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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

5th May 1879, No. 1,304 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 28. From the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 16th April 1879, No. 3 B.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1879, No. 1,304 W.

ORDERED that the Government of India be requested to confirm the sanction accorded in Government Proceedings, No. 765 W., of the 13th March 1879.

2. The Government see no reason for debiting the charge to the Military Department as proposed by the Examiner; it is clearly a charge belonging to the Public Works Department.

3. The Government consider the remarks contained in the seventh paragraph of the Examiner's letter uncalled for and objectionable.

(Here enter No. 1,305 W., dated 5th May 1879.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. G. Freeman.
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To

The EXAMINER of PUBLIC WORKS
ACCOUNTS.

Dated May 5th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 5th May 1879, No. 1,304 W.

MAY.

Nos. 28-29.

Roman Catholic Church at St. Thomas' Mount.—The Government of India requested to confirm the sanction accorded to the estimates for improvements to the —, the charge to be debited not to the Military, but to the Public Works Department; the remarks contained in the seventh paragraph of the Examiner's letter, considered uncalled for and objectionable.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 1,305 W.

No. 30.

From

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS,
Public Works Department,

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,
Public Works Department.

Sir,—I am directed to forward Proceedings* of this Government, in which certain estimates for repairing the Roman Catholic Church at St. Thomas' Mount have been sanctioned, and to request that formal approval may be accorded by the Government of India to the sanctions in question.

2. Under the rules three-eighths of the cost of all repairs to the church are borne by Government, the remaining five-eighths being defrayed by the non-official congregation. It appeared, however, to His Grace the Governor in Council desirable to treat the case of this church specially, and as an act of grace, not to be repeated, to give further assistance on the present occasion.

3. When the church was originally built, St. Thomas' Mount was the head-quarters of the Royal Artillery and had a large and wealthy resident population.

The building has now to be maintained by a congregation greatly reduced both in numbers and means, or allowed to fall into a disreputable state of unrepair.

4. These considerations led His Grace in Council to accord the sanction to which I am to request confirmation, and which appeared to him to be in accordance with the spirit of the rules laid down by the Government of India.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Major, R.E.,
for Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

Fort St. George,
5th May 1879.

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* Military Department No. 5,168, dated 2nd October 1878.
Public Works Department No. 765 W., dated 13th March 1879.

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CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1879) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Dated May 5th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 5th May 1879, No. [illegible] *W.*

MAY.

No. 30.

REQUESTS confirmation of the sanction accorded to the estimates for improvements to the Roman Catholic Church at St. Thomas' Mount.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 26th June 1874.

Read the following papers :—

No. 575. From the Right Rev. S. FENNELLY, D.D., Vicar Apostolic of Madras, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 26th March 1874, No. 5.

WITH reference to Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department, 6th February 1874, I have the honour to state, for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, that there are four churches under my jurisdiction which received building grants from Government, and are consequently entitled to participate in the provisions of the Governor-General's Resolution, Military Department, under date Fort William, 17th January 1874.

1. The Church of St. Mary of Angels in Armenian Street, commonly called the Catholic Cathedral. This church was built by the Capuchin Missionaries of Madras about the commencement of the present century. In 1836 the old church of the Capuchins not affording sufficient accommodation, the Right Reverend Dr. O'Connor proposed to enlarge it by the addition of a sanctuary; two transepts and a sacristy, and by raising the walls of the old church and putting on the present flat roof instead of the tiled one which covered the old building. He applied for aid to the Mádras Government, which sanctioned a grant in aid equal to one-third of the entire cost of the alterations and additions. Rupees 5,000 were sanctioned on the 11th January 1836, and a further sum of Rupees 1,900 was sanctioned on the 4th January 1837. The grants were made, because the European Troops of the Garrison used to attend the church. The church has been repaired several times since 1837 without any expense to Government, and has ever since given accommodation to the Roman Catholic Troops in Fort St. George. I am unable to fix the date on which the church was built by the Capuchins, or to find out the cost of the original building. Having given all the information in my possession, I leave to the Right Honourable the Governor in Council to determine the extent to which this church is to benefit by the Resolution of the Governor-General above referred to.

