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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

2nd June 1880, No. 1,306 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers:—

No. 1. From the Chief Engineer, to the Right Rev. Dr. S. FENNELLY, dated 23rd December 1879, No. 3,976.

No. 1-A. From the Right Rev. Dr. S. FENNELLY, dated 5th January 1880.

No. 1-B. Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, dated Coimbatore, 20th April 1880, No. 17.

From E. H. PRINGLE, Esq., Executive Engineer, Chingleput Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, dated Mount, 15th April 1880, No. 1,315.

In reply to your memorandum, No. 180, dated 14th February 1880, I have the honor to report that it would seem unad-

Four original papers returned.
Two sketch plans.

visable to do more than take over the buildings, with the ground they stand on,

with possibly a margin of land in case extra accommodation is required, keeping this margin within the original Government grant of land.

2. The Poonamallee Chapel of St. John the Baptist is in good order, and the offer of the Right Rev. Dr. Fennelly is exceedingly moderate, considering the terms that might have been demanded under the ruling of the Government of India (*vide* paragraph 3 of letter printed with G.O., No. 2,756 W., dated 3rd November 1879).

3. There is a Priest's house attached, built presumably on the ground purchased by the Mission. If this is taken over at the valuation mentioned in the Bishop's letter, viz., Rs. 4,335 (Rs. 3,500 for house *plus* Rs. 835 for ground), the monthly rental will have to be Rs. 43 or thereabout, a sum which, as there is no resident Priest, it is doubtful would be agreed to.

4. As regards the Church at the Mount, it is in bad repair and very dirty. The roof leaks and the rear verandah requires renewing. The Priest's house, school and out-houses are also in bad repair. The school is not in use. The compound is overgrown with weeds, and dirty. In this case the best plan would be to put the Church in thorough order, subsequently assess it, and deduct the cost of the repairs *plus* the original cost of building, paying the balance to the Mission. The Right Reverend Doctor has not taken into consideration that in process of time a large sum of money may be sunk in repairing a building without raising its value above

its original cost. If preferred, the estimate for repairs may be drawn out and deducted from the Rs. 5,000 claimed.

5. As regards Pallavaram Chapel, it would appear from the Chief Engineer's letter to the Bishop that it is not contemplated to take it over. The Church is in very good repair. I beg to forward sketch plans of the Chapel, &c., at the Mount and Poonamallee.

6. I regret the great delay that has taken place in answering this reference. It is due to the abnormal state of the department for the last four or five months, and the incessant change of clerks, &c., throwing more work on the shoulders of executives than they can possibly perform.

FORWARDED to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with reference to G.O., No. 48, dated 9th January 1880, and as directed in memorandum, No. 48-2, dated 6th April 1880, forwarded through Major Vibart, R.E., for his remarks.

One set of correspondence.
Two sketches.

The Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, considers that it would be best for Government not to purchase the buildings attached to the Churches, but that the land on which the Churches stand, together with sufficient to form a compound, should be bought, and on the sketches forwarded has been marked with a red line the extent of land he would propose; the buildings probably would be used by the Roman Catholic Priests and others attached to the Mission.

2. For Poonamallee Chapel of St. John the Baptist, as half the land was originally granted by Government and Rs. 825 expended by the Mission in purchasing the remainder, Rs. 200 might be offered for the site in addition to the Rs. 1,500 for the Church.

3. For the Mount Church of St. Patrick the total cost of the site was Rs. 1,420; the sum of Rs. 200 might be considered a fair value for the portion required.

4. With regard to the price to be paid for the Church, the Executive Engineer's proposal that the estimate for the repairs (which will probably be a considerable amount) may be deducted from the amount Rs. 5,000 asked is thought a fair one.

5. As most probably it will be required, the Executive Engineer has been requested to have an estimate prepared for placing the Mount Church (St. Patrick's) in good order and repair.

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Major, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.

No. 1-C. From the Very Rev. J. COLGAN, Vicar-General, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 18th May 1880.

In reply to your letter of the 15th May 1880, I have the honor to state that I am quite willing to accept Major Mead's proposal regarding the transfer to Government of the Church at Poonamallee.

