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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th January 1868.

No. 54. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Educational Department:—

Sanctioning, with remarks, an estimate of Rupees 425 for repairing the Anglo-Vernacular School at Chicacole, in the Ganjam District. (Here enter 20th December 1867, No. 401.)

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1868, No. 29.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 7.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division for such explanations as he may have to offer with reference to paragraph 4 of the letter from the Director of Public Instruction.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Educational Department,
20th December 1867.*

No. 58. Read the following letter from E. B. POWELL, Esq, Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 9th December 1867, No. 2429.

I have the honor to send herewith, with enclosures, a letter, dated the 13th ultimo, No. 204, from the Acting Inspector of Schools, 1st Division, on the subject of repairing the Anglo-Vernacular school-house at Chicacole.

2. One of the enclosures is an estimate for Rupees 425, supplied by the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division; and as the repairs are necessary, I beg that the estimate be sanctioned, the cost of the work to be met from savings on the Budget Estimate for the current year.

3. I beg to draw attention to Mr. Grigg's remarks, paragraph 4, attributing the necessity for repairs to faulty construction; and also to the opening of his letter, in which it is stated that the building was already in a very bad condition, although it had not been occupied one year.

4. I deem it proper to state that, under orders of Government of the 17th January 1866, No. 23, a portion of the old Barracks at Chicacole was converted into the present school-house at a cost of Rupees 3290. The building was erected during 1865-66 and 1866-67, and Mr. Grigg reported in January 1867 that occupation had taken place.

From H. B. GRIGG, Esq, Acting Inspector of Schools, 1st Division, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, dated Elur, 13th November 1867, No. 204

At the inspection of the Chicacole Anglo-Vernacular School I found the building, which had not been occupied one year by the school, already in a very bad condition. Besides the marks of considerable leakage in the verandahs, which have "Bengal roofs," there were several large cracks in the walls of the building shown in the accompanying plan. The matter was not then brought to your notice, but before leaving Chicacole I called upon the Supervisor for a report, which, on receipt, was sent on to the Superintending Engineer, who was requested to inform me what steps would be taken to repair the building.

2. With his answer, dated October 3rd, 1867, No. 158, an estimate was forwarded for the repair of the verandahs only. Considering that far more extensive repairs were needed, I called for further information as to the sufficiency of the estimate for the thorough repair of the building.

3. This has resulted in the submission of the enclosed estimate for transmission to you. This estimate appears to me to provide for all that is necessary, and even more; for I confess I do not see the necessity of substituting tiles for the present Bengal roof. A similar roof was rendered thoroughly water-tight at the Vizagapatam Normal School by merely, I believe, putting a fresh coating of chunam. This fact I brought to the notice of Captain Beckley in my letter,*

* No. 209, dated September 21st, 1867.

but in forwarding the estimate he makes no remarks as to the necessity of substituting a tiled roof; but the Supervisor remarks in the estimate, that it is far better to tile the whole roof, though he is at present repairing it with chunam and tar. It would certainly have been more satisfactory had Captain Beckley given his opinion definitely on the point.

4. Considering that the repairs are rendered necessary by the faulty construction of the building, as appears from the Supervisor's remarks, I confess that I consider no fresh application should be made to Government for money. Captain Beckley, however, states that there are no funds at his disposal for repair of Educational buildings. I therefore refer the question to you for disposal.

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20th December 1867.*

From H. B. GRIGG, Esq., Acting Inspector of Schools, 1st Division, to the Supervisor, Chicacole Taluq; dated Chicacole, 28th August 1867, No 181.

The Acting Inspector of Schools having observed that the verandah of the Anglo-Vernacular School, Chicacole, leaks badly in many places, and also that there are several leakages inside the school-room, chiefly in the corners of the rooms on the western side, as well as two or three considerable cracks in the corners where the partition walls join the main wall, and also a small crack in one of the arches between the rooms, requests the Supervisor to state what steps he intends taking to place the building in a satisfactory state, prior to his communicating on the subject to the Superintending Engineer. As the building began to leak on the first heavy fall of rain, it rests with the Public Works Department to make it thoroughly water-tight.