2. The Church of St. Francis Xavier at Palaveram. This church was built in 1839 by the Madras Catholic Mission, at a cost of Rupees 1,300, for the accommodation of the Native Christians. After the removal of the European Artillery Veteran Company to Palaveram in 1847, the church was enlarged for their accommodation at an expense of Rupees 800 to Government, which was sanctioned on the 17th March 1848.

3. The church of St. John the Baptist at Poonamallee was built in 1840 at a total cost of Rupees 1,500, of which Rs. 700 was paid by Government, as the church was intended for the accommodation of the European pensioners and the effective men of the depôt. The original building not affording sufficient accommodation, Government granted, on the application of the late Dr. Fennelly, in an order dated 13th November 1847, Rupees 700 to enlarge it. This church is still used by the troops, and has been twice repaired at the expense of Government since the publication of Lord Dalhousie's Resolution, dated 28th February 1856.

4. The church of St. Patrick at St. Thomas' Mount was built for the use of the Roman Catholic Troops in 1841 at a total cost of Rupees 8,000, of which 3,000 Rupees were paid by Government. This church continues to be used by

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the Roman Catholic Troops stationed at the Mount, and has been repaired since 1856 at the expense of Government.

I have the honour to request that the Right Honourable the Governor in Council will be pleased to fix the extent to which the above-named churches may participate in the advantages of the Resolution of the Governor-General in Council, dated 17th January 1874, and to issue orders accordingly.

TRANSFERRED to the Military Department, with reference to the order in that Department, dated the 6th February 1874, No. 436.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
28th April 1874. *Acting Chief Secretary.*

REFERRED to the Controller of Military Accounts, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 436, dated 6th February 1874.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
28th April 1874. *Secretary to Government, Mily. D.*

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. W. RIDEOUT, for Controller of Military Accounts, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 27th May 1874, B.

I have the honour to return the letter of the Right Reverend Dr. Fennelly, dated 26th March 1874, referred under your docket, dated 28th April 1874, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 436, dated 6th February 1874.

2. Under paragraph 2 of the Resolution of the Government of India recorded in the Proceedings of Government quoted above, the supply and renewal of church furniture, and of the articles enumerated therein, are dependent on the vouchers and certificates furnished by the Executive Engineer of the district; and, as the Orders of Government authorizing the several grants stated by Dr. Fennelly to have been made to the churches under his jurisdiction have not apparently been communicated to this office, the application appears to be one which should in the first instance be submitted to the Public Works Department for consideration.

REFERRED accordingly with the previous paper to the Public Works Department.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
1st June 1874. *Secretary to Government, Mily. D.*

No. 575A. — Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Ecclesiastical Department, dated 30th May 1874, No. 130:—

Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 12th May 1874, No. 55.

Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 30th March 1874, No. 1,031.

Read the following letter from Colonel H. O'CONNELL, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 20th March 1874, No. 2,196.

WITH reference to G. O., Public Works Department, dated 13th March 1874, No. 672, referred to the Commander-in-Chief, I have the honour by order to report that the churches at St. Thomas' Mount and Poonamallee borne on the returns of this department are—

At St. Thomas' Mount—
St. Thomas' (Protestant).
St. Patrick's (Roman Catholic).

At Poonamallee—
One Church (Protestant).

2. A memorandum, No. 512, dated 19th December 1873, from the Chief Engineer was received in this office stating that the cost of repairs to the Poonamallee Roman Catholic Church would seem to be debitable to the Military grant; but I am desired to observe that the church in question is not borne on the returns of this department.

THE Quarter Master General's letter communicated to the Public Works Department.

2. In the opinion of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, such churches only as are borne on the returns of the Quarter Master General's Department are entitled to repair at the public charge.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government, Mily. D.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer of Chingleput in correction of the statement in his letter recorded with G. O., No. 672, of 13th March, that St. Patrick's Church at the Mount was not on the list of Military buildings.

