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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

25th February 1879, No. 592 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers:—

No. 260. From Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., District Engineer, Bangalore, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 11th November 1878, No. 159.

One Plan.
„ Estimate.

I HAVE the honor to report that my attention has been lately called by the Roman Catholic Chaplain at this station to the condition of the transepts of St. Patrick's Church, for rebuilding which an estimate was sanctioned in G.O., No. 107, of 17th September 1875, amounting to Rupees 9,000.

2. Funds have never been provided for this work, which has been entered in each of four years draught budgets from this district, and, consequently, the building is now in some degree of danger. The rafters and collar pieces of the roof are much eaten, and some have slipped considerably, producing lateral pressure on walls that are tied together by very slight rods with washers that are only a few inches in length.

3. The original estimate provided for beams and joists; at the request of the Roman Catholic Chaplain, I have altered this into joists of the same size as those of the nave of the church, which is of the same width as the transepts. I have also provided for windows with fan-lights of the same form as those in the body of the church, instead of refitting those now in the transepts which are of quite a different form.

4. The rates in the original estimate are so much higher than those now prevailing, that I am able to make these changes and yet keep the amount well within that sanctioned; but further, I would suggest that there appears no occasion for taking up the old foundation and rebuilding it. Its weakness was doubtless a principal cause for the cracking of the upper walls, but by this time it must have consolidated and be capable of carrying the new walls.

5. I propose therefore to omit this work unless, on pulling down the walls, they be found more shaken than I believe is possible; this will cause a saving of Rupees 1,252 on the revised estimate and of Rupees 2,492 on the original.

6. On the other hand we might allow Rupees 458 for a thickness of 1 foot concrete all round the foundations as a security to the old work, but I scarcely think even it necessary.

7. To allow of an early beginning of this work I would ask the transfer of Rupees 3,000 which are not required for the drainage of the Native Infantry Lines, grant No. 21 in budget Rupees 5,000.

8. This saving is partly due to the estimate allowing for one block of sepoys' huts more than required by the regimental authorities, and partly by savings in execution.

No. 260-A. Office Note to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 15th November 1878.

No. 260-B. Office Note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 14th December 1878.

No. 260-C. Endorsement of the Acting Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, dated St. Thomas' Mount, 14th February 1879, No. 776.

From Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., Executive Engineer, Bangalore, to the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, dated Bangalore, 5th February 1879, No. 256.

IN reply to memorandum No. 34 from the Chief Engineer endorsed by your No. 131 of 11th ultimo, I have the honor to report that St. Patrick's Church contains about 6,000 square feet available for its congregation, exclusive of chancels, &c., and would accommodate 700 persons. The maximum allowed under the rules would be 600 *men*, viz. :—

1 Regiment of Infantry	300
1 do. of Cavalry	150
3 Batteries of Artillery	150

This makes no provision for women or children, regarding whom the only mention is in Rule 29 of Circular sent with G.O., No. 1,720 W, of 19th November 1877.

2. The church was opened in 1843, Rupees 8,000 were laid out on it (but there must have been a large amount of gratuitous labor and probably gifts of materials); to this Government contributed Rupees 4,000; a belfry was added in 1845, which cost Rupees 1,000.

3. Nothing appears to have been settled as to the repairs or maintenance of the building, though I gather from the Roman Catholic Chaplain that it was considered that the Government were entitled to the use of the church for their soldiers, in consideration of the contribution above mentioned, nor has anything been decided as to the ownership of the church; but the Roman Catholic Chaplain calls my attention to a letter from his predecessor on which G.O., No. 224, of 4th September 1875, Ecclesiastical Department, was passed.

4. In this letter Reverend E. Gasnier writes clearly under the impression that St. Patrick's Church is the property of Government, and that the Government is liable for the entire maintenance. The following is an extract from the letter :—

> "Our church has been handed over to Government as far as it lies in our power, and if by any want of formality it has not been considered as given up to Government, we would like to have some instruction about what is to be done in order to hand it over now."

5. The next point which occurs to me regards the rent of seats under a rule, which I am informed is as old as 1873, I do not know how far the Government may consider themselves freed by their original contribution made thirty-five years ago of half the money outlay from payment for seats; but on this, as it appears to me, turns the whole question.

6. The Roman Catholic Chaplain believes that he could claim for considerably more than 600 men, women, and children during the past six years; if so, the Government contribution would very much exceed the amount (Rupees 9,000) asked for reconstruction of part of the church, this being the only sum which Government have been solicited to contribute during thirty-five years.

