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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

20th November 1878, No. 4,429 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 241. From J. W. RUNDALL, Esq., District Engineer, Bellary, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 21st October 1878, No. 2,999.

I HAVE the honor with reference to G.O., No. 2,466, of the 15th September 1876, to forward herewith plans and an estimate, amounting to Rupees 14,346, for enlarging the accommodation in the building used as a Garrison Church.

One Plan of Church.
" do. of Arrangement of Seats.
" Abstract Estimate.
" Report.
" Original Letter, dated 30th September 1878, from the Chaplain of Bellary.

2. The arrangement proposed for adding two transepts is, I think, the best which can be made, but it will be seen from the enclosed letter that the Chaplain and the Church Committee consider that it would be advisable to construct a new church in a central situation.

3. There can be no doubt that such a church would afford advantages which the present arrangement of two churches does not. The present question is whether the sum now estimated to be required for affording additional accommodation to the Garrison Church should be spent in making a good school-room into a bad church, or whether an increased expenditure should be incurred on a new building. If Government were hereafter to be called upon to erect a new school-room in lieu of the building which originally constructed as a school-room is now used as the Garrison Church, it would be certainly worth while to construct a new church rather than to add to the "school-room."

4. Under paragraphs 6 and 7 of the rules accompanying Public Works Circular No. 65 of 1877, sittings for 500 troops would have to be provided with about sixty seats for Staff Officers and the Officers of the Native Regiments. This amount of accommodation would be more than amply sufficient for the civil community were the parade service for the troops held in the morning and the service for civilians in the evening.

5. The actual number of men and families for which sittings are required is stated by the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General to be 682, and as long as there are two churches one of which is at such a distance from the barracks that it is inconvenient to march any portion of the troops to it for the alternative service (as contemplated under Rule 8) seatings for the whole number will have to be provided in the Garrison Church, for the Chaplain cannot hold a second service there. If a new church were constructed giving 560 sittings and in a central situation, this would enable a portion of the troops to come to a second service and still give room for all civilian members of the community, Railway employees, &c. I believe it would be found that less than this number of sittings would suffice should Government see reason to call for a design and estimate, and the question of making the troops attend by sections be seriously considered by the Military authorities.

6. Taking, however, 560 as the maximum number, this at 6 square feet per sitting would require 3,360 square feet, and the same area would probably be required for passages, chancel, space for pulpit, reading desk, harmonium, and for a vestry; 6,700 square feet would therefore I calculate be required. The rate to be allowed according to paragraph 9 of the revised rules as deduced from the cost of the Canteen and Recreation room built last year, viz., Rupees 2.28 per square foot + 25 per cent. = Rupees 2.85 per square foot, would therefore amount to Rupees 19,100 without any fittings. The bulk of the fittings, seats, furniture, and lamps would be available from Trinity Church.

7. It will be seen that the Church Committee calculate on the new church costing Rupees 50,000, and that Rupees 35,000 will have to be spent by Government on a new school-room and on enlarging the present building. But, according to information furnished by the Military authorities, no new school-room will be required. As regards the Rupees 5,000 which has been entered as value of materials from the Fort Church, I called on Mr. Leggett to inform me how he arrived at this figure which was furnished by him to the Church Committee. I find he allows for value of timber on the roof, value of doors and windows, and stone in the walls and floor of Trinity Church in the Fort. The latter would be scarcely worth the getting, and it would not be advisable in my opinion to build any church to suit a set of old doors and windows or to be tied down to such a design that the timbers from an old roof might be used in it. It seems to me therefore that the only set off against the cost of the proposed new church would be the cost of the enlargement of the present Garrison Church for which an estimate is now forwarded.

8. I have endeavored to place the matter as clearly as I can before you, so that in passing orders on the question of enlarging the Garrison Church the wish of the Church Committee for a new central church may also be considered by Government.

No. 242.

ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1878, No. 4,429 W.

THE Superintendent of Army Schools will be called upon in the Military Department to report definitely whether the building at Bellary, styled the Garrison Church, which was originally intended for a school-room but is not now so used, will again be required for the purpose for which it was built.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Military Department.
" Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.

Ed. E. C. Shunker.

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Govt. of [1878] Madras.

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THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT,

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Dated November 20th.

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G. O. 20th November 1878, No. 4,429 W.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 241-242.

Garrison Church at Bellary.—Superintendent of Army Schools to report whether the school-room will again be required for the purpose for which it was built.

District Engineer Office
Bellary 21st October 1878

No. 2999

From

The District Engineer

Bellary

To

The Chief Engineer

P. W. Department

Closures.