From the Supervisor in Executive charge, No I Range, to H B GRIGG, Esq, Acting Inspector of Schools, 1st Division; dated Chicacole, 10th September 1867, No. 182

With reference to your Memorandum, No. 181, dated 28th August 1867, I have the honor to state, for your information, that I have inspected the Vernacular School at Chicacole, and found verandah to leak badly in many places, and also many cracks appeared over the verandah roof and walls

2. This building was constructed under the superintendence of Lieutenant H. Irving, the late Range Officer

3. I think it is far better to tile the whole of the Bengal roof of the verandah, than to repair it with chunam and tar, &c.

4. The rafters of the couples are pushing out the side walls of the buildings, as the tie beams of the entire roof being not properly and strongly joined with the couple rafters which was alone the cause of cracking walls. Consequently I propose to remedy this irregularity by laying two wooden pieces (of 96 feet in length, 4 inches broad, and 4 inches thick) on both sides along the outer edges of the side walls under cornice work, and then tie these at every ten feet in length with iron bars of one inch diameter, which should pass from one end to the other of the walls, duly screwed at the ends

5. Cracks in the walls can be filled with keystone, brick, jelly and chunam, and re-arrange the tiles so that there may not be leakages.

6. I recommend the above repairs may be executed at an early date, before its coming down to dangerous state

From H. B. GRIGG, Esq, Acting Inspector of Schools, 1st Division, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division; dated Waltair, 21st September 1867, No. 209.

In forwarding a copy of letter forwarded to me by the Supervisor in charge of the Chicacole Range, I have the honor to state that on a recent visit to Chicacole I found the building in a very unsatisfactory state. I, therefore, called upon the Supervisor for a report

2. I am naturally not in a position to criticise the plans suggested by him for repairing the building, but would only say that I am unwilling the Bengal roof should be removed and tiles substituted. A similar roof at the Normal School, Vizagapatam, has been rendered, I believe, perfectly water-tight, and this result might be secured at Chicacole.

3. In conclusion, I beg to request that you will be good enough to inform me what steps will be taken, and when the work is likely to be effected.

From Captain T. BECKLEY, R E, Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Acting Inspector of Schools, 1st Division; dated Dowlaishweram, 3rd October 1867, No. 158.

In reply to your letter, No. 209 of 21st ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that instructions were sent to the Supervisor of the Chicacole Range to repair roof of the Vernacular school at Chicacole with pitch and cloth on emergency, and that the work will be completed about the 14th of the current month.

2. The probable cost of the repairs will be about Rupees 35, for which an estimate is enclosed for your countersignature.

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3. As there are no funds at my disposal available, under the head "Educational buildings," for repairs, I beg to know whether you can effect a transfer of Rupees 35 from Rupees 100 allotted* for the repair of Taluq schools in Ganjam and Russelcondah of the same district

* To be spent in the Educational Department—See Local Funds' Budget for 1867-68

From H. B. GRIGG, Esq, Acting Inspector of Schools, 1st Division, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division; dated Waltair, 5th October 1867, No 235.

In reference to your letter, No. 158, dated 3rd instant, I have the honor to request information, before applying for sanction for the transfer of the money allotted for the Russelcondah and Ganjam schools, as to whether the estimate sent with the above letter contains provision for repairing the large cracks in the interior walls. I shall also be glad to be informed whether the estimate is to effect thorough repairs, as pointed out in my letter, No 209, or for repairs only of a temporary nature. If the estimate is of the latter description, as I opine, I request you will be good enough to have a revised one prepared for complete repairs, and send it to me for countersignature and transmission to the Director of Public Instruction. From what I saw of the state of the building, I confess that I consider a larger outlay is necessary to render the building safe.

From Captain T. BECKLEY, R. E, Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Acting Inspector of Schools, 1st Division; dated Dowlaishweram, 30th October 1867, No 193.

With reference to your letter, No. 235 of 5th instant, I have the honor to forward herewith an estimate, amounting to Rupees 425, for thoroughly repairing the Anglo-Vernacular School at Chicacole, for transmission to the Director of Public Instruction

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No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1867, No. 401.

The Governor in Council sanctions the estimate of Rupees 425 for repairing the Anglo-Vernacular School at Chicacole, the cost to be met from the savings in the Budget Estimate.

2. Mr. Powell's letter will be communicated to the Department Public Works, with reference to paragraph 4, from which it appears that the conversion of the Barracks at Chicacole into a School-house was only completed in 1866-67, and that considerable repairs are already necessary. (True Extract).

R. W. S. M. S.
Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction, with four enclosures returned.
" Public Works Department.
" Accountant General.

Exd J. Tulloch.

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