2. With regard to the Church at St. Thomas' Mount, I think deducting the whole cost of repairs from the 5,000 rupees originally expended by the Mission on the Church is hardly fair to us. I do not see that so great a distinction should be made regarding the two Churches, that at Poonamallee and that at the Mount. The repairs to the former have been made at the expense of Government, and you are willing to allow us the whole sum asked for, which, according to Mr. E. H. Pringle, is exceedingly moderate. The Government sanctioned the repairs to the Church at St. Thomas' Mount in July 1879 (vide Government Proceedings, Public Works Department, dated 9th July 1879), and the work not having then been carried out fully accounts for its present bad state of repair and its leaky condition. Relying

on the promise of Government we have made no repairs, and I think it is hardly fair now to throw the whole cost of repair on the Mission, or which is the same, deduct the whole cost of repairs from the original sum expended by the Mission. I would be willing to have the Mission bear half the cost of the repairs now required, and deduct the amount from the Rs. 5,200 now offered by you for the Church and the small piece of land surrounding it as marked in the plan.

3. I return the two plans and enclosure received with your letter under acknowledgment.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1880, No. 1,306 W.

In the letter from the Superintending Engineer above read proposals for the purchase of the Roman Catholic Churches St. John the Baptist's, Poonamallee. St. Patrick's, St. Thomas' Mount. noted in the margin, together with sufficient land to form a compound, are made.

The Vicar-General has consented to sell the Churches and land in question for Rs. 1,700 and 5,200 respectively, and he also undertakes to defray one half of the cost of the considerable repairs required to the Mount Church.

2. The Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, is authorised to at once conclude the purchase on the terms above mentioned, the necessary funds being provided from the Provincial Reserve.

3. Separate orders will very shortly be passed in regard to the Church of St. Mary of Angels in Black Town, Madras.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.
" Vicar-General.
" Ecclesiastical Department.
" Military Department.

Ed. A. F. Goodall.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1880) Madras.

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To
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
SECOND CIRCLE,
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Dated June, 2nd.

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G. O., 2nd June 1880, No. 1,306 W.

JUNE.

Nos. 1-2.

Purchase of Roman Catholic Churches.—
The Superintending Engineer, Second Circle,
authorised to arrange for the purchase of St.
John the Baptist's Church at Poomalilles
and St. Patrick's Church at St. Thomas'
Mount on the terms agreed to by the Vicar-
General.

All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT

General

To The Secretary to the
Government of Madras
Public Works Department
Simla 5th August 1879.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter No 1790 P.W. of the 7th
July, and in reply I am directed to state
that the Roman Catholic Cathedral at
Madras is clearly not a Government
building and there is no rule under which
a grant in aid can be given for the repair
of Private Churches, but as the building
in question is used by the Roman Catholic
Soldiers of the Fort St George Garrison,
compensation for their sittings, as far as
they

they are British born Europeans, may be paid under the rules laid down in paras: 58 and 59 chapter 21 of Public Works Code.

P.W.D.
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I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

A. L. P. J. N. Major P.E.

Offg. Secy to Govt of India

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Letter No.

328

Dated the

5th August

from the

Govt. of India.

In reply to letter dated 14th of July 1879, the Govt. of India say that the R.C. Church at Madras is clearly not a Govt. Church; that therefore grant-in-aid cannot be given to it; that compensation for the sittings used by soldiers may be claimed, subject to the rules.

His disposal of the case of the particular church, and Mr. Stanley can be informed that the supposition is from 2 of his letters recorded with G.O. No. 721 of 11 March 1879 and a mistaken one; that G.O.

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No. 1727 of 26 June 1874,
in far as it relates
to this church, must
now be cancelled;
but that if he please,
he may claim past
and future compensation
in accordance with para.
26-29 of the revised
rules circulated with
G.O. No. 1720 W. dated
19th November 1873.

In the linked file, the
questions raised in Dr.
Fenally's letter of
the 27th June (G.O. No. 1848 W.
of the 14th July) disappear
of which was deferred
until this reply from
India should be received,
are dealt with.

M.P. 20/8
1878

In rule concerning claims
of the G.O. must
be understood as
concerning the G.O.
& not the R.C. Church.
In the case of the
cases. The cost of the
entire set of calculations
compared with that
of taking over the
G.O. & maintaining it.
For the time being
I am to do.

Recd 15.9.77
Cir. 2.8.79. Att. 3.9.77
12.8.79

For W. Huddleston
His Grace the Bishop
For order

I beg to submit
herewith ruling just
received from the P. of I
in regard to grants in
aid towards repairs
of certain Roman
Catholic Churches in
this Province which
will necessitate a
modification of the
previous Order issued
on the subject.

In connection with
this matter the amended
Office note on the letter
itself, as also that in
the linked case may
be read.

20/8/78 Att
11.9/79

No 329 of 18 Sept 179.

