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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.)

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.

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 March 13th.

Issued

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

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Nos. 175-176.

Roman Catholic Church of St. Thomas' Mount.—[illegible] for [illegible] to the —

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

2nd October 1878, No. 5168.

Ecclesiastical—Roman Catholic Church.

Read the following papers :—

No. 5. *From the Right Reverend S. FENNELLY, D.D., Vicar Apostolic, Madras, to the Hon'ble D. F. CARMICHAEL, Chief Secretary to Government, Ootacamund; dated Madras, 24th June 1878, No. 5.*

The Church of St. Patrick at St. Thomas' Mount, in which the Roman Catholic soldiers of the station are accommodated, has been regularly repaired during the past five-and-twenty years at the sole cost of Government. This year I am called upon to contribute Rupees 793-12-0, being five-eighths of the sanctioned estimate (Rupees 1,270) for repairs of the buildings. I have no means of paying the money, and I am fully persuaded that the claim is made under a misapprehension of the elements composing the congregation attending the church.

2. If we had a substantial European and East Indian congregation using the church at St. Thomas' Mount conjointly with the soldiers, the civil congregation might with propriety be called upon to contribute their share for repairs of the church. But the civil congregation at the Mount is made up of a few Native families of the poorest class, and is absolutely unable to contribute to the repairs of the church. Moreover, the Native Christians have a church of their own at the Mount, and do not require St. Patrick's, which was built for the military, and is required only for them. The church is used only by the military, and in my opinion should be kept in repair—as heretofore—at the cost of Government. I have the honor to request that the case be submitted for the orders of His Grace the Governor in Council.

3. Letter of the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, is herewith forwarded.

From Colonel P. O'CONNELL, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, to the Right Reverend S. FENNELLY, D.D., Vicar Apostolic, Madras; dated Nelncy, 19th June 1878, No. 2246.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to remit at your early convenience to the Executive Officer, Mount Division, the sum of Rupees 793-12-0, being the proportion payable from private contributions towards the cost of repairing, white and color washing, &c., the Roman Catholic Church at the Mount, for which an estimate of Rupees 1,270 has been sanctioned by the local authorities.

2. The payment of the amount herein applied for will be awaited before proceeding with the repairs to the church.

No. 1114.

Referred to the Military Department, for consideration and disposal.

OOTACAMUND,
26th June 1878.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

No. 3278.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

OOTACAMUND,
28th June 1878.

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 6. *From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL,* C.S.I., *Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 10th August* 1878, *No.* 753.

In returning papers referred to the Commander-in-Chief under your No. 3278, dated 28th June 1878, I have the honor, by order, to state that, on enquiry, it appears that the majority of attendants at St. Patrick's Church at St. Thomas' Mount are military, and that the few non-military attendants are of the poorer classes, who are not able to contribute much towards the repairs of the building.

2. Under these circumstances, His Excellency recommends that the whole cost of repairs be met by Government.

3. Letter, No. 176, dated 2nd instant, from the Officer Commanding St. Thomas' Mount, is enclosed for information.

From Colonel C. M. J. THORNTON, R.A., Commanding St. Thomas' Mount, to the Quartermaster-General, Ootacamund; dated St. Thomas' Mount, 2nd August 1878, No. 176. (Forwarded through the Officer Commanding Centre District, dated Madras, 3rd August 1878, No. 3025).

In reply to your No. 556-4682, dated 17th July 1878, I have the honor to forward a return of the military who attend St. Patrick's Church at this station.

2. Of the civil population who attend, the Revd. H. O'Neil writes as follows:—

"The number of non-military attendants at St. Patrick's Church is about half-a-dozen, (Natives of course excepted, who have a church of their own, and are allowed as a favor to attend at St. Patrick's Church, which is purely military)."

3. There are individuals in the Department Public Works and Revenue Department, and pensioned soldiers, who are not in a position to subscribe much towards the expenses of the church.

Return showing the Number of Roman Catholics who attend St. Patrick's Church at this Station

Corps, &c.	Officers.	Warrant Officers.	Non-Commissioned Officers and Rank and File.	Naigues.	Privates.	Drummers.	Women.	Children.	Pensioners and their Families.
Royal Artillery	1	...	68	...	...	...	14	23	...
Ordnance	...	1	2	...	...	...	2	5	...
Detachment, 39th Regiment, Native Infantry	...	...	...	1	9	1	9	5	...
Pensioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73
	1	...	70	1	9	1	25	33	73

ST. THOMAS' MOUNT,
2nd August 1878.

(Signed) J. B. TAYLOR, Major,
Station Staff Officer.

No. 7. *Memorandum from Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to Colonel J. MICHAEL,* C.S.I., *Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 2nd September* 1878, No. 3907.

