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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 649	(W)	Press Mis.
Dated 20-2-1877-18.		

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No. 635. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 2nd February 1877, No. 238 :—

From the Right Reverend Doctor S. FENNELLY, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 31st January 1877, No. 5.

I HAVE the honor to forward a letter from the Rev. P. Doyle of Bellary, and to recommend his petition for the favorable consideration of His Grace the Governor in Council.

From Rev. P. DOYLE, Roman Catholic Chaplain, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Bellary, 23rd January 1877.

ABOUT the year 1837, when a European Priest was first appointed to minister to the Roman Catholic Troops at Bellary, an old Government building in the fort was fitted up as a church for the accommodation of the Catholic soldiers. After I went to Bellary in 1840, the accommodation being insufficient the church was enlarged and much improved, partly at Government cost and partly at the cost of the Catholic community. I expended over 1,000 Rupees in improving the building and rendering it a more suitable place for divine worship. Divine service was regularly performed in the church in the fort until the year 1861. After the troops were removed from the fort to the new barracks, there being no Catholic congregation in the fort, the church in the fort was closed as a place of worship, and the troops were marched on Sundays to the church of St. Lazarus, the property of the Mission, where I performed divine service for them. The troops had the gratuitous use of the church of St. Lazarus from the date of their removal from the fort to the opening of the new Military church in 1867.

In 1864 I was asked by the Military authorities in Bellary to give up for the use of Government the old church in the fort, which had ceased to be used as a place of worship. I did not require the church at the time as I had not any considerable number of Catholics resident in the fort or pettah, and I cheerfully handed over the building to the Military authorities, without seeking any compensation for the money I expended thereon, or for the use of St. Lazarus Church in which the soldiers had gratuitous accommodation for nine or ten years. The building is at present occupied by the Public Works Department.

Within the past few years the removal of the Revenue Survey party from Kurnool, the building of the Railway terminus, the establishment of some cotton presses and other industries in the pettah has resulted in a large accession to the Catholic community of that neighbourhood. There are at present in the fort and pettah upwards of 300 Roman Catholics, mostly persons of humble means who are unable to pay carriage-hire to take them either to the new Military church, which is barely sufficient to accommodate the troops, or to St. Lazarus Church, and being unable to walk two miles to either place are left without any religious service on Sundays. Several of the 300 unfortunates who are without any place of worship are Staff Serjeants and their families, pensioners or servants of Government. I have no means of providing church accommodation for them and they are too poor to give any substantial help, under these circumstances I venture to appeal to Government for relief, and to pray that His Grace the Governor in Council may be graciously pleased to order the removal of the Public Works Office to other convenient quarters, and to restore the old church in the fort to its former destination, that I may have a service there for the convenience of the Roman Catholics resident in the fort and pettah.

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REFERRED to the Public Works Department, for remarks.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 233.

REFERRED to the District Engineer, Bellary, for early report.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 635-A. From W. B. LEGGAT, Esq. A.I.C.E., Officiating District Engineer, Bellary, to the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Roads and Buildings Branch, dated Camp, Gooty, 18th February 1877, No. 4,852.

WITH reference to your endorsement, No. 233* of the 3rd instant, on a letter from the Right Rev. Dr. Fennelly to the Chief Secretary to Government, enclosing

* Returned herewith.

a letter from the Rev. P. Doyle, Roman Catholic Chaplain here, soliciting that the premises in the fort at this station now occupied as the District Engineer's Office might be handed over to him to be used as a place of worship by the Roman Catholic residents of that neighbourhood, I have the honor to report that nothing can be traced from the records of this office of the history of the building given by Mr. Doyle.

2. Government have from time to time expended certain sums of money, as per

			New Works. Repairs.		
			RS.	RS.	
1867-68	...	...	...	1,256	margin, in repairing and fitting up the building as a District Engineer's Office. It has been occupied as such since 1865 under the authority granted in G.O., No. 3,680, of 19th November 1866.
1868-69	...	...	236	...	
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1871-72	...	...	...	217	
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1873-74	...	...	...	20	
1875-76	...	...	52	...	3. There is no suitable public building in the fort or outside of it for an office, and I would beg to invite your attention to the correspondence printed with G.O., No. 420, of 31st January 1877, regarding the difficulty of finding accommodation for the Executive Commissariat Officer's Office here.
Total ...			1,721	1,493	

4. Private buildings suitable for an office are available, and may be rented from 40 to 60 Rupees per month.

If Government will sanction a suitable private building being rented for an office, I shall take the necessary steps to meet Mr. Doyle's wishes.

