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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th January 1866.*

No. 69. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Ecclesiastical Department :—

Intimating that a grant of Rupees 30,000 in aid of
the erection of a new Church at Ootacamund
will be made on the additional sum necessary to
complete the building being raised, and request-
ing the Archdeacon to obtain a plan and esti-
mate for the work. } (Here enter 20th December 1865, No. 327.)

No. 70. ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1866, No. 33.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 13.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 7th Division.

(True Extract.)

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

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department,
19th December 1865.

No. 12. Read the following letter from the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 16th November 1865, No. 337.

Adverting to the recent Proceedings of Government, dated 25th September 1865, No. 242, with regard to providing additional Church accommodation at Ootacamund, I have the honor to enclose a letter from the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Madras, with an original letter from Major Farewell, Executive Engineer, Ootacamund, to Lieutenant Colonel Walker, Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, and a copy of that Officer's reply. It will be perceived that the Engineer officers agree in thinking the enlargement of St. Stephen's Church undesirable. The style of architecture is such that no addition could be made to the Church with satisfactory effect. Moreover, the breaking away of the old masonry would be attended with considerable risk.

2. Some years ago Colonel Francis, at that time Executive Engineer of the Neilgherries, who built the porch of the Church, and therefore had ample opportunities of testing the walls of the building, gave a precisely similar opinion.

3. My own judgment, moreover, was always in favor of a new Church, rather than of enlarging the old one, but I waived it in deference to what was represented to me as the preference of the majority, and, also, because I cherished the hope, which has since proved groundless, that the enlargement of the Church might be effected without delay, so as to be ready for use when the visitors arrive next season.

4. Major Farewell now represents, and on further acquaintance with the opinion of the inhabitants of Ootacamund, I am inclined to agree with him that the majority are in favor of a new Church.

5. Under these circumstances, I recur with pleasure to the project of a new building. As regards finances, I hope there may not be much difficulty. The estimated amount of the alteration of St. Stephen's Church was Rupees 27,000, and this sum the Government ordered to be entered in the next Budget. If His Excellency in Council will sanction the erection of a new Church, instead of the hazardous plan of enlarging St. Stephen's, and will make the sum to be entered in the Budget, Rupees 30,000, instead of Rupees 27,000, the required sum can be raised. Although I have not asked yet for a single subscription, I already see my way to Rupees 12,000, including the Rupees 2000 generously volunteered by the Lord Bishop, and the Rupees 4000 reasonably anticipated from the Church Building Society. I have no doubt but that I could soon raise another Rupees 8000, and thus a total of Rupees 50,000 would be reached, the estimated cost of the new Church.

6. The difficulty alluded to by Colonel Walker, of an additional Clergyman to take the services, would be met without any additional burden either on the State or on the inhabitants of Ootacamund. The Reverend G. U. Pope, D. D., Headmaster of the Ootacamund Grammar School, in order in some measure to supplement the deficiency of Church accommodation, holds two Services every Sunday, one in the Church at 8½ A. M., the other in his large school-room in the afternoon. In the event of a new Church being built, he would gladly hold both his Services either in one Church, or in each Church alternately with the Chaplain.

7. If this arrangement were carried out, it would be only right to make an addition to the stipend of Rupees 100 per mensem allowed him by Government, and this could easily be done from the proceeds of the pew-rents (about Rupees 150 per mensem), or by an equivalent, raised by voluntary contributions.

8. The best site for the Church would, in my opinion, be between Jehanghire's shop and the Willow Bund. It is fairly central, and upwards of a mile from St. Stephen's.

9. I trust His Excellency in Council will be pleased graciously to accede to the request now preferred.

10. In the event of the sanction of Government being obtained, I will at once form a Church Building Committee and apply myself vigorously to the collection of the remaining portion of the money required.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department,
19th December 1865.*

MR DEAR MR. ARCHDEACON,

I enclose two papers respecting Ootacamund Church :—

(1.) Letter from Major Farewell to Colonel Walker.

(2.) Copy of Colonel Walker's reply; both submitted to me by Colonel Walker.

2. It appears to be necessary now to recur to the plan of building a new Church. And as I much prefer this plan to that of enlarging the old one (as I believe you also do), and only recommended the latter because of the serious obstacles you found in the way of carrying out the former; and as I cannot but hope that those obstacles may be in a great measure removed when the facts are known, I am prepared to recommend strongly to Government the erection of a new Church and request a liberal grant; or, seeing that I am at present travelling about, I give you full liberty to communicate with Government, and, in recommending a new Church, to say that this measure has my cordial approval.

