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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

27th February 1879, No. 604 W.

Buildings and Roads.

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Read the following paper :—

No. 268 Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St George, 10th February 1879, No. 734.

From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 8th February 1879, No. 1,160.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 601, dated 3rd instant, I have the honor by order to forward letter No. 28, dated th instant, from the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts giving the information called for regarding the accommodation in the building at present used as a Church at Bellary, and the reasons why it is not likely ever again to be required as a school.

From Brigadier-General F. G. KEMPSTER, Commanding Ceded Districts, to the Quartermaster-General, Fort St. George, dated Bellary, 7th February 1879, No. 28.

In reply to your letter No. 1,082 of the 5th February 1879, forwarding for report memorandum No. 601, dated 3rd instant, from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, I have the honor to inform you that additional church accommodation will not be required at this station so long as the British Troops of the garrison remain at their present reduced strength, the present accommodation being more than sufficient for a Battery of Artillery and a Wing of British Infantry; but on the garrison being again increased to its normal strength, the same difficulty in providing accommodation in the Garrison Church for all the troops will be experienced.

2. A Garrison School-room is quite unnecessary at this station and would be attended with great inconvenience. The Artillery School-room is most conveniently situated about 95 yards from the ranges of married quarters, and besides affording ample accommodation for the children of the Battery, reduces their exposure to sun and heat in going to and fro to a minimum. Had they to attend school in the building now used as a Garrison Church, but originally intended as a school-room, they would have to go about 800 yards each way in going and coming from school, and this they could not do during the hot season.

3. The barracks at this station for the British Infantry (and more especially since the erection of the new Canteen and Recreation room) are considerably more than sufficient for the accommodation of a Regiment at full strength. The occupation therefore of a portion of No. 13 block as a school-room is most convenient to the Regiment and a great benefit to the children, who are thus spared going nearly one-half the distance they would be required to travel over two or three times a day, were the building originally intended as a school-room re-occupied as such.

4. For the above reasons, I consider the building now used as a Garrison Church unsuitable as a school-room, entailing as it would considerable exposure of the children during the heat of the day, and having no conveniences, such as latrines, &c., attached to it or in its vicinity, and as the present arrangements are in every way more convenient it is not likely that it will ever revert to its original use.

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Transferred to the Public Works Department and the referred papers returned.

(By Order).
(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secy. to Govt., Mily. Dept.

No. 269. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1879, No. 604 W.

With his letter No. 2,999, dated the 21st October 1878, the District Engineer, Bellary, submitted for the sanction of Government plans and an estimate, amounting to Rupees 14,346, for enlarging the accommodation in the building used as the Garrison Church at Bellary, which was originally intended for a Garrison School-room. The probability of that building being again required for the purpose of a school-room was at the same time brought under consideration, and an alternative proposal was advanced for the construction of a new church at an approximate cost of Rupees 50,000.

2. On a reference to the Military Department, it was ascertained that the building in question was considered unsuitable as a school-room, and abandoned as such, on account of its distance from the barracks, which entailed considerable exposure of the children during the heat of the day, and on account of the want of such conveniences as latrines, &c. It was at the same time ascertained that the Artillery children were already provided for in the Artillery School-room; and that the Regimental school was held in part of the barracks occupied by the British Infantry as it was found that the accommodation therein provided was considerably more than sufficient for the Regiment at full strength. As these arrangements have been found in every way convenient, it is considered by the Military authorities to be improbable that the building now used as a Garrison Church will be again required as a school.

3. Under these circumstances, and in view of the probability that the Garrison at Bellary will be restored to its normal strength on the termination of the Afghan Campaign, His Grace the Governor in Council resolves to adopt the plan for enlarging the accommodation in the building now used as a Garrison Church, and to sanction the estimate of Rupees 14,346 submitted by the District Engineer.

4. With reference to the remarks by the Reverend Mr. Wace, Chaplain of Bellary, in paragraph 5 of his letter of the 10th November 1878, to the Executive Engineer, Bellary, to the effect that "if the proposed additions were made to the school-room, the main body of the building would require expensive repairs," the Superintending Engineer will report on this point before undertaking the work, the revised estimate for which (if such be necessary) should, if possible, be submitted in time to admit of its entry in the statement of demands on the reserve of 1879-80 due in April next.

5. The Government are of opinion that the circumstances noticed in paragraph 2 above furnish examples of want of care and forethought in providing accommodation at the public expense.

6. The sanction accorded in paragraph 3 of these Proceedings has been registered as Imperial No. 124 B. of 1878-79.

(True Extract.)

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

Garrison Church at Bellary.—Sanctions with remarks plans and estimate for enlarging the accommodation in the building used as the —.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

11/3/79

Supg. Engr. Second Circle
Examiner of P.W.A.
Military Department

Barracks & Buildings

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 298

Proceedings of the Madras Government,
18th January 1879.

READ the following paper :—

From the Superintendent of Army Schools, dated, Bellary, 16th January 1879, No. B.A/54; to the Quarter Master General, Fort St. George.

Agreeably to the order of Govt. dated 20th Novr. 1878, No. 4429 W, I have the honour to report that the building at Bellary styled the Garrison Church, which was originally intended for a school room, but is not now so used, will not, in my opinion, again be required for the purpose for which it was built.

