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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

3rd November 1879, No. 2,756 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 13. From Captain G. F. L. MARSHALL, R.E., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Military Works), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 18th October 1879, No. 1,107-M W.

In acknowledging receipt of your letter, No. 2,196 W., dated 22nd August last, I am directed to state that, as a special case, the Government of India confirms the sanction accorded by the Madras Government to the estimate of Rs. 7,760 for carrying out, at the expense of the State, repairs to St. Patrick's Church at Bangalore.

2. But the Government of India cannot uphold the condition on which the grant is reported to have been sanctioned, to the effect that rent would not be payable for sittings used by troops either in past years or in the future, for the adoption of this principle would entail on the State the entire responsibility for all future repairs.

3. Under the terms of Public Works Department Circular No. 65 of 1877, all churches built by Government are held to be Government property, even though a part of their cost may have been defrayed from private contributions, and churches built by Government subsequent to the issue of these rules should of course be repaired by the State. But these rules have no retrospective effect; the Roman Catholic churches which were built with grants-in-aid from Government before the issue of the rules of 1877 are in all respects private churches, the grants-in-aid to them were free gifts, and the Government has nothing to do with them beyond paying for the sittings occupied by British-born Roman Catholic soldiers and their families. The repairs to the St. Patrick's Church having now been sanctioned at the expense of the State the liabilities of the Government in respect of the past years may be held to have been discharged. For the present and all future years the sittings occupied should be paid for at the usual rates.

4. In conclusion I am to remind you that the Government of India recognises no claim on the State for the provision of church accommodation for any other than British-born subjects of Her Majesty.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 3rd November 1879, No. 2,756 W.

COMMUNICATED to the officers concerned and to the Ecclesiastical Department.
(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Ecclesiastical Department.

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All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

No. 1107. G. O.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Military Works.

To The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras.
Public Works Department.

Simla, 18th October 1879.

Sir,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter No. 2196 W dated 22nd August last, I am directed to state that as a special case the Government of India confirms the sanction accorded by the Madras Government to the Estimate of Rupees 7760/- for carrying out at the expense of the State repairs to St. Patrick's Church at Bangalore.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt. servt.

G. F. L. Marshall Esq. R.C.

Asst. Secy to the Govt. of India

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Communicated to the
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- Superintending Engineers. ✓
- Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
- Consulting Engineer for Railways.
- Examiner, Public Works Accounts. ✓
- " Railway Accounts.
- Consulting Architect.
- Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
- General Superintendent, P. W. Stores and Workshops.
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- Chief Engineer and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
- Examiner Irrigation and Canal Company's Accounts.

Ecclesiastical Dept. ✓

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for carrying out at the ex-
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to — — — — — to the Office
concerned & to the Rectory.

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