3. If you begin at once to raise subscriptions, you may claim from me Rupees £000. And if it can be turned to good account in improving the *stone-work* of one or more of the windows, I shall be very happy to hear that it is to be devoted to that purpose.

4. I would also recommend the Church Building Society to grant Rupees 4000, or at any rate not less.

5. I hope many in the Presidency who recruit their health, through God's mercy and bounty, on the Hills, will give according as God hath prospered them.

(Signed) F. MADRAS.

From the Executive Engineer, Ootacamund, to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, Coimbatore; dated Ootacamund, 31st October 1865, No. 168.

With reference to G. O., No. 2897, dated 29th September 1865, I have the honor to report that, in communication with the Venerable the Archdeacon, Chaplain of Ootacamund, I have carefully re-examined the whole question of enlarging Saint Stephen's Church at Ootacamund, have come to the conclusion that if it still be determined that this Church be increased in size, no better plan than that already submitted can be adopted.

2. I would, however, add that on again examining the whole subject, in consequence of the style of architecture of the building and the materials used in its construction, the more I reflect on it, the more convinced I feel that no matter what plan may be devised and carried out for enlarging this Church, the work will never be a satisfactory one, and I fear that, as it generally happens in nine cases out of ten with most old buildings, when we come to pull down the portion necessary to allow of adding to it, we shall in all probability be involved in a much heavier and more costly work than it is possible to anticipate by estimate.

3. I am informed that there is a very general feeling prevailing in the station of Ootacamund, that a new Church would be far more acceptable to the community than enlarging the old one, and the Venerable the Archdeacon assured me he would have no difficulty in collecting a sum of 20,000 Rupees in furtherance of this object. If the Government would feel disposed to add a few Rupees more than the amount of the estimate required for the additions ordered to present Church, viz., 27,000 Rupees, making the amount, including that to be collected, up to 50,000 Rupees, I have no doubt that for this sum a plain and neat Church containing 400 sittings could be constructed.

4. Meanwhile the improvement ordered for the ventilation of Saint Stephen's Church have, as directed, been commenced, and an estimate of the probable cost of the same is under preparation.

Submitted for the information of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Madras, with the Superintending Engineer's reply, No. 42, of 7th November, with a request that it may be returned when no longer wanted.

TAMBRACHERRY,
7th November 1865.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut.-Colonel,
Superintending Engineer.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department,
19th December 1865.*

From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Executive Engineer, Ootacamund; dated Tambracherry, 7th November 1865, No. 42.

I do not see how I can make any use of your letter, No. 168 of 31st October. My own opinion, as I think you will recollect, was from the first in favor of a second Church at Ootacamund, but it was over-ruled on the grounds of difficulty as to a central site, and of providing additional Clergymen to take the Services. And on reference to the correspondence which accompanied G. O., No. 2897 of 29th September, I find it stated by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Madras that "Archdeacon Dealtry sees serious obstacles in the way of building a new Church." I also find the Venerable the Archdeacon himself expressing as his own opinion, and that of the Lay Trustees, that the existing Edifice should be enlarged.

2. In the face of these recent statements I do not see how I am to go up to Government with your proposition entirely, though it agrees with my own original impressions. And I think, on further consideration, that you will agree with me, that it is incumbent on the Ecclesiastical authorities to make the first move towards the attainment of our object by laying before Government their final views on the subject, and so procuring an order authorizing this Department to plan and estimate for a new building.

3. To facilitate matters I will send copies of your letter and this reply to the Bishop's Chaplain for submission to His Lordship at Calicut where they are expected on the 9th instant; and if you place yourself in personal communication with the Archdeacon at the same time, no great delay need occur in setting the matter forward in a proper footing.

(True Copy).

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut. Col., R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1865, No. 327.

The Governor in Council agrees in the opinion of the Right Reverend the Bishop and the Archdeacon that under all the circumstances the erection of a second Church at Ootacamund is preferable to any attempt at enlarging the present Church, and he will be prepared to make a grant of Rupees (30,000) thirty thousand, in aid of the erection of a new Church, on being informed that the additional sum necessary to complete the building has been actually raised. Meanwhile, the Governor in Council requests the Archdeacon will obtain from either the Executive Engineer, or in such other mode as he may deem proper, a plan and estimate of a new Church and of the cost of erecting it.

(True Extract).

G. J. Constant
Chief Secretary.

To the Venerable the Archdeacon.
Public Works Department. ✓

Exd. T. O'Connor.

W. J. O'Connor

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