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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th April 1869.*

No. 219. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Educational Department :—

Sanctioning a building grant of Rupees 4,500 to
the Roman Catholic School at Vizagapatam,
in supercession of the grant of Rupees 3,000
previously sanctioned. (Here enter 15th March 1869, No. 82.)

No. 220. ORDER THEREON, 8th April 1869, No. 1,154.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 37.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 1st Division with
reference to G. O. No. 3,073, dated 25th
September 1866.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Educational Department,
15th March 1869.*

No. 34. Read the following letter from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 26th February 1869, No. 477.

I have the honor to submit, for the orders of Government, the accompanying application* from the Right Reverend

* With a plan and estimate and a covering letter from the Inspector of Schools, 1st Division, dated 14th November 1868, No. 809.

J. M. Tissot, for an increased building grant on account of the Roman Catholic School at Vizagapatam.

2. The School-house on account of which a grant was sanctioned in Proceedings of Government, dated 18th September 1866, No. 264, is reported to have fallen during the hurricane that visited Vizagapatam in 1867, and a building, with an upper story, is now being erected on a larger scale than before, at an estimated cost of Rupees 13,408-15-11, the half of which M. Tissot now applies for.

3. The Reverend M. Tissot should have submitted his application for an additional grant before he had commenced the present building; but having in view the loss sustained on the first erected, for which no claim for indemnification is made, I recommend that this want of formality be overlooked.

4. Taking the standing of the school into consideration, as well as the fact that the upper story is to be used as a dormitory, (a description of accommodation which the Educational Building Fund is not intended to aid,) I would advise that a grant of not more than Rupees 4500 be sanctioned by Government in supersession of that† previously authorized for both

Orphanage and School.

† Amounting to Rupees 3000.

From the Inspector of Schools, First Division, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras; dated Waltair, 14th November 1868, No. 809.

I have the honor to forward an application from the Right Reverend the Bishop of Vizagapatam, for a building grant towards the erection of the new Roman Catholic School building.

2. In 1866 Government were pleased to sanction a grant of Rupees 3000 for the erection of this school on plan and estimate then submitted. The work was commenced and had made considerable progress, when, by the hurricane of last year, that did so much damage in Vizagapatam and the neighbourhood, the incomplete building was thrown into ruins. The Bishop set to work again after the disaster on a rather larger scale than before, as you will see by a comparison of the plan now submitted with that submitted before, and added an upper story to serve as a dormitory for the orphans and boarders. This building is now nearly finished. It is roofed in, but the wood-work is not yet begun, and an outside staircase, with some cornice work and plastering requires completion; still the building is so far advanced that the school can be held in the lower story. I have gone over the building, which corresponds to the plan now furnished, and which is very substantially built. The roof both of the lower and upper room is vaulted, and is supported by strong stone and chunam-pillars, which divide each room into a nave and two aisles. Comparing this school with our own Government Normal School, built by the Department Public Works, the estimate now sent in seems very reasonable. I am convinced that, had the Roman Catholic School been built by the Agency to which the Government Schools are usually entrusted, the cost would not have been one Anna less than Rupees 15,000, and probably much more.

3. The Bishop can claim nothing in the shape of indemnification for the serious loss occasioned by the overthrow of the first building, and he makes no claim. Also before proceeding to build on a larger scale, the proper course was to submit the altered plan with application for a larger grant for the sanction of Government. Had I been on the spot last year, I should have

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pointed out that course. But notwithstanding this want of formality in the Bishop's conduct, and in view of the large sum of money lost on the first building, I beg to recommend the issue of a grant of Rupees 5000. When completed, the new Orphanage will be an ornament to the Fort, and supply a long felt desideratum. The former buildings were miserably inadequate both for school and boarding purposes, being confined, close, and inconvenient. In the present schoolroom and dormitory these defects have been remedied, both rooms being spacious, lofty, well-ventilated, and adapted for purposes to which they are to be put. At the close of last month the numerical strength of the boys' schools stood thus—

Orphans and destitute children...	51
Orphans receiving Government allowance...	11
Boarders...	10
Day scholars...	39
Total...	111

Besides, there were 104 girls, orphans, day scholars and boarders, in the Convent Schools under the charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph. There is also a large school for Native girls of caste, under the charge of the same ladies, which, when I visited it the other day, contained 150 scholars. These numbers show the educational operations of this Mission in the town of Vizagapatam.

From the Right Reverend J. M. TISSOT, Bishop and Vicar Apostolic of Vizagapatam, to the Inspector of Schools, 1st Division, Waltair; dated Vizagapatam, 11th November 1868.

I have the honor in forwarding you the plan and estimate of the new School-building in course of erection, to state—

1st.—That last year I sustained a very heavy loss, as it may be seen in the annexed Memorandum, by the fall of the former building, when nearly completed, with an addition of a story to the plan sent to Government. The story was to answer as a dormitory for the pupils. The accident was due to the storm and heavy rain.

2ndly.—That having been obliged to resume the work on a different and larger plan, I hope that Government will be pleased to take into consideration those circumstances, and grant me, as a special favor, the half of the cost of the present building which will be soon completed if I am favored with the half of the grant. I scarcely need say that, if the building was to be used for any other purpose than a schoolroom, I shall be prepared to refund the grant.

In hope that my request will meet with your approval and kind support, I have, &c.

MEMORANDUM.

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Estimate of the Schoolroom in course of erection	11,908	15	1½
2. Purchase of the spot with a house demolished to build the new Schoolroom	1,500	0	0
Total...	13,408	15	1½
3. The estimate of the building sent to Government was Rupees 4310-9-10. Including the cost of the story added to the plan, it amounted, when it fell, to	6,424	15	0
Grand Total...	19,833	14	1½

N. B.—1. The purchase of the spot and house demolished was omitted, through some oversight, in the estimate sent last year to Government.

2. The expenses made to clear the ground were over the price of the materials that were taken from the fallen building.

(Signed) + J. M. TISSOT,
Bishop and Vicar Apostolic.

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15th March 1869.*

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1869, No. 82.

The Government approve of the recommendation made by the Director of Public Instruction, and sanction a building grant of Rupees 4500 to the Roman Catholic School at Vizagapatam in supersession of the grant of 3000 previously sanctioned in G. O., No. 264, dated 18th September 1866.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction, with plan and estimate.
" Accountant General.
" Public Works Department.
" Right Reverend Dr. S. Fennelly, Bishop and Vicar Apostolic of Madras.

Co. 1st Regt. 1st Div.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

The Superintending Engr.
P.W. Division

Dated

Recd.

8th April 1869, No. 151.

Nos. 219-220

Union Catholic School at

Vijayapattanam Coo. Edu.

Internal Dept. sanction.

for a building for

Rs 6,500 Union Roman

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Vicar Apostolic.