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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 11th June 1869.

No. 226. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Ecclesiastical Department :—

Promising a further sum of Rupees 2,190 for completing the new Church at Ootacamund, provided that satisfactory arrangements be made for providing the balance of funds necessary } (Here enter 26th May 1869, No. 93)

No. 227. ORDER THEREON, 11th June 1869, No. 1,898.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 38.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division, in continuation of G. O., No. 2,715, of the 25th August 1868.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department, 26th May 1869.

No. 13. Read the following letter from the Right Reverend the Bishop of Madras, to the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George ; dated Coonoor, 15th April 1869, No. 203.

On the 25th August last, your Excellency in Council was pleased to sanction the revised estimate of Rupees 64,380, for the building of the new Church at Ootacamund ; but deferred "taking into consideration the question of making a further grant of public money till the arrears of private subscriptions have been made good."

Proceedings of Madras Government, Public Works Department, 25th August 1868, G O , No. 2764

2. It appears from those Proceedings that the arrears last August amounted to Rupees 7415-7-8.

3 In a letter, dated February 4th, 1869, the Reverend Mr. Drury informed me that, up to that date, the amount of subscriptions, which had been paid to Major Farewell by the Church Committee, amounted to Rupees 19,442-12-5, leaving a balance due, under the head of subscriptions, of Rupees 4387-3-7

4. This reduced amount of arrears is now still further reduced to a sum considerably under Rupees 4000· The Reverend Mr. Cooper informs me, in a letter, dated 14th instant, that the amount which has become available for the Church since February 4th, is not less than Rupees 500.

5. In order to provide the remaining amount due from subscriptions, the Ootacamund Church Building Committee have sought and obtained from the Diocesan Church Building Committee, the promise of a loan of Rupees 4000, to be repaid by annual instalments with interest at the rate of five per cent. within four years, on a bond being given to the Diocesan Committee by J Ouchterlony, Esq , Colonel Hadfield, and the Reverend Dr. Pope, as securities, "guaranteeing the repayment of the loan with interest as above specified . provided that the Government will, on payment of this sum, advance the money required to complete the new Church."

6 I am authorized to state that the above-named three gentlemen, being members of the Ootacamund Committee, "are willing to give their personal security, provided the following sources, namely, the pew-rents of St. Stephen's Church, and of the new Church when finished, as well as Rupees 50, monthly, from offertory collections be made securely available for the repayment of the sum of Rupees 4000 with interest accruing due thereon "

7. The chief datum for determining whether it is likely that the sources of income will produce a sufficient sum to liquidate the proposed debt will be found in the half-yearly returns of seat-rents mentioned in my letter to your Excellency of the 13th of November last, viz :—

Years.	January to June.	July to December	Total
	RS.	RS.	RS
1865....	699	818	1517
1866...	840	713	1553
1867.....	716	647	1363
1868	485	(For 3 months) 325	*1054

8 If the income from pew-rents for the next four years be even equal to the average for the year 1867-68, the debt will be paid off from this source alone within the stipulated period But it is probable that, under the efforts of the present Chaplain, the income from that source will more nearly equal the incomes of the two preceding years , and besides this, it is fully expected that 50 Rupees a month out of the offertories will be available for the same purpose

9. Also I am officially assured by the Secretary to the Ootacamund Committee that "whilst specifying these two sources, whence they propose to repay the loan which they solicit from the Church Building Society, the Committee would gladly avail themselves of every means, and make every exertion in their power towards the same object They would be thankful to liquidate the entire loan in less time than three years, if possible."

* This is made up by taking the last quarter's collection of 1868 to be the same as that of 1867.

10. Under all these circumstances, I request that your Excellency in Council will enable the Engineer to proceed with the work at once by granting *the amount required in excess above the original estimate.*

No 14. ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1869, No 93.

The Government observe that the amount of public money, the grant of which is now asked, in order that the new Church at Ootacamund may be completed, is Rupees 6550, provided that the outstanding subscriptions are collected in full, and taking credit for the loan which it is proposed to raise; and upwards of Rupees 10,000, should the unpaid subscriptions be found to be irrecoverable.

		Rs.
Former Government grant	.... ..	30,000
Subscriptions		
Collected	. 19,443	
Outstanding	. 4,387	
		23,830
Proposed loan		4,000
Deficiency to be made good		6,550
Amount of revised estimate ..	. . . .	64,380

2. The Government cannot sanction the appropriation of this large sum, in addition to the grant of Rupees 30,000 already made by them; but upon receiving an assurance that satisfactory arrangements have been made for providing the balance of funds necessary, His Excellency the Governor in Council will be prepared, as a last act of concession, to grant a further sum of Rupees 2190, making the Government contribution equal to one-half of the total cost of the building according to the revised estimate

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary

To the Right Reverend the Bishop.
,, Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright,

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THE RIGHT REVEREND THE BISHOP.

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