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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd March 1866.*

No. 74. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Ecclesiastical Department :—

Sanctioning the charge (Rupees 145-9-11) incurred by the Department Public Works in putting up Pankahs in Christ's Church at Nellore, and directing the Accountant General to determine the source from which it can be met. } (Here enter 21st February 1866, No. 38.)

No. 75. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1866, No. 732.

ACCOUNT, No. 12.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 2nd Division.

(True Extract.)

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

Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department,
21st February 1866.

No. 21. Read the following letter from the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 5th February 1866, No. 45.

I have the honor to forward, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a correspondence regarding a sum of Rupees 145-9-11, expended, in 1864, in putting up Punks in the Church at Nellore, and to request that the necessary orders be passed, to reimburse the Executive Engineer with the amount he has expended.

From the Reverend S. J. COMPTON, Minister of the Church at Nellore, to the Venerable the Archdeacon; dated Nellore, 29th January 1866.

I beg to draw your attention to the enclosed letters received from the Collector of Nellore, and to request (on behalf of the Church Committee, Christ's Church, Nellore) that you will kindly obtain the sanction of Government that the amount of Rupees 145-9-11 may be reimbursed to the Officer in charge of the Public Workshop, Nellore, for Punks erected in the Church, in the year 1864.

From the Collector of Nellore, to the Church Committee, Christ's Church, Nellore; dated Prabhagiri putnam, 15th January 1866, No. 34.

In 1864, on the completion of the new Chancel to our Church, new Punks having been found necessary for the Chancel and Pulpits, they were put up by the Officer then in charge of the Public Workshop; and in view to adjustment of their cost, an Estimate amounting to Rupees 146, was forwarded to me, in my capacity as Lay Trustee, in August 1864, for my countersignature. It was, accordingly, countersigned and returned to the Officers of the Public Works Department, but by some mistake, apparently on the part of the late Church Clerk, Mr. Leach, it never reached them, and on this being explained, a duplicate of the estimate was furnished me last January, which was countersigned and returned similarly to the original.

2. On the Officers of the Public Works Department, however, proceeding to adjust the amount, the Controller of Public Works Accounts refused to admit the charge, on the ground that it cannot be debited against the Public Works Department, with reference to the Proceedings of Government in that Department, dated 27th May 1862, No. 1175, and that it should be recovered from the Ecclesiastical Department.

* Letter, No. 55, dated 5th October 1865.

† Collector's letter, No. 256, dated 24th October 1865.

3. The Superintending Engineer thereon having requested* me to state whether there are any funds obtained by subscriptions from which the charge could be defrayed, I questioned† the propriety of the objection to admit the charge as a Public Works charge, and urged that it could be met from the repair allotment of the Church; but with reference to certain further correspondence between the Superintending Engineer and myself, the proper course to obtain adjustment of the charge appears to be that it should be submitted for the sanction of Government by the Church Committee, through the Venerable the Archdeacon.

4. I accordingly enclose, for the perusal of the Committee, copies of the correspondence, in extenso, that has passed between the Superintending Engineer and myself, and have the honor to request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of Government to the charge, in view to the amount being reimbursed to the Officer in charge of the Public Workshop, Nellore, where the Punks referred to were made up.

5. The actual cost of the Punks, it will be seen, is Rupees 145-9-11, from an Estimate amounting to Rupees 146.

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From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Collector of Nellore; dated Masulipatam, 5th October 1865, No. 55.

The Controller of Public Works Accounts having objected to pass the bill of 1864-65 for putting Punkahs to Christ's Church at Nellore, till he is satisfied as to the reason why this charge cannot be recovered from the proper Department, I have the honor to forward copy of Major Richerdon's letter, No. 126, of 6th ultimo, in which he refers to the correspondence taken place between yourself and him, and request you will be good enough to inform me if the charge in question can be recovered.

From Major A. RITHERDON, Acting Executive Engineer, Nellore, to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division; dated Nellore, 6th September 1865, No. 126.

In reply to your letter, No. 211, dated 19th August 1865, I have the honor to inform you that Captain Smith, in a letter, No. 359, dated 29th March 1864, addressed the Lay Trustees of the Nellore Church, to the effect that there was a sum of money available to carry out the change required to the Church Punkahs, blinds for protection of windows, &c, and the cost could be met out of the Budget allotment. The idea seems to have been approved of, and I suspect Captain Smith was asked to carry out the work, in anticipation of sanction, as it had been done when I joined the Range at the commencement of August 1864. It was done at the Engineer yard, and entered as a debt against the Lay Trustees.

2. On the 26th August 1864, I sent in an estimate for the countersignature of the Lay Trustees, and no reply being received, I wrote again on the 21st October 1864, requesting the estimate might be returned, for submission to the Superintending Engineer. Having been called on to settle these outstanding balances, I wrote in the remarks to the "Account particulars" for October 1864 that, "the Trustees have been written to," in order to show I have taken some steps in the matter. No reply being received, I again addressed Mr. Dykes, in a letter, No. 234, dated 5th December 1864, who answered on the 31st of that month that the estimate had been countersigned and sent to Mr. Leach, the clerk, for despatch, after being entered on the Church records. Beyond this, it could not be traced, so I sent a copy of the estimate on the 16th January 1865, which was countersigned and sent to you for approval, which led to its being brought into the Progress Report, and the adjustment of the Engineer Yard Bill.

From the Collector of Nellore, to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division; dated Nellore, 24th October 1865, No. 256.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 55, of the 5th instant, and to state that the circumstances connected with the progress, &c., through my hands, of the estimate for punkahs under reference, as described in Major Richerdon's letter to you of the 6th ultimo, No. 126, are quite correct.