No. 636. ORDER THEREON, 26th February 1877, No. 649.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 51-A.

THE District Engineer will prepare at once for handing over the building in question to the Rev. Father

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Doyle, and for removing the Public Works Office to some suitable quarters, for which a rent of Rupees 40 per mensem will be allowed.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

Acting Joint Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Bellary.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

Read the following:—

Endorsement in the Ecclesiastical Dept. No. 238
of 2^d Feby 1877 on letter from Dr. Fennelly.

Letter from the District Engr. Bellamy No. 4852
of 18th Feby 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

Wm. H. Colonel.

Ag. Jt. Secy. to Gov. P. W. D.

I would give back
the building which
has been occupied
as a P. C. Church
The D. W. office being
our new District Office
The Rev Father Boyle
said we the Church
first we when there
was no objection
in that fact - The
Catholic boys - M

18 January 1877

FROM

Bellary 23rd January 1877

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir,
About the year 1837 when a European Priest was first appointed to minister to the Roman Catholic Troops at Bellary, an old Government building in the Fort was fitted up as a Church for the accommodation of the Catholic Soldiers. After I went to Bellary in 1840 the accommodation being insufficient, the Church was enlarged and much improved, partly at Government cost and partly at the cost of the Catholic Community. I expended over 1000 Rupees in improving the building and rendering it a more suitable place for divine worship. Divine service was regularly performed in the Church in the Fort until the year 1861. After the troops were removed from the Fort to the New Barracks, there being no Catholic congregation in the Fort, the Church in the Fort was closed as a place of worship, and the troops were marched on Sundays to the Church of St. Lazarus - the property of the Mission - where I performed divine service for them. The troops had the gratuitous use of the Church of St. Lazarus from the date of their removal from the Fort to the opening of the

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that I may have a service there for the convenience of
the Roman Catholics resident in the Fort and Pettah.

I have the honor to be
Sir, your obedient servant

Yours most Obedt Servant

P. Doyle R-C
Chapman

From
The Hon. P. Doyle
Catholic Chaplain
Military
To
The Superintendent
Government
Dated 23 May 1869
Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. in relation to the proposed establishment of a Catholic Chaplain in the Military Service of the Government. I am very glad to hear that you are so interested in the subject, and I am sure that your efforts will be successful in securing the appointment of a Catholic Chaplain to the Military Service of the Government.

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Total	1721	1493	

It has been occupied as such since 1865 under the authority granted in G.O. No. 3680 of 19th November 1866.

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Messrs. A. J. C. C. Doyle,
Offg District Engineer,
Bellary.

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FROM

D. P. W.

THE

Mr. J. Bellamy
Engineer

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.,

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Dated

Recd.

18 Feb 1877

No. 4852

Building or occupying

no District Engineer's

Office. — Reporting

that nothing can be

known from the records

regarding the —, and stating

that the building is available

L.B. 19. Nov 1866 No 3680
" 31st Jan 1877 No 420

No 6352

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No 649

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT. 19

UNDER date the

26 Feb 77

Read the following:—

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Letter from the District Engineer }
Bellary } (— 4832 dt 18th Feb 1877).

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of Rs 40 per mensem
will be allowed.

W. H. P.
23.2.77

Dr Bellamy
Ex: P. W. Dept
Eccy Dept
10-3-77

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Obt. of 1877 **Ward**
PUBLIC WORKS.

To *Re N. B. Bellary*

Dated
Issued
Recd. Encl.

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G. O. *25 Feb 77* 1877, No. *649*

Nos. *635-36*

*Building in the Fort at
Bellary. The District Engineer
directed to hand over to the
Hon. Mr. Bernard Father Doyle
the — and to remove his
— from the premises to
more suitable quarters as
requested to his permenence.*

Let in P. O.