Memorandum:

To the S. E. 3rd Lieut.

With reference to the
United States Ecclesiastical
Bills circulated with
G.O. No. 1720 W of 19th
January, 1874, and
to orders lately
received from the
East of India,
which will necessitate
modification of the
G.O. No. 1727 of the
24th June 1874, the
undersigned has the
honour to request
the S. E. to report
at an early date
what amount of
compensation is due
for the accommodation
of Roman Catholic
Soldiers in the
following churches:-
St. Mary of Angels in
Calcutta, commonly known

as the Black Town
Cathedral;

St. Petrick's, St. Thomas's
Maunt.

St. John the Baptist,
Pannamallee.

St. Francis Xavier, Pallanam.

2. It may be found
advisable to take care
the Maunt & Pannamallee
Churches, and to repair
maintain them at Govt.
expense, and the amount
of compensation due
for settings will have
to be considered in
connection with the
first cost of doing
this.

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No 6893.

3rd Circle Supt. Engrs. Office
Tindivanam 22nd Nov/79
Dist. 25th

From

The Superintending Engineer,
3rd Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

With reference to your Memorandum No 329, dated 18th September 1879, I have the honor to inform you that the Executive Engineer Presidency Division reports that no compensation was ever paid for the accommodation of Roman Catholic Soldiers, in the Church of Saint Mary of Angels in Madras. He adds, however, that for the accommodation provided in Saint Andrew's Church Vepery, for certain Roman Catholic Artizans, and for the Drummers and Bandmen of the Native Regiment at Vepery and Perambore, Rs. 222 and Rs. 221 were paid for the years 1876-77 and 1877-78, respectively - and that no bill

has been yet received for 1878-79 from the Right Reverend Dr. Gambley.

2. With regard to the Churches at Saint Thomas Mount, Ponnammallee, and Palavarum. The compensation claimed at present for the Church at the first named station is Rs 156, being for 52 seats at Rs 3 for each. If compensation is granted for the previous years, the amount due is estimated at about Rs 1500. This is irrespective of the sittings for the wives and children of soldiers for whom 47 seats were provided. In the Roman Catholic Church at Ponnammallee, accommodation for 66 men and 23 women and 61 children is afforded, and compensation to the extent of Rs 450 is claimed on this account by the Roman Catholic Chaplain. The Roman Catholic Chaplain Palavarum claims Rs 723 as compensation for seats provided for 42 men, 47 women and 152 children.

3. No record has apparently been kept of the number who attended the above churches in previous years; there will, therefore be some difficulty

in arriving at the correct amount, when owing to changes and removals of troops the certificates of Commanding Officers required in support of claims for compensation will also probably not be procurable.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
Henry Pitt Rivers Major R.
of the Engineers 3rd Div.

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P.W.D.

20/11/79

1879.

From
The Sup^r Eng^r 3^d Circle

N^o 6893.

Dated 22nd
 Dist^r 25th } Nov^r 1879.
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Churches — Furnishing
 information regarding the
 amount of Compensation due
 for the accommodation of
 seats for Soldiers &c in
 certain

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Read the following:— 10

Letter from the Sup^r Eng^r 3^d Circle
 N^o 6893 d/22nd Nov^r 1879.

FOR ORDERS.

It will be seen that
 the Superintending Engineer is
 unable to furnish very complete
 information regarding the amount
 of Compensation due for sittings
 occupied by soldiers in the
 Roman Catholic Churches
 at Madras, Ponnammallee
 and Pallavaram.

2. In the case of the
 Church at St. Thomas' Mount,
 the compensation due for sittings
 back years included, amounts

to Rs 2858.

3. The Church was built originally for Rs 8,300, of which Rs 3,000 were paid by Govt. Deducting from the Rs 5,000 contributed by the Roman Catholic Mission in 1841 the sum of the compensation due, a balance of Rs 2,142 remains; and, looking to the fact that the Roman Catholic Bishop declines to contribute to the repairs of the Church, it appears advisable to pay over that amount (Rs 2,142) to Dr. Lennell, the Church being thus secured to Govt. for good.

4. With regard to the other three Churches:-

(1) The Roman Catholic Cathedral (St. Mary of Angels) not being a Govt. Church, the arrangements

contained in G.O. No. 721 of 11th March 1879, by which Govt. contribute 1/2 of the cost of all repairs, must be cancelled. As a matter of fact, it has never been acted on, see Dr. Lennell's letter, recorded with G.O. No. 721 of 11th March 1879. And for the future the fittings occupied by British-born Roman Catholic troops and their families must be paid for by Govt. under the ordinary rules - para. 26. 29 of enclosure to Circular No. 65 P.W. of 1877.

