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P. W. DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

25th April 1879, No. 1,240 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 221. From G. T. WALCH, Esq., Acting Superintending Engineer, First Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Buildings and Roads, dated Dowlaishvaram, 17th April 1879, No. 21 G.M.

IN continuation of my letter No. 140 C, dated 20th March 1879, I have the honor to submit herewith for orders* copy of a letter received from the Chaplain and Lay Trustees of St. Stephen's Church at Berhampore representing the present state of the building.

From the Church Committee, Berhampore, to the Acting Superintending Engineer, First Circle, dated Berhampore, 7th April 1879, No. 1.

We have the honor to request your earnest attention to the most serious condition of St. Stephen's Church at this station the property of Government and in our charge.

2. Under date the 23rd December 1878, this Committee, but with other Lay Trustees, appended to a return, called for by the Executive Engineer, a remark ending thus—

"The roof has from the first leaked considerably, and the sacred fabric may be regarded as a Government building hastening to ruin." On the 13th January 1879 the same Committee thus addressed the Executive Engineer. In returning with a few remarks the plan and estimate received with your letter No. 88, dated 8th January 1879, we desire to express our earnest conviction that the work of St. Stephen's Church should be taken in hand at the earliest possible date.

We cannot but observe that the last rains have added very considerably to the mischief—we should even say—work of destruction which has been going on in the building for years past, not to say from the very first, and we submit with confidence that the speediest attention to such important repairs as the sacred fabric requires will be the truest economy. To this Colonel A. Jenkins, Lay Trustee, added the following remark which was "approved" by Surgeon W. H. Boalth, the other Lay Trustee:—"I most urgently recommend the repairs being undertaken at once, lest very great injury take place in the walls and arches; already the arches are affected to a slight degree."

3. We beg further to state that on or about Monday the 3rd of March last a large portion of plaster slipped from the southernmost side of the roof, carrying away with it a great number of flat tiles, and leaving a considerable portion of the planking exposed to view. Several holes were broken into the planking itself. Through these holes, pieces of masonry fell into the church, which might have been most serious had catastrophe occurred on the previous day.

4. All this was urgently brought to the notice of the Executive Engineer on the following day, the 4th, by the Chaplain, there being at the time no Lay Trustees to join him in his letter. Mr. Cormac gave prompt attention, visited the church, and was understood to say that a telegram had been despatched reporting what had occurred.

5. Nothing, however, has since been done, and we cannot doubt that, if nothing be done before the rains, the consequence will be incalculable mischief to the building.

6. We submit therefore that the work of this church should be taken in hand at once, and have the honor to request that if you do not feel competent to give necessary orders to that effect, you will be so good as to forward this letter without delay to the Chief Engineer, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, for submission to His Grace the Governor in Council.

No. 222.

ORDER THEREON, 25th April 1879, No. 1,240 W.

THE Superintending Engineer's attention is drawn to G.O., No. 1,076 W, dated 4th April 1879, in which an appropriation of funds was sanctioned for the work in question.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, First Circle.
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of 1879 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FIRST CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated April 25th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 25th April 1879, No. 1,240 W.

APRIL

Nos. 221-222.

St. Stephen's Church at Berhampore.—Letter from the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, relative to the present state of —, recorded with remark.

NO. 215. Roads and Buildings, 11/

FROM,

THE OFFG. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

1st Circle
GODAVERY DISTRICT.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

FOR ROADS AND BUILDINGS.

CAMP DOWLAISHWERAM, 17th April 1879

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SIR,

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

C. Swaleh

Offg. Supr Engineer 1st Circle

Camp
K. K.

Roads and Buildings

FROM,

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THE OFFG. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
1st Circle
GODAVERY DISTRICT.

TO, No. of 25-4-79-1240 to

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

FOR ROADS AND BUILDINGS

DATED 17th April 1879.
RECEIVED

No. 21 G.M.

ENCLOSURE. C.C.C.

Berhampur. St. Stephen's
Church at - Harmand
further correspondence
representing the state
of -

From the Church Committee A.P.

Berhampur

No. Mr. J. Walch Esquire C.E.
Executive Engineer in charge

1240/1st Circle
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Secretary to Government P.W.D.
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Sir

Your most obedient servts

Berhampton } W. B. Atley.
7 April 1879. } Offg Chaplain

W. Graham Trustees

/ True Copy /

C. J. Walsh

Asy Supg Engineer / ccib

Pro of 25-4-79 No 1240 W

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1240/6 P. W. D.
No. 1240 W Building Works

Pro: of the Madras Govt Works
Under date the 25th April 1879
Read the following

From

The Supg. Engg. First Circle } (H.C. No. 21 G. W. of 17th April 1879)

The Supg. Engineer's
attention is drawn to G.O.
No. 1076 W dated 4th April
1879 in which an ap-
propriation of funds was
sanctioned for the work
in question. x

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S.C. First Circle No. 25/4/79
By P. W. Accto: W. B. Atley
Deopt 10-5-79 W. B. Atley

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