2. Also to the Ecclesiastical Department with reference to the order in that Department, No. 153, of 5th July 1867, sanctioning the repair of the Roman Catholic Church at Poonamallee, *for the first time,* from public funds, and with a view to its being authoritatively determined what, if any, such churches not on the Military list are to be maintained from Provincial Funds.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Acting Under Secretary,
for *Secretary to Government, P.W.D.*

IT is observed that the sanction accorded for the repair of the Roman Catholic Church at Poonamallee was antecedent to the introduction of the Provincial Services scheme.

2. The Governor in Council is not prepared to say that Roman Catholic Churches shall be repaired from Provincial Funds except such as are already on the Military list.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Acting Under Secretary, R.D.,
for *Acting Chief Secretary.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 26th June 1874.

No. 576. ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1874, No. 1,727.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 20.

IT is evident from the information given in the application above recorded which has been verified by reference to Government records, that the four churches under-mentioned, viz. :—

1. The Roman Catholic Cathedral in Black Town,
2. " " Church of St. Francis Xavier at Palaveram,
3. " " " of St. John the Baptist at Poonamallee,
4. " " " of St. Patrick at St. Thomas' Mount,

come under Class No. II. of the Resolution of the Government of India in the Military Department, No. 905, of 17th January 1874, as "churches which have received building grants from Government." They are consequently entitled to receive from the Public Works Department a certain proportion of the cost of the fixtures and fittings that may be necessary, and from the Military Department the same proportion of the cost of other articles, such fixtures and fittings and other articles being accurately defined in Proceedings of the Government of India in the Ecclesiastical Department, No. 330, of 7th October 1872.

2. The proportion in which they are entitled to assistance from Government is fixed, in proportion to former building grants, at $\frac{1}{3}$ the total cost in the case of the Cathedral in Black Town, at $\frac{1}{31}$ the total cost in the case of the church at Palaveram, at ($\frac{1}{2}$) one-half the total cost in the case of the church at Poonamallee, and at $\frac{1}{4}$ the total cost in the case of the church at St. Thomas' Mount: and the cost of future repairs will be shared in like manner, subject to inquiry in the Military Department, with reference to Proceedings, No. 1,031, of 30th March, why four buildings should not be brought on the returns of the Quarter Master General's Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
" Ecclesiastical do.
" Right Revd. S. Fennelly, D.D.
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Dist. Engr. Presidency
" ——— ——— Chingleput

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

&c. &c. &c.

Dated 26th June 1874.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 26th June 1874, No. 1,727.

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Nos. 575-576

Roman Catholic Churches.—Passing orders on the subject of the proportion in which certain churches are entitled to assistance from Government on account of the cost of fixtures and fittings under recent orders of the Government of India.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

11th March 1879, No. 721 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 134. Endorsement of the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Ecclesiastical Department, dated Fort St. George, 5th March 1879, No. 556.

From the Right Rev. Dr. S. FENNELLY, Bishop, Vicar Apostolic of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 3rd March 1879, No. 5.

I HAVE the honor to request that instructions may be issued to the Executive Engineer, Presidency, to prepare an estimate of the repairs that are necessary for the Church of St. Mary of Angels, commonly called the Catholic Cathedral, Black Town, in which the Catholic Soldiers of the Garrison of Fort St. George are accommodated.

2. Under the orders of Government, Public Works Department, No. 1,727, dated 26th June 1874, one-third of the cost of repairs of this church is to be borne by Government. The church was enlarged in 1837 with the help of a building grant-in-aid of Rupees 6,900. It was repaired several times since 1837 without any assistance from Government. In the year 1865 the church was thoroughly repaired at a cost of over Rupees 5,000. No application for assistance was made to Government on account of the condition said to be annexed to building grants in the Resolution of Lord Dalhousie's Home Despatch, dated 28th February 1856, namely, that grants were made on the condition that *the churches are to be resumable as Government property.* I cannot ask or accept a grant for the repairs of the Church of St. Mary of Angels on any such terms. But as I am given to understand that the condition laid down in Lord Dalhousie's Resolution is no longer insisted upon, I request that an estimate may be prepared and a grant sanctioned in accordance with the terms laid down in Government Proceedings, Public Works Department, No. 1,727, dated 26th June 1874.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

No. 135. ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1879, No. 721 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, for the preparation of an estimate for the necessary repairs.