(2) The Roman Catholic Church. Compensation for accommodation in this Church to the extent of Rs 450 is claimed by the Roman Catholic Chaplain. No back records of payments due for past years exist,

FOR ORDERS

and the Chief Engineer is of opinion that it will be impossible to ascertain their amount, which must be very considerable. In this case again it will, the undersigned thinks, be equitable and convenient for Government to take over the Church altogether, paying to Dr. Tennelly the sum of Rs 1500 contributed by the Roman Catholic Mission towards the erection of the building, which is used entirely by the soldiers.

(3) the Pallavaram Church. Dr. Tennelly states that he would have "no objection" to see this Church continue "to be governed by the orders" of Govt. P. W. Dept. dated

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26th June 1874 No 1727.
But so far as the grants in aid for repairs are concerned, that arrangement cannot be allowed to hold good, and as it would seem that there is a small native congregation, compensation for the sittings occupied by British-born Roman Catholic soldiers had better be paid in future under the rules.

5. If the Hon'ble Member generally approves the proposals made in this note, the Chief Engineer will ascertain whether Dr. Tennelly has any objection to bring forward against any of

Geo. Saperon
Secretary.
[Signature]

them. Final orders can then
be passed.

W. Lawford. R.E.
Atty to Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.
H.P. 16/12

No 3976 d/23 Dec: 79 P.W.D.

To The Right Rev. D. S. Seneviratne.

No 31

15 December 1879

The Chief Secretary,
to Government.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge Proceedings of Government, Public
Works Department, dated 3rd November 1879, No 2756, W. In those Proceedings
I find that the Govt. of India has ruled that 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 in them by British-born Roman Catholic Soldiers
and their families.

In accordance with the above ruling the Government will not, in
future, contribute anything towards the Repairs of the Church of St. Mary
of Angels, Madras; the Church of St. Patrick at St. Thomas Mount;
the Church of St. John the Baptist at Ponnammallee, or that of St. Francis
Xavier at Palaveram, which were built with Grants-in-aid before 1877.
For the present and all future years the sittings occupied by the European
Soldiers and their families in the said Churches should be paid for at the
usual rates.

by the necessity for making

them. Final orders can then
be passed.

M. A. S. S. S.

For the Churches of Pomallur and Palamaram I accept the new arrange-
ment and I shall instruct the Priests in charge at those places to make out
their Bills for sittings supported by the necessary certificates from the
Officers in Command, and have the Bills presented for payment to the District
Engineer, P. W. Department. I accept the new arrangement for the Church of
St. Patrick at St. Thomas Mount, on condition, however, that the repairs sanction-
ed in Government Proceedings, P. W. Department, dated 9 July 1879, No. 1832,
shall be executed at the expense of Government.

In a letter to your address dated 3rd March last, I requested that the
Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, be instructed to prepare an estimate of
the repairs required to the Church of St. Mary of Angels in Armenian Street,
with the intention of having the repairs executed under the Old Rules, as laid
down in G.O., P. W. Department, dated 26 June 1874, No. 1727. The estimate
has been prepared, amounting to a little over Rs. 2000, and is, I presume, before
Government. But it is clear from the recent orders of the Government of India
in regard to the Church of St. Patrick at Bangalore, that the Government of
India is unwilling to accept any responsibility for future repairs of Churches
that are not the property of Government, and prefer to pay at the usual rate
for sittings occupied in them by European Soldiers and their families. Under
these circumstances I beg leave to recall my letter of the 3rd March last, offering
for the repairs of the Church of St. Mary of Angels under the old rules. I am
ready to accept the new arrangement and to charge for sittings commencing
with the present year. But I expect (as in the case of the Church at
St. Thomas Mount) that the repairs now required shall be executed at the
cost of Government. I have a fair claim to payment for sittings for four
or six years in arrears, from the date on which such payment was sanctioned.

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To The Right Rev. D. S. S. S. S.

by the Government of India, and I am willing to forego that claim on the
understanding that the repairs now necessary are made by Government. Moreover
from the year 1836 to the present time Government has had accommodation
in the Church of St. Mary of Angels for the troops stationed in Fort St. George
for Rs. 6700 or 150 Rs. per annum; and for many years before 1836 the
troops received gratuitous accommodation in the same Church.

