpose as well as one of wood. Also with regard to paragraph 2 of the same letter, there need be no apprehension of the large pillar coming down. I looked carefully over the building, when at Tuticorin last month: the broken portion of the capital is only the plaster which has come off, from the leakage immediately above; the pillar three feet in diameter, built of stone, is perfectly sound. There is a long beam over the transept of 31 feet span, supported in the middle by the pillar. This beam is not displaced by the thrust of the couple roof, but remains in its true position on the pillar; by stretching a cord horizontally from the extremities, it was found that the beam had sagged, and it therefore appears evident that for fear of the beam giving way, with an unsupported length of 31 feet, the pillar was subsequently built under it, and there has been no subsidence since.

2. Referring to G. O.* Ecclesiastical Department, No. 312 of the 22nd November 1865, the roof of the body of the church leaks a good deal, and from examination, it must be stripped and renewed with about one half new tiles and reapers, as provided in the estimate. The walls are built of coral stone, but the stone is plastered, and although white-wash will not last long so close to the sea, it improves the appearance of the place for a time, the cost is so little too, that the walls were white-washed last year, from some private source.

3. The church bears the date 1,750 the walls; are substantial and sound; by the present estimate the leakage will be stopped, the portico made safe, the palings renewed, the timber painted, and the pulpit and reading desk improved. Funds may be provided from Part III. of the Budget Repairs, Civil Buildings, Tinnevely, Revenue, Rupees 4,500.

No. 617. ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1866, No. 1,683.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 91.

1. Under the explanation which is afforded by the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division, in his letter above recorded, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions for

Exd. S. T. Augustin,

H. H. Hurd Captain R.F.
Offg. Proj. Eng. & Division

No. 96 Sup^d Engineer's Office S^t O^h
Madura 11th May 1866.
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By *Captain H. L. Trendergast*
Official & Superint. Engineer S. D.

No, Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government D.P.W.

I have the honor to submit an abstract estimate of Rupees 1300, for repairing the Church at Tuticorin, as called for in C.O. N^o 3608 of the 29th November 1865. The first requisition for an estimate, was conveyed in C.O. N^o 1804 of the 29th June 1865, on a letter from the Reverend W. Kearns, pointing out the condition of the Church. I have attended to the 9 paragraphs of that letter, and had the estimate framed accordingly, except in the item of the screen for the Vestry. para 7. - a teak Screen, would be expensive, and being by way of ornament, is I consider unnecessary. I propose only to renew the Canvas Screen, which will look quite neat, and answer the purpose as well as one of wood - also with regard to para

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para 2 of the same letter; there need be no apprehension of the large pillar coming down. I looked carefully over the building, when at Tuticorin last month; the broken portion of the capital is only the plaster which has come off, from the leakage immediately above; the pillar 3 feet in diameter, built of stone, is perfectly sound. There is a long beam over the transept, of 31 feet span, supported in the middle by the pillar. This beam is not displaced by the thrust of the couple roof, but remains in its true position on the pillar, by stretching a cord horizontally from the extremities, it was found that the beam had sagged, and it therefore appears evident, that for fear of the beam giving way, with an unsupported length of 31 feet, the pillar was subsequently built under it: and there has been no subsidence since. —

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The Church bears the date 1750. the walls are substantial and sound. — by the present estimate the leakage will be stopped: the portico made safe; the palings renewed, the timber painted and the pulpit and reading desk improved. Funds may be provided from Part III of the Budget Repairs, Civil Buildings. Unreservedly Revenue - Rs 11500 —

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