7. It would be more economical I believe for Government to build the transepts anew than to pay six years' rent for seats in arrears, and cheaper to undertake the entire repair than to pay rent for the future, judging at least from expenditure in the past.

SUBMITTED to Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, in reference to his memorandum, No. 34, dated 6th January 1879.

(Signed) S. C. CLARKE, Major, R.E.,
Ag. Supg. Engr., Third Circle.

No. 261. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1879, No. 592 W.

THE revised estimate amounting to Rupees 7,760 forwarded with Colonel Moberly's letter of the 11th November last, is sanctioned, it being clearly understood that the sanction is accorded by Government on the understanding that rent will not be payable for the seats in the church required for Military use.

2. Funds will be provided next April, such repairs being carried out in the meantime as will ensure the safety of the Church.

3. The probable cost of such repairs will be at once reported by the Superintending Engineer, in order that the necessary appropriation may be made from the Reserve.

4. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 187 B. of 1878-79.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

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

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

Govt. of (1879) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

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

Dated February 25th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 25th February 1879, No. 592 W.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 260-261.

St. Patrick's Church, Bangalore.—Sanctions with remarks the revised estimate for dismantling and rebuilding the transepts of —.

Roads & Buildings

District Engineer's Office

No. 159.

Bangalore, 11th November 1878.

From Read the following papers:—

The District Engineer

Bangalore.

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Deptt.
Madras.

Sir,

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3. The original estimate provided for beams and joists; at the request of the Roman Catholic Chaplain I have altered this into joists of the same size as those of the nave of the Church, which is of the same width as the transepts. I have also provided for windows with fanlights of the same form as those in the body of the Church, instead of refitting those now in the transepts which are of quite a different form.

4. The rates in the original estimate are so much higher than those now prevailing, that I am able to make these changes and yet keep the amount well within that sanctioned; but further, I would suggest that there appears no occasion for taking up the old foundation, and rebuilding it. Its weakness was doubtless a principal cause for the cracking of the upper walls, but by this time it must have consolidated and be capable of carrying the new walls.

5. I propose, therefore, to omit this work, unless, on pulling down the walls, they be found more shaken than I believe is possible. This will cause a saving of Rs 1,752 on the revised estimate and of Rs 2,492 on the original.

6. On the other hand we might allow Rs 456 for a thickness of 1 ft concrete all round the foundations as a security to the old work; but I scarcely think it even necessary.

7. To allow of an early beginning of this work I would ask the transfer

of Rs 3000 which are not required for the drainage of the Native Infantry Lines grant No. 21. in Budget, Rs 5,000.

8. This saving is partly due to the estimate allowing for one block of Sepoys' huts more than required by the Regimental authorities, and partly by savings in execution.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obt. Servt.
J. Ousterly.
Col. R.E.
District Engineer

H.J.H.
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Roads & Buildings.

From No. 1274

The District Engineer
Bangalore

To The Chief Engineer
P. W. Depttt
Madras.

No 159

Dated 11th
Recd 12 } November 1878.

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+ Plans.

St. Patrick's Church at this Station — Forwards for Sanction revised estimate for dismantling & rebuilding the transepts at the east & west sides of.

Min 107 of 17-9-75.
Go 1720W. 19-11-77.

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No 256.

Executive Engineers Office
Bangalore 5th February 1879.

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From
The Executive Engineer
Bangalore.

To
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle.

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"Our Church has been handed over "to Government as far as it lies in "our power, and if by any want of "formality, it has not been considered "as given up to Government, we would "like to have some instruction about "what is to be done in order to hand "it over now"

5. The next point which occurs to me regards the rent of seats under a rule, which I am informed, is as old as 1873 I do not know how far the Government may consider themselves freed, by their original contribution, made 35 years ago of half the money outlay, from payment for seats; but on this, as it appears to me, turns the whole question.

6. The Roman Catholic Chaplain believes that he could claim for considerably more than 600 men, women and children during the past 6 years; if so, the Government contribution would very much exceed the amount (Rs 900) asked for

reconstruction of part of the church. this being the only sum which Government have been solicited to contribute during 35 years.

7. It would be more economical I believe for Government to build the transcepts anew, than to pay 6 years rent for seats, in arrears, and cheaper, to undertake the entire repair than to pay rent for the future, judging at least from expenditure in the past.

I have &c

(Signed) F. J. Moberly Col R.E.
Executive Engineer.

