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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
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No. 610. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Declining to sanction any extension of the plan of the Protestant School-room and Place of Worship at Bellary. } (Here enter 25th January 1867, No. 307.)

No. 611. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1867, No. 301.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 123.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Right Revd. the Lord Bishop of Madras. } Here enter 4th January 1867.

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From the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Madras, Secunderabad, 4th January 1867; to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to state to your Excellency in Council that the Reverend Mr. Tanner, Chaplain of Bellary, is under grave apprehensions that the church which is now being built at that station by the Government, for Protestant worship, will not be sufficiently large for the congregation which may be expected to attend.

2. The facts which he alleges are the following:—

(1.) That there are usually 450 European Soldiers able to attend service.

(2.) That nearly 200 Officers, Civilians and others attend church in the evening, many of whom would come also in the morning when the troops are marched to church, if it were possible for them to do so.

(3.) That the church now in process of erection will not be capable of accommodating more than 450 men at the utmost—some say, not more than 300.

3. He is of opinion that a church capable of holding 600 persons is required for Bellary.

4. I may observe that, at present, the Chaplain holds an early morning service in one of the barrack rooms, and an evening service in Trinity Church in the Fort, which is nearly two miles from the barracks.

5. Having received the above representation, I think it right to submit it to your Excellency for the careful consideration of the Government of Madras, in order that, if the unfinished church is not large enough for the wants of the station, orders may be given for its enlargement, before it be too late.

Transferred to the Military Department.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

From the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Madras, Secunderabad, 5th January 1867; to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to forward to your Excellency in Council, as a supplement to my letter of yesterday, relating to the church now being built at Bellary, the following extract from a letter which I have this day received from the Reverend J. Tanner, dated the 1st of January 1867.

EXTRACT of a letter from the Reverend J. TANNER, Chaplain of Bellary; to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Madras, dated 1st January 1867.

Two additional facts have lately occurred to my mind, which show the great inconvenience that will arise if immediate measures are not taken.

I find I have not calculated for the Artillery. The Battery that has lately left this for Secunderabad had been greatly diminished, so that it only furnished about twenty men to morning service at a time. I understand that the Battery which is shortly expected to take its place is at its full strength of 150 men. We may conclude that a hundred of these will be Protestants, and therefore room must be made for them in church as, well as for 450 men from the European Regiment of the Line.

Now, Mr. Porter the Assistant Engineer wrote to me on December 1st, that the church now building might be calculated to hold about 450 men. I was speaking to him yesterday on the subject, and ascertained that he had made no deduction for aisles, &c., so that he now believes it will not accommodate more than 300 men, and we require space for 550 European troops at least, besides room for 200 Officers and Civilians, &c., with their families if the new building be adopted as the church for Bellary which is greatly to be desired. If the enlargement be not made, it will entail very great additional labor on the Chaplain, as the troops must be marched twice to church, and no opportunity will be given to the well disposed Soldiers to attend a second service, while a third must be held for the special benefit of the Officers of the Native Regiments, the Staff, the Civilians, and the poor with their families. Provision should also be made for the wives of the Soldiers, most of whom would attend service in the evening if there were room for them in a church within an easy walk.

Mr. Porter urges that if the enlargement be sanctioned it should be commenced immediately, as he is preparing the walls to receive the roof; but that the end wall could be removed if orders to that effect were received at once.

Transferred to the Military Department.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

ORDER, No. 307, 25th January 1867.

The building referred to in the foregoing correspondence having been designed merely to afford accommodation as a school-room and place of worship in connection with the European Regimental barracks at Bellary, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is not disposed to sanction any extension of the plan or increase of expenditure in connection therewith.

2. Copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded, through the Ecclesiastical Department, for the information of the Right Reverend the Bishop.

(True Extract.)

Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Ecclesiastical Department.
" Quarter Master General.
" Public Works Department With 20 spare Copies.

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