Plan of Church

of change

out of seats

about estimate

work

original letter

to 30th Sept 78

to the Chaplain

Bellary.

Sir

I have the honor with reference to G. O. No. 2466 of the 15th Sept. to forward herewith plan and an accompanying Rs. 14,346 for enlarging accommodation in the Building now as a Garrison Church.

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Yours

There can be no doubt that such a Church would afford advantages which the present arrangement of 2 Churches does not. The present question is whether the sum now estimated to be required for affording additional accommodation to the Garrison Church should be spent in making a good School room into a bad one, or whether our increased expenses should be incurred on a new building.

If Government were hereafter to be called upon to erect a new School room in lieu of the building which originally constituted a School room is now used as the Garrison Church, it would be certainly worthwhile to construct a new Church rather than to add to the "School room".

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant

J. W. Rumsall
District Engineer
Bellary

By Aho 1720 W 8/19-11-77
no 2466-15-9-76
no 344-8-2-

From

The Dist. Engineer
Bellary

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department
Madras

Enclosed 2 Plans of the
Garrison Church
Plans No 2999 and 3000
Read 11/10/78

Dated 21st October 1878
Recd. 26

Recd. 28
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Garrison Church

Forwarding plan
an Estimate for
the accommodation
as.

To Aotg 30-10-78
Cin 1-11-78 P.T. 5-11-78

Bellary
From Res. W. Wace,
30th Sept 1878
Chaplain of Bellary,
To the Executive Engineer,
Bellary

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 14th
inst., forwarding a rough plan showing
the proposed location of the Garrison
Church in this station.

2. In accordance with the request
expressed in your letter, this plan was
placed before a Church Committee held
here on Thursday the 17th inst. I was then
directed to inform you, that the plan does
not meet with the approval of the Committee,
the arrangement of the seats does not
seem an advisable one, it was too probably
be difficult for the men in the transports
to leave & take part in the service.

3. In a S.O. letter which I received
from you, dated 26th July, 1878, you suggested
the construction of a new Church on some
central site in the station for the use

of the congregation now worshipping
in the Fort & Garrison Church. The sug-
gestion was read to the Committee, & they
desired me to inform you that they heartily
concur with you in it.

4. As you are aware, the Building, which
is now used as the Garrison Church, was
originally the School-room for the children &
Mela of the English Regiment stationed here.
It has never been consecrated, but only licensed
for the conduct of Divine Service in it. The
accommodation is in a degree ^{the same} ~~the same~~ as the
Mela are crowded together, no space being left
available for kneeling stools; & this is mani-
festly not in accordance with P.W.D. Circular
No 65. P.W. of 1877. 20(a), which expressly directs
that "Each Government Protestant Church shall
be supplied by the Public Works Department with
the (a) appliances to seat the congregation, & to
allow them to kneel in decent comfort."

5. Further the Committee doubt the
expediency of spending so large a sum as
Rs. 14,750 in making alterations to the

to a building which was never intended for a
Church; & which (they believe) is required for a
School, for which purpose alone it is suited.
The structure is certainly not a substantial one;
and if the proposed addition were made to it, the
main body of the building would also require
expensive repairs.

6. There are also other important grounds
upon which the Committee welcome your suggestion
for the construction of a new Church. It has been
evident for some time, that the present arrange-
ments for Divine Service in the station are not
satisfactory. When two churches are placed
under the care of one Chaplain, a deficiency
of service at each of them is necessarily occa-
sioned. e.g. many of the congregation attending
Divine Service in the Garrison Church have
no service on Sunday evening, as the
Chaplain is on duty in the Fort Church which
is a considerable distance from the Barracks.

It may also be pointed out, that there would
probably be a considerable saving of ex-
penditure effected, if the two present churches
which are now sanctioned by Government
were merged into one system.

7. As you may perhaps think it necessary to forward this letter to the District Engineer, with a request that the matter may be referred to Government, the Committee have directed me to annex the comparative statement of expenditure which you will find enough to send her in your letter, dated 26th July, 1878. The value of the building now used as the Garrison Church is Rs. 20,750; and if a similar building is wanted for a School, it would cost the above-named sum to build one. The cost of the improvements proposed, to enlarge the building now used as the Garrison Church, would be Rs. 14,750. We have therefore the following figures,

Rs. 20,750... for a new School

Rs. 14,750... for enlarging the Garrison Church

Rs. 5000... value of materials, which might be obtained from part of the Fort Church

Rs. 40,500. would be the construction of a new Church, which would cost about Rs. 50,000.