No. 776
(True copy)

Submitted to Chief Engineer Public Works Department in reference to his Memorandum No. 34 dated 6th January 1879.

Major R.E.
Ag Supg Engineer 3rd Circle

Saint Thos' Mount
14th February 1879

Cn 17.2 Rd 21/2

OF 187

G.O. 25-2-77 No. 572 W.

Cn 17-12 Rd 17.2

GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 1878. { P. W. DEPT.

Under SECRETARY.

Fort St. George, 15th November 1878.

OFFICE NOTE.

To
C.

For report if the proposal contained in para 7 can be sanctioned, with reference to No 1 of the rules accompanying G.O. No 1720 W. of 17 Novr 1877, the transfer being from "Military" to "Other Services"

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Dy W
15.11.78

A.S.P.
15/11

No. 55

TO W.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE NO POWER TO SANCTION TRANSFER OF IMPERIAL FUNDS BETWEEN 'SERVICE HEADS'.

SEE P.W. CIRCULAR NO.42.P.W.OF

15TH.MAY 1878.

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2. ANY SANCTION GIVEN FOR THIS WORK UNDER PARA I OF THE REVISED RULES BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CONTAINED IN THIS FILE OF PAPERS MUST BE PROVINCIAL NOT IMPERIAL.

3. I DO NOT THINK THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS THE POWER UNDER THESE REVISED RULES TO SANCTION ANY EXPENDITURE ON THIS CHURCH, EVEN FROM PROVINCIAL FUNDS, IT NOT BEING A GOVERNMENT BUILDING. VIDE PARA 12 OF RULES.

4. THE CASE HAD HOWEVER BETTER BE RECORDED IN THE PRESENT STATE OF FINANCES, AND THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER INFORMED ACCORDINGLY.

L.G. C.
14/12

Received in Secretariat 17.12.78

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From the Dt Engr Bangalore (H.E. No 159 d/ 11th Nov/78)
Office Note to Examiner P. W. Accts (H.E. dated 15 — " —)
— Do — from — Do — (— " — 14 Decr — " —)

FOR ORDERS.

The building appears to be in some danger.

E A Bird Col R.E.
Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

17th Decr 1878.

I think the G.O. of 75: was right in principle & that practically this R.C. church is a Govt building by acceptance. I don't think we can properly postpone any longer repairs of a Govt. place of worship &c. in pro:nounced in a dangerous condition by our Engr. was apparently doing

P. OK. A.S.P.
17/12

FOR ORDERS.

Hut condemned 3 years ago. I imagine that irrespective of the destructive order. we can find Prov. funds for the purpose.

The resolution [illegible] not proceed any [illegible] action. but questions arose which had to be disposed of —

1st — what in total outstanding [illegible] the Offices &c?
what is the [illegible] required for Military [illegible] the rules —

2nd is it admitted that Govt is liable for the maintenance of entire building — or of any part of it —

3rd [illegible] it rent [illegible] charge a table [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible]

an 17-12 RC 17/2 RC 21/2

Br Dept 592/10

From the Ag Superintending Eng Engineer,
No 776 dated 14th Feb 1879.

Circulated to His Grace with reference to his notes on the original Draft for Orders.

Will the charge for rent be provincial or Imperial —?
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The charge for rent will be Provincial.

Sanction the proposed outlay in relieving it being clearly [illegible] ~~that~~ rent will not be payable for the Hut in the Church for Military use —
22/2

A.S.P. 17/2

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B & R Circuits

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 25th Feby/79

Read the following:—

From No. 1 the D. E. Bangalore (H. E. No. 159 d/ 11th Novr. 1878)
Office No. 2 Note to the Sec. P.W.D. (H. E. — d/ 15th — " —)
— do No. 3 from — do — (H. E. — d/ 14th Decr. — " —)
From the Ag. No. 4 S. E. Third Circle (H. E. No. 776 d/ 14th Feb. '79)

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N.S.P. 25/2

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25.8.79

This sanction has been
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Funds are pro
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1879-80

The S. E. Chins Circle Eng
The Exr. P.W.D. ~~[illegible]~~
Ecclesiastical Dept.
Military Dept.

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Govt. of {1879} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

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3 Mr

Dated

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 25 Feby 1879, No. 592W

Nos. 260-261

St Patrick's Church Bangalore — sanctions with remarks the revised estimate for dismantling & rebuilding the transepts of —,

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