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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers :—

No. 557. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Cannanore, 24th November 1866, No. 183.

1. In submitting, for the formal sanction of Government, the accompanying plans and estimate for the new Church at Ootacamund, I have the honor to report that the same have been revised by Major Farewell on the requisition of

3 Plans.
1 Estimate.
1 Specification.

the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, to accommodate 320 persons, instead of 400, as originally intended. I find that such accommodation is given in 736 running feet of sittings, which would average 2½ feet per sitting, a reasonable allowance. Out of the total sum of Rupees 53,830, the Tower, including its proportion of per-centage, is estimated to cost Rupees 7,500.

2. All the details of the building appear to me to have been carefully worked out, with the exception of the doorways, which, I am convinced, will be found insufficient in number. I must, therefore, recommend the substitution of doors for windows in the transepts near the Organ and Vestry, as marked in pencil on the ground plan. For the Porch I would also substitute a Porte Cochere as being absolutely necessary to meet the exigencies of the climate, and sure to be called for hereafter. A second carriage doorway might advantageously occupy the site of the Tower, if not built, or be provided by arches under it, if eventually constructed.

Referred to the Ecclesiastical Department.

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

1st December 1866.

Referred to the Venerable the Archdeacon for his remarks. The plan will be sent if required.

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

19th December 1866.

No. 558. Memorandum from the Chief Secretary to Government in the Ecclesiastical Department, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort Saint George, 17th January 1867, No. 17.

The Chief Secretary has the honor to return the letter noted in the margin, together with the plan and estimate which accompanied it, for the new Church at Ootacamund, and, in forwarding a letter on the subject from the Venerable the Archdeacon, to inform Colonel Orr that he concurs in the Archdeacon's remarks.

From the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 2nd January 1867, No. 2.

1. In reply to the reference obligingly made to me regarding the suggestion of the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, in his letter, No. 4,849, dated 24th November 1866, I have the honor to state that the proposition to make a third door to the new Church at Ootacamund was

No. 2160, dated 27 July

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29th January 1867.*

carefully considered while adapting the plan, and the conclusion arrived at was that two entrances are quite sufficient for a Church which will accommodate only 320 persons. In England, two entrances are considered ample even for much larger Churches. It has been my desire to retain as much of Ecclesiastical correctness as possible in the Church about to be built, and certainly doors at the extremity of the transepts would defeat this object. Moreover, they would create a draft through the Church and would be inconveniently near the reading desk and pulpit.

2. Nor do I agree with Colonel Walker in thinking a Porte Cochere at all necessary in a climate much more like the climate of England than the climate of India. In Saint Stephen's Church indeed a Porte Cochere was found necessary, but only because there was a long flight of steps to be ascended between the carriage and the entrance of the Church. In the Church now being built the occupant of a carriage could step from the Church into a sheltered porch. I think, therefore, that a Port Cochere would add unnecessarily to the expense and detract from the symmetry of the building.

3. I should, therefore, be very glad if the plan were allowed to remain as approved by our Local Committee and myself.

No. 559. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1867, No. 273.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 109.

1. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the estimate of Rupees 53,830 for the construction of a Church at Ootacamund in the Coimbatore District.

2. As the building has been designed to accommodate 320 persons, and as the Orders of the Government of India, recorded in G. O. No. 2,160, dated 27th July 1865, prescribe that the proportional contribution by the State in aid of the erection of such an edifice shall not exceed a maximum of Rupees 9,600, a special application will be made to that Government for sanction to the grant of Rupees 30,000 which was promised in the Proceedings of the Ecclesiastical Department, No. 327, dated the 20th December 1865.

(Here enter No. 274, dated 29th January 1867.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, with three Plans, one Estimate, and one Specification.

„ Accountant General.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
29th January 1867.

No. 274.

No. 560.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

CIVIL WORKS, No. 110.

1. I am directed to bring to notice that the want of increased Church accommodation at Ootacamund was pressed on the attention of this Government so long ago as the year 1855, and the alternative proposals of erecting a new Church and of enlarging the present building having then been taken into consideration, preference was given to the latter arrangement on the ground that the cost of a new Church would fall chiefly on the State. The matter was accordingly referred to the Honorable the late Court of Directors, who expressed their willingness to sanction an expenditure not exceeding 20,000 Rupees.

2. The project of erecting a new Church was subsequently again revived, but the difficulty of raising by private contributions a sufficient sum for that object retarded the definitive adoption of the arrangement until, in 1863, the opening of the Railway having greatly tended to produce an influx of visitors, the Bishop of Madras forwarded an application from the Church Committee at Ootacamund urging the necessity of immediate measures being adopted for providing the required additional accommodation by the enlargement of the present Church, at it was stated, an estimated cost of Rupees 27,000. On a more careful examination of the present structure, however, it was ascertained that any alterations to it could not be made with safety, and as there was a very fair prospect of securing by private subscription such a sum as would, with a grant from the State, suffice for the construction of a new Church, the necessity for which was increasing with the growing importance of Ootacamund, the Madras Government in December 1865, overlooking the restrictions

placed by the Government of India upon the expenditure of public money

on Churches in Military and Civil Stations, promised to make a grant of Rupees 30,000 for the building, which is now estimated to cost Rupees 53,830, provided the difference could be raised by subscription. Subsequently the Venerable the Archdeacon represented that the contributions towards the erection of the new Church, inclusive of a grant of the Church Building Society and the accumulated pew-rents of the present Church, had amounted to Rupees 21,122, and that no doubts were entertained of the actual realization of this money, or of the balance required to make up the necessary amount, during the progress of the work.

No. 2160, dated 27th July

Under these circumstances, and upon the urgent solicitation of the Venerable the Archdeacon, the Government authorized an advance of Rupees 15,000 to be made for the prosecution of the work; and considering the very exceptionally high cost of building operations at Ootacamund, as well as the pledge given

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by Government in the Orders in the Ecclesiastical Department which are herewith forwarded, I am to request that the Governor General in Council will be pleased to accord his sanction to the outlay, as a special case, in order that funds may be assigned to the work as they become available.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Under date the 29th January 1867

Read the following

From the Superintending Engineer

24th Nov

of the 7th Division (Here enter 2nd January 1867)

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No. 17

From the Chief Secretary to Govt

(Here enter 17th Jan 1867)

in the Ecclesiastical Dept

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 11 Ecclesiastical Deptt ✓
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 On the 1st of August & the 1st of September 1866
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Memorandum

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To
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~~The Secretary to the Government of India~~

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~~I am directed to bring to notice that in December 1865 the Madras Government~~ overlooking the restrictions placed by the Government of India upon the expenditure of public money on Churches in Military and Civil Stations, promised to make a grant of Rs 30,000 ^{for the building,} ~~and~~ ^{and of the} ~~erection of a new Church at Ootacamund, which is now estimated to cost Rs 53,830, provided the difference could be raised by subscription.~~ Subsequently

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East St George

29 Jan 1867

Sept 30 - Jan 67 with a copy
 of each of the Lts Nos 327 of 1865
 & 124 & 137 of 1866.

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Dt 29th January 1867

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The estimate amounting to Rs 53830 for the Construction of Church at Potacamund Coimbatore District, Sanctioned

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