2. It does not, however, seem clear to me what it is now wished should be done in the matter, and I have the honor to request, therefore, you will be so good as to let me know what are the Controller's objections to pass the charge, what is meant by the "proper Department" from which it is desired to know whether the charge cannot be recovered, and with what object your present letter has been written.

3. The estimate was sent to me originally in my capacity of Lay Trustee of the Church and was so countersigned, and I presume the charge should be met by the Public Works Department, from the allotment for this District in the Budget for the repair and improvement of Ecclesiastical buildings.

From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Collector of Nellore; dated Masulipatam, 7th November 1865, No. 64.

With reference to your letter, No. 256, of the 24th ultimo, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me if there are any funds obtained by subscription to the Church at Nellore from which the sum objected to by the Controller

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2. The copies of previous correspondence on the subject are herewith forwarded for your information.

Extract from the Memorandum of Remarks by the Controller of Public Works Department on the Progress Report of Nellore District, for March 1865,—No. 161, dated 16th May 1865.

Constructing two Pulpit punkahs and one large punkah at Nellore—Estimate, Rupees 146.

Controller's Remarks.

The cost of punkahs are not to be borne by the Public Works Department, though they may be put up by its Officers. Explanation is requested as to the circumstances under which this charge was taken.

Superintending Engineer's reply.

The cost of punkahs has been charged to works agreeably to the remarks of the Controller, No. 1142, dated 13th September 1864.

From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division; dated Madras, 2nd August 1865, No. 870.

With reference to your explanation given in the Memorandum of remarks, dated 16th May 1865, No. 161, opposite to the work noted in

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the margin, I have the honor to state that, as the item of Rupees 145-9-11, which was included in the account particulars of advances of the Nellore District for July 1864, was stated to be for "church repairs" alone, and hence I thought it proper to issue instructions to charge it off to the work, at once. Had it been clearly noted in that document that the same was on account of the construction of Punkahs, the instructions given would have been different.

2. The bill should be submitted specially, with explanation why the amount cannot be adjusted by recovery from the proper Department.

From the Collector of Nellore, to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division; dated Nellore, 12th December 1865, No. 300.

In reply to your letter, No. 64, of the 7th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that there are no funds from which the charge for the Punkahs under reference can be met. There are funds obtained by subscriptions, but these resources have been raised for particular purposes, and I do not think I would be justified in paying for the Punkahs from them.

2. The annual grant for the repair of Ecclesiastical buildings is, I presume, available and the charge for these Punkahs could, I imagine, be well debited thereto.

3. On referring to the Budget of Imperial works for 1864-65, the year in which the charge for the Punkahs under discussion was incurred, I find the grant for Ecclesiastical building repairs for this District was Rupees 230; and by your Annual Progress Report for that year, copy of which you sent me with your letter, No. 15, of the 29th May last, the only expenditure during the year for Ecclesiastical purposes was Rupees

Current Repairs.....	Rs. 200
Special do.	30
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9-11-10, for fitting two circular windows to Church tower. The Punkahs would be met from the balance of this fund.

4. There has been, moreover, no expenditure, as far as I can learn from your Department Annual Progress Report, from the annual grant for the purpose, towards the repair of the church during the last three years.

From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Collector of Nellore; dated Nellore, 9th December 1865, No. 22.

In continuation of my letter, No. 64, dated 7th ultimo, I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter received from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, No. 2090, dated 18th November 1865, quoting the authority in which it is ruled that the cost of putting up Punkahs and

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repairing them cannot be debited against the Public Works Department. I request an early reply to my letter above mentioned.

From the Collector of Public Works Accounts, to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, dated Madras, 18th November 1865, No. 2090.

In reply to your letter, dated 7th instant, No. 91, I have the honor to call your attention to the Proceedings of Government, of the 27th May 1862, No. 1175, from which it will be observed that the cost of putting up, and repairing, Punkahs cannot be debited against the Public Works Department.

2. I consider that the Department from which the cost of the construction of the two Punkahs and one large Punkah to Christ's Church at Nellore, viz., Rupees 146, should be recovered in the Ecclesiastical Department.

From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Collector of Nellore; dated Nilabur, 21st December 1865, No. 83.

In reply to your letter, No. 300, dated 12th December, I have the honor to inform you that the Punkahs cannot be charged to the Public Works, as per Controller's letter No. 870, dated 2nd August 1865, copy of which I forwarded with my letter, No. 64, of 7th ultimo, it is not possible for me to adopt the plan you propose.

2. It appears to me that the proper course is for the Lay Trustees to forward the bill to proper Ecclesiastical authorities, where it could be passed as a contingent Ecclesiastical charge, and the money paid to the Executive Engineer, who advanced the same.

ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1866, No. 38.
The Governor in Council sanctions the charge, viz., Rupees 145-9-11, incurred by the Department Public Works in putting up the Punkahs in question. The sum will be re-imbursed to the Department from such source in the Ecclesiastical Budget as the Accountant General may determine.

2. Works of this description should not be undertaken without the permission of Government being previously obtained.

(True Extract).

G. J. Curran
Chief Secretary

To the Venerable the Archdeacon.
" Accountant General.
" Public Works Department. ✓

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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Supg Engineer of
the 2^d Div*

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Pro. of Govt. for March

Pro. of the Masons Lodge
in the Ecclesiastical Dept.

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No. 38

Sanctioning the
change (No. 145-9-11) in-
-curred by the D.P.W.
in putting up Bunkers
in Christ's Church at
Nellor, & directing
the Auth. Genl. to de-
-termine the source
from which it came.

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