8. The Church Committee are strongly of opinion that there are sufficient grounds for an application being made to Government on this subject, & they hope the proposal for the construction of a new Church may be favorably entertained.

I have the honor to be

Sir, your obedient servant, W. W. W.

Read & approved

W. W. W. Justice of the Peace for Bellary.
C. W. B. Justice of the Peace for the Garrison Church.
W. W. W. Justice of the Peace for the Fort Church.

P. R. Sept

Letter from the District Engineer Bellary,
No 2999 dated 21st October 1878.

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Recirculate for orders with a plan of the Bellary Cantonment, showing the positions of the church in the Fort and the school room, near the new barracks, used as a church. These two buildings have been coloured red.

The British troops were at first located in the Fort, hence the church was built there. The barracks in the Fort having been found very unhealthy new barracks were built outside the Fort at a distance of about a mile. No church has yet been built near the new barracks, but a large building intended for a schoolroom has been put up and used as a church. There is now in

service for the troops at this building
and the evening service is at
the church in the Fort. Though
the regiment is no longer in
the Fort, there is a considerable
Christian population in the Fort.

The Railway station is not marked
on the plan but it is rather East
of the Fort near Mainwaring's
trench.

11-11-78

E A French Col R.E.
Chief Engineer R.E.

The Fort Church (Trinity) is
far from the barracks for the
troops to be marched to it.
but Fort. have been asked for
No. 3830. grant in aid of
some subscription to be
raised to light it. Estimate
No. 5823. This building
belongs to Fort. But the
ground in hand are satisfactory
of the gallery. The sanct.
table or shrine does not
appear. The Soldiers' Mess

Estimated Evening service at
the Church in the Fort
marked on it -

They are marked on the
map for the barracks but
not marked - or required
No. has been found but
not consecrated - is termed
the Garrison Church -

The Bishop in 76 informed
Genl. that it would be possible
from the plan (Trinity) to
Fort Church which was proposed
to it. & plan that has been called
for it. in now in the
Est. No. 14.346. & as
Trinity is a small church
& 2. arrange seats...

But the proposals are
only a makeshift. It is
suggested that a single
large church to be built
with standing money on the 2
existing buildings.

The R.E. would like to
the cost of the church to be made
for the troops at No. 100.
without the things. It could
be transferred from Trinity to

It is to happen whether the
from the air for him to has
been disturbed.

First. The Govt. is asked
to spend all the money in
improving existing buildings
or to build new. The question
of the troops. I am for
P. Good. a new church
could be provided.

Assuming that the improve-
ment of the school room is indis-
pensable unless a new
building is provided. It
that the Govt. approve of
cost may be accepted.
I do not dispute. I adopt the
suggestion of the new building
unless we can be assured
that the present building will
certainly not again be required
for a school. A P. Smith has
obtained in form. This will
from the Department schools.
If it certainly will not
be required. it may as
well be converted into a

proposed church overgrown.
The new building is under
on. I don't want the Govt.
estimate of space can be
accepted. as a building for a
civil congregation. I am for
the 2 by 2 section. I am
the Govt. to provide church
accommodation for the civil pop-
ulation for all the troops is all
be used for civil. I do not
dispute the Govt. church
but I do not make the point
of it. if we have to build
a new church.

15.11.78

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20 Nov
Bellamy

Letter from the District Engineer,
Bellamy, No. 2999, dated 21st October 1878.

FOR ORDERS.

Edmund Coll. R.E.
Secretary to Government
P.D.D.

I am in some confusion
about the matter of the new
be changed. I am
perhaps ask the Govt. to
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the Govt. are in the
do not refer to the
Trinity Church. I am
the subject of the

FOR ORDERS.

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the Dr. Church.

It is a School room
used as a Garrison
Church. It is the Church
of the Dr. are
marched.

The Dr. is asked
for Dr. 14346. I suppose
the School room.

I have asked for
Dr. 3530. in 76. I
improve Trinity Church
and it is in the state
that it will be preferable
to build a new Church
rather than improve
the School room.

A decision is made to
the need of the Civil
Congregation. For whom
the Dr. do not undertake
I provide Church
accommodation.

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B.R. Works

N^o 4429 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 20th Nov 1878

Read the following:—

From, The District Engineer } (H.C. No. 2999 of 21 Oct 78)
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The Superintendent
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Handwritten notes at bottom:
The Daily Department
Superintendent
19/11/78
at Bellary

Govt. of (1878) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

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G. O. 20 Nov 1878, No. 4429 W

Nos. 241 & 242

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