With reference to memorandum, No. 4228, dated 19th August 1878, from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, the undersigned has the honor to forward the estimate referred to in Colonel O'Connell's letter of the 19th June last No 2246.

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No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1878, No. 5168.

In consideration of the altered circumstances of the station, His Grace the Governor in Council consents to admit the charge for necessary repairs to St. Patrick's Church at St. Thomas' Mount, but sees no need to substitute venetian shutters for the batten shutters which have hitherto sufficed, or for covering the whole floor with rattan matting.

2. The proportionate liability, which under regulation would be accepted by Government in regard to repairs to the Roman Catholic Church at St. Thomas' Mount, is only three-eighths of the total cost, and the further assistance now accorded is an act of grace upon this occasion out of consideration for the altered circumstances of the station and congregation, but will not be again allowed.

Procs. of Govt. (P. W. D.), No. 1727, dated 26th June 1874.

3. The correspondence will be transferred to the Public Works Department, for final disposal.

(True Extract.)

J. Michael.
Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

To the Quartermaster-General.
" Ecclesiastical Department.
" Public Works Department, with two enclosures and copy of Notes by His Grace the Governor and the Honorable W. Hudleston. and [illegible]

Exd. A. Raitt.

S.H. 187 D

No 11928

Govt of (1878) Madras.

MILITARY.

To
The Quartermaster-General,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 2nd.
Recd.
Encl.

Enc: 2 retd to S.E. Chingleput

G.O., 2nd October 1878, No. 5168.

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OCTOBER.
Nos. 5–8.

Admitting, with remarks, the charge for necessary repairs to St. Patrick's Church at St. Thomas' Mount, and transferring the correspondence to the Public Works Department for final disposal.

Ch. No 787 I of 2d Nov/78.

3rd Circle
~~Chingleput~~ Superintending Engineer's Office,
Saint Thomas' Mount, 26th Feb 1879

No. 1003

From
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
~~Chingleput~~ 3rd Circle.

To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

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Estimates.

With reference to your Memorandum No 787 I of 2nd November 1878, I have the honor to forward a Revised Estimate for Repairing Roman Catholic Church at Saint Thomas Mount amounting to Rupees 340 from which the items for improvements entered in the original Estimate have been omitted. An Estimate of Rs 45 for Coir matting for the Church is also enclosed.

2. The above Estimates are within the sanction of the Local authorities under G.O. No 1727 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 definite orders of Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Major R.E.
Ag Supg Engineer 3rd Circle

From the Supdg. Engr. 3rd C.

No. 1003.

G.O. 26-6-74 No. 1727.

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Eccl.

Roman Catholic Church at Mount —
Forwards revised estimate for Improving & Repg. the — & requests that funds may be allotted —

Pro. of 13-3-79 No. 765 W.

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Specification to accompany the Estimate for providing Coir mats to Roman Catholic Church at Saint Thomas' Mount.

Coir matting to be of the best quality procurable.

Major R.E.
Executive Engineer

Specification

White Washing

The interior and exterior parts of the Church are to be White washed 1 Coat and care must be taken to mix a sufficient quantity of Gum and Rice Water with the white wash, to prevent its peeling off-

Pointing

The joints are to be raked out to a depth of 1/2 an inch, and re-pointed with Mortar compose of one part of Lime to one of Clean Sand-

Plastering

The walls are to have two coats of Plastering as detailed in Estimate 1st Coat - One of Lime to one and a half of Sand, the mixture to be well mixed and pounded - 2nd Coat - One part of Lime to one of Sand the whole to be well mixed and ground together. The 2nd Coat then to be rubbed with a stone rubber or polisher-

Flooring

The floor to consist of 8" Sqr Bricks set in Mortar-

Crack

Cracks over Terrace to be covered with Pitch and Cloth-

Site to be cleared

On the Completion of the work all refuse is to be removed at the Contractors expense and the adjacent Compound cleared up properly-

Major R.E.

Executive Engineer

For acceptance of the printed copy to [illegible]

Note by the Honorable W. Hudleston.

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I do not understand on what principle Public Works Subordinates are allowed to propose improvements of their own devising in Estimates for repairs.

Intd. W. H.

Note by His Grace the Governor

On again referring to these papers I note that the Church was repaired at cost of 688 Rs so late as 1876.—

I do not think that more

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than 1 coat paint whitewash should be needed or allowed.

Ind. B.E.C.
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B.P. Works

No. 765 W Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 13th March 1879

Read the following:—

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Hon. W. Huddleston

to Civil Buildings under Provincial in 1879-80.

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W. No. 5 L.C. of 1879/80
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