No. 488.

"Forwarded to Govt. agreeably to instructions conveyed in Order of Govt., P. W. Dept., 20th Novr. 1878, No. 4429 W, and Military Dept., No. 6583, dated 3rd December 1878.

(By order)

(Sd.) H. O'Connell. Brigr. Genl.
Quarter Master General,

Order.

Order.

The Quarter Master Generals memorandum communicated to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract)

W. Michael. Colonel.

Secretary to Government.

To,

The Public Works Dept.

604/5 P. W. Dept.

G. O. No 4429 W dated 20th November 1878.

Proceedings in the Military Dept. No 298 dated 18th January 1879.

Go 20-11-78 No 4429 W - Ackt vide C No 12046.

Pro 9 27-2-79 No 604 B.

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I wd. ascertain from the Mil. authorities whether any addl. accommodn. is really needed at present with the reduced strength of the Garrison.
24.1.79

Circulated for orders

The Superintendent of Army Schools states that the school room used as, and known by the name of, the Garrison Church will not in his opinion again be required for the purpose for which it was built.

The Executive Engineer has sent in plans and estimates amounting to Rs 14346 for additions

to

to this building. But Mr Wace, the Chaplain, says that if these additions are carried out the main body of the Church will require expensive repairs. The Chief Engineer does not think it advisable to lay out a large sum in improving the building. If funds are available it will certainly be better to build a new Church. There does not however seem to be any urgent necessity either for enlarging the school room, now used as a Church, or for building a new Church. At present there is only a wing of a British Regiment at Bellary.

E A Wood Col R.E.
Chief Engineer and
Secy to Govt P.W.D.

27 Jany 1879

No. 511- 604/7 P.W.D.

G.O. No. 4429 W dated 20th Novr/78

Proceedings in the Military Department No. 298 dated 18th Jany/79-

Transferred to the Military Department with reference to the remarks by the Members of Government.

E A Ind Col. R.E.
Secy: to Government
P.W.D.

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31st Jany: 1879 }

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Corres connected with the building at Bellary called the Garrison Church which was originally intended for a school room.

Pro 9 27-2-79 No 604 to

Quartermaster-General's Office,
Head Quarters,
Fort St. George 8th February 1879.

No. 1160.

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From
Brigadier-General H. O'Connell,
Quartermaster-General,

To
Colonel J. Michael, c.s.i.,
Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No. 601 dated 3rd Instant, I have the honor, by order, to forward letter No. 28 dated 7th Instant from the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts giving the information called for regarding the Accommodation in the building at present used as a Church at Bellary and the reasons why it is not likely ever again to be required as a School.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
H. O'Connell Brig. General
Quarter Master General.

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No. 28. —

Quarter Master General's Office
Ceded Districts, Bellary 7th February /79

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From
Brigadier General H. G. Kempster
Commanding Ceded Districts

To
The Quarter Master General
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 1082 of the 5th Feby 1879, forwarding for report Memo.× No. 601 dated 3rd Instant from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, I have the honor to inform you that additional Church accommodation will not be required at this Station, so long as the British troops of the Garrison remain at their present reduced strength, the present accommodation being more than sufficient for a Battery of Artillery and a Wing of British Infantry, but on the garrison being again increased to its normal strength, the same difficulty in providing accommodation in the Garrison Church for all the troops will be experienced.

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I have the honour to be
Sir.

Your most obedient Servant
H. Templer Brigdr General
Commanding Ceded Districts.

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From
Officer Commanding
Ceded District.

To
The Quarter Master General
Fort St. George.

No. 28.

Bellary 7th February 1879

Regarding additional accommodation for the Garrison School at Bellary.

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Fort Saint George
Military Departt.
10th February 1879.

No. 734 Transferred to the Public Works Department, and the referred papers returned –

By order
[illegible] Colonel
Secretary to Government

Military 1879 Department
No. 782

From
The Quarter Master General
To
The Secretary to Government
Military Department

Dated 8th Feby
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No. 1160

Submits a letter from the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts on the subject of additional Accommodation for the Garrison School at Bellary. –

Transferred

Pro. of 27-2-79 No. 604 Ws.

20.11.78. No 4429 W.

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P. W. Department.

Read the following :—

From the Quarter Master General, No. 1160 of 8th Feb/79, thro' the Milty. Dept

FOR ORDERS.

I entirely agree – but

The Brigadier's report gives an example of the way in which accomodation is provided at the public expense –

"The barracks considerably more "than sufficient for the "accomodation of a regiment "at full strength"

A garrison school room so placed that children could not go to it "in the hot season" & with no latrines accommodation "attached to it or in its vicinity" 12/2/79

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Secy to Govt PWD

As I imagine [illegible] the Military Garrison being restored to its normal strength on termination of the Afghan Campaign – we must I think provide addl. Church accommodn. – I would [illegible] adopt the plan for enlarging the School building [illegible] as the Garrison church – [illegible]

FOR ORDERS.

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No. 604 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 27th Feby. 1879

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S. E. 2nd Circle
Dept of P. W. &c
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Further reference to G.O. 27th Feby 604 W.
of 27th February 1879

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Nos. 268-269

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