2. The question raised in the latter portion of Dr. Fennelly's letter will be remitted for consideration and orders in the Ecclesiastical Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.
,, Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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Govt. of [1879] Madras,

PUBLIC WORKS.

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

Dated March 11th.

Issued

G. O., 11th March 1879, No. 721 W.

MARCH.

Nos. 134-135.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Madras.—Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, to prepare an estimate for the necessary repairs to the —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

13th March 1879, No. 765 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers :—

No. 175. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 2nd October 1878, No. 5,168.

No. 175-A. From Major S. C. CLARKE, R.E., Acting Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated St. Thomas' Mount, 26th February 1879, No. 1,003.

WITH reference to your memorandum No. 787 T of 2nd November 1878, I have the honor to forward a revised estimate for repairing the Roman Catholic Church at St. Thomas' Mount amounting to Rupees 340, from which the items for improvements entered in the original estimate have been omitted. An estimate of Rupees 45 for coir matting for the church is also enclosed.

2. The above estimates are within the sanction of the local authorities; but under G.O., No. 1,727, of 26th June 1874, a share of the cost of the repairs is to be defrayed from the Church funds, therefore it is necessary to await the definite orders of Government.

No. 176. ORDER THEREON, 13th March 1879, No. 765 W.

THE estimates for repairing the Roman Catholic Church at St. Thomas' Mount and providing coir matting, amounting to Rupees 340 and Rupees 45 respectively, are sanctioned.

2. The Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, will appropriate the necessary funds from the allotment at his disposal for repairs to Civil Buildings under Provincial in 1879-80.

3. The special attention of the Superintending Engineer is drawn to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 5,168, dated 2nd October 1878, Military Department.

4. This sanction has been registered as Provincial and numbered as follows :—

	RS.	Register No.	
Estimate	340	190	B of 1878-79.
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(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.
" Ecclesiastical do.

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Govt. of (1879) Madras,
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
THIRD CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March 13th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O. 13th March 1879, No. 765 W.

MARCH.

Nos. 175-176.

Roman Catholic Church at St. Thomas' Mount.—Sanctions with remarks estimates for improvements to the —.

Dear Col. Sankey.
I think on consider
that ~~the~~ it will be suff.
to remark on that last
para of Conway Gordon's
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R.C. church. that
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A W ~~[illegible]~~ M.C. No. 3171 of 1879

Have & draft altered accordingly and alteration to keep with
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Roman Catholic Church at St.
Mount.—Sanction with remarks
improvements to the —.

3. The Govt consider the remarks contained in the seventh paragraph of the Examiner's letter uncalled for and objectionable

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~~The seventh paragraph of the Examiner's letter is in the opinion of this Dept. the Governor uncalled for and especially unbecoming a criticism [on] the deliberately recorded action of Government~~

~~4 The proper course for the Examiner to adopt in cases where he considers that the financial rules of the Government of India have not received due attention is to solicit in temperate terms a reconsideration of the circumstances, and if on receiving an adverse decision to his reference he still feels himself unable to audit the outlay excepting provisionally to request that the orders of the Govt: of India may be obtained~~

2/5/79

P. W. D

Letter from the Examiner P. W. Accounts
No. 3 B. d/ 16th April 1879.

Submitted for orders.

2. Under the circumstances brought to notice by the Examiner, it seems necessary to obtain the formal approval of the Govt. of India to the sanction accorded in Pro: No. 765 W dated 13th March 1879.

3. It will however be at the same time pointed out that the sanction so accorded was

I agree to the proposals in the note.

I think Major C. Gordon's comments in para 5 are improper & uncalled for & that he should be told so. Practically he takes on himself to criticise & censure the action of Govt. The case that he cites of Sanawar is not parallel: probably the church there is either a petty structure or built & maintained by a few wealthy people. The position of St. J.

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altogether ~~an~~ exceptional ~~was~~, and that it was distinctly stated in para 2 of Pro: Military Deptt. No. 5168 dated 2nd Octr. 1878 that "the further "assistance now accorded "is an act of grace upon "this occasion out of con-"sideration for the altered "circumstances of the station "and congregation, but "will not again be allowed.

4. There seems no ~~sufficient~~ reason for debiting the charge to the Military Department as suggested by the Examiner in the concluding portion of para: 6 of his letter. — It is

Wt. is that a R.C. church origl. built when the place was the Hd. Qrs of the E.A. & has a large & wealthy Resident population — has still to be maintd. by a greatly reduced congng: Is it to be [illegible] & repairs — or allowed to fall into a disreputable state

J. A. D.

manifestly and appertaining to the Public Works Deptt.

R. M. Stanley Col: R.E.

D. Secy. to Govt. P. W. D.
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Hon'ble W Huddleston

Pro 9-5-79 No. 1304 to

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Order thereon:

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Ordered that the Govt. of India be requested to confirm the sanction accorded in Govt. Pro: No. 765 W of the 13th March, 1879.

2. The Govt. see no reason for debiting the charge to the Military Dept. as proposed by the Examiner; it is clearly a charge belonging to the Public Works Dept.

3. The seventh paragraph of the Examiner's letter, in which he takes upon himself to criticise the action of Government is in the opinion of His Grace in Council improper and uncalled for; ~~his comments on Government proceedings, even in letters relating~~

~~to accounts, we ask brief and he will in future abstain from making them~~

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E.S.W.A. 1/5/79

A.E. No. 1305 W.A. 5/5/79

To
Secy. India.

Sir,

I am directed to forward proceedings of this Government, in which certain estimates for repairing the Roman Catholic Church at St Thomas's Mount have been sanctioned, and to request that final approval may be accorded by the Government of India to the sanctions in question.

Mily. Dept. No. 5168 d/2d Octr/78
P.W. Dept. No. 765 W d/13 Mar/79.

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to be maintained by a greatly reduced congregation both in numbers and means, or allowed to fall into a discreditable state of disrepair.

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Despd. 10-5-79

Mr Huddleston's note put up should be ~~[illegible]~~ kept carefully in the office

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FROM THE EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS.

TO THE JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
BUILDINGS & ROADS BRANCH.

NO. 3. B. CHEPAK, 16TH. APRIL 1879.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF G.O. NO. 765. W. DATED 13TH. MARCH 1879, SANCTIONING THE WHOLE OF THE COST OF THE REPAIRS TO A ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AT SAINT THOMAS' MOUNT, COMING UNDER CLASS II OF THE RULES FOR CHURCHES COMMUNICATED IN P. W. CIRCULAR NO. 65 OF 6TH. NOVEMBER 1877.

2. WITH REFERENCE TO THIS DECISION, I WOULD RESPECTFULLY BEG THAT THE MATTER BE RECONSIDERED, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO RULE X CONTAINED IN FINANCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1709 DATED 22ND. MARCH 1877.

3. IN THAT RESOLUTION, IT IS DISTINCTLY LAID DOWN THAT 'NOTHING MUST BE CARRIED OUT BY MEANS OF THE PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE ADVANTAGE OF ANY INDIVIDUAL OR BODY OF PRIVATE PERSONS, UNLESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOME DECLARED RULE OR PRINCIPLE RECOGNIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.'

4. THE RULE RECOGNIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA IN

THE CASE OF THIS PARTICULAR CHURCH IS, THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD PAY $\frac{3}{8}$ OF THE COST OF THE REPAIRS WHATSOEVER THE AMOUNT, AND THAT THE NON-OFFICIAL CONGREGATION SHOULD PAY THE REMAINING $\frac{5}{8}$; AND THIS RULE APPEARS ABSOLUTE, FOR THE SUPREME GOVERNMENT HAS IN ANOTHER PART OF THE SAME RULES DISTINCTLY ORDERED THAT THE GRANTS PRESCRIBED IN THE RULES ARE NOT TO BE EXCEEDED WITHOUT A REFERENCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, EVEN THOUGH THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FROM PUBLIC FUNDS MAY BE WITHIN THE POWERS OF SANCTION VESTED IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

5. FROM THE ABOVE THEREFORE IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FROM WHOM BUT $\frac{3}{8}$ OF THE WHOLE COST OF REPAIRS ARE DUE, HAS DECIDED TO PAY THE WHOLE OF THE COST OF WHATEVER REPAIRS ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT; OR IN OTHER WORDS, GOVERNMENT IS TO PAY FROM THE PUBLIC FUNDS THE SHARE OF THE NON-OFFICIAL PART OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AT SAINT THOMAS' MOUNT TO THEIR MANIFEST AND UNDENIABLE ADVANTAGE.

6. THAT THE COURSE TAKEN ON THIS OCCASION WAS OUT OF ORDER WOULD APPEAR ACKNOWLEDGED FROM THE REMARKS OF GOVERNMENT IN PARA 2 OF THE ORDER IN THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT NO. 5168 DATED 2ND.OCTOBER 1878. I WOULD THEREFORE SUGGEST, IF THE DECISION IS TO BE ADHERED TO, THAT THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA BE OBTAINED TO THE GRANT FROM PUBLIC MONEY IN EXCESS OF THE RULES; AND I WOULD FURTHER SUGGEST THAT IN THIS CASE THE EXCESS GRANT PASSED IN THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT BE ACCEPTED AS A MILITARY CHARGE IN ORDER THAT THE PRECEDENT MAY NOT APPEAR IN THE BOOKS OF THE P.W.DEPARTMENT.

7. I AM INDUCED TO MAKE THIS SUGGESTION, BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO ME OBVIOUS THAT THE REASONS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITIES IN THUS PLEADING IN FORMA PAUPERIS ARE NOT REALLY VALID ONES. IF CHURCHES CAN BE BUILT WITHOUT GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE AT SMALL NATIVE VILLAGES, NOTABLY AT SUCH A SMALL FISHING VILLAGE AS ENNORE, THEY CAN AT LEAST BE PARTLY REPAIRED WITHOUT ASSISTANCE AT SUCH A COMPARATIVELY WEALTHY PLACE AS SAINT THOMAS' MOUNT; AND I FEEL ASSURED THAT EVERY FRESH INSTANCE OF GOVERNMENT YIELDING TO THESE UNREASONABLE AND UNWARRANTABLE DEMANDS ON THE PUBLIC PURSE, ONLY UNDESIRABLY ENCOURAGES THE DAILY INCREASING KEENNESS WITH WHICH SUCH DEMANDS ARE INVARIABLY PRESSED.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT,

L. Conway-Gordon.

EXAMINER, P.W.ACCOUNTS & MAJOR R.E.

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FROM THE EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS,

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TO THE JOINT SECY. TO GOVT. P. W. D.

BLDGS. & RDS. BRANCH.

NO. 3 B.

DATED 16TH. APRIL 1879.

RECD.

POINTS OUT THAT THE GRANT MADE TO A ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AT ST THOMAS' MOUNT IS BEYOND THE POWERS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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Under date the 5th May 1879

Read the following

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The Examiner P.W. Accts: (H.C. No. 3. B d/16th April/79)

Ordered that the Govt. of India be requested to confirm the sanction accorded in Govt. Pro: No. 765 W of the 13th March 1879.

2. The Govt. see no reason for debiting the charge to the Military Dept. as proposed by the Examiner; it is clearly a charge belonging to the P. W. Dept.

3. The Govt. consider

the remarks contained in
the seventh paragraph
of the Examiner's letter
uncalled for and so
objectionable.

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The E. q. I requested to confirm the sanction accorded to the Estimates for improvements to the —, the charge to be debited not to the Milit. but to the P.W. Dept.; the ~~Exam~~ remarks contained in the ~~Examiner~~ 7th paragraph of Examiner's letter considered uncalled for & objectionable.

Requests confirmation of the sanction accorded to the Estimates for improvements to