I take this opportunity of explaining to Government my earnest desire
to see a separate Church built for the Roman Catholic Soldiers in Fort St.
George. A Church in the Fort would afford the soldiers and especially the
Soldiers' wives and children greater facilities for the fulfilment of their religious
duties than they have at present. The Roman Catholic Chaplain's intercourse
with his flock would be more frequent and his influence for good would be
increased ten fold. The women and children would not be able to excuse their
absence from Church on frivolous pretences, as they very often do at present.
The Church is at present a little too distant from the Fort, and the women and
children frequently absent themselves, especially in the hot seasons. A separate
Church in the Fort for the Roman Catholic Soldiers would be an undoubted
benefit to the Roman Catholics of the Garrison.

Moreover, the present arrangement is attended with considerable inconvenience
to the Clergy and the non-military portion of the Congregation, especially on
those few days when the laws of the Catholic Church do not permit more than
one Mass to be celebrated. It may be well to explain that the Catholic Church
obliges, under pain of sin, all her children who have come to the use of reason to
assist at Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation. Attendance at evening
service on Sundays and Holydays is recommended, but is not enforced, as of

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of strict duty or obligation in the Catholic Church. We have one mass at 6 1/2 o'clock
on all Sundays and holidays of obligation especially for the soldiers when the whole
Church and all the seats in it are at the service of the troops. On those few
days when there is only one mass the Church, even if it were as large again
as it is, would not conveniently accommodate all who attend the service.
There is over-crowding to the discomfort of the whole congregation. In order
to meet the expenses of the Church and, in part, the support of the Clergy, the
sittings in the nave of the Church are reserved as payment, except at the
Soldiers' mass, as it is called, to the respectable persons in the town, who desire
reserved accommodation. On the few days, above referred to, when there is only one
mass, one transept of the Church is allotted to the troops. This arrangement
does not satisfy the soldiers, who claim a right to the first places and
intrude upon the reserved seats. The result is murmuring and dissatisfaction
among the troops and complaints on the part of those whose reserved accommodation
is not respected. It is true these occasions do not occur often but they are
frequent enough to render it desirable to have for the troops a church for
their services in the Fort.

I have had consultations on this matter with the Priests of the town
and some of the most respectable members of the Civil Congregation; and
the earnest desire of all is that Government should build a Church for
the Catholic soldiers in the Fort, which would at once relieve us from
the inconvenience just referred to and greatly facilitate the more efficient
performance of his duties by the Catholic Chaplain to the great spiritual
advantage of the Roman Catholics in the Garrison.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness
to submit this letter for the favorable consideration
and

in case no more such paymen

No 3976 d/23 Dec: 79 P. W. D.

To The Right Rev. D. J. Scurrally.

and the order of His Grace the Governor in
Council.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant
+ Scurrally

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Ecclesiastical
(Churches - Roman Catholic)
No. 31

To
The Rev. Mr. Dr. Tennelly
Bishop of the Diocese of Madras

The Chief Secretary
to Government

Dated 15 December 1879
Madras

Enclosure. none.

With reference to No. 2 of 1st date
3rd February 1879 - 1879, regarding
the proposed purchase of the land of the
of Madras, the Bishop of the
Diocese of Madras, Palawan, a statement
showing the same under the
Rules of 1879 for the purpose of
settling the same, and the
the hope to be made for the
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Department for consideration and
disposal.

H. S. S. S.
18 December 1879

Approved
By Chief Secy

No 3976 d/23 Dec: 79 P.W.D.

The Right Rev. Dr. S. Tennelly

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Right Rev. Sir

A letter addressed
by you to the Chief Secretary
to Govt under date the 15th
December, No. 31, has been
transferred to this Department
for disposal.

2. I was on the point
of addressing you with
reference to the previous cor-
respondence regarding the four
churches named in the second
paragraph of your letter.
The delay in disposing of
the question has been caused
by the necessity for making

enquiries as to the amount
of compensation due for pittings.

3. Before receiving your
last letter, I had proposed
to Government, to take over
the churches at St. Thomas'
Mount and ^{Pomanaallee} ~~Thamiraparani~~
entirely, an arrangement
which it is gathered from
your letter of the 27th June
last, N^o. 19, you would not
object to.

4. In the case of the
former church the sum
of Rs 5000 was contributed
towards the erection of the
building in 1841, by the
Roman Catholic Mission.
vide paragraph 5 of your
letter of the 27th June.
Setting the cost of the repairs,

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which have been regularly
executed by Govt. for more
than twenty years, against
your claims for payment
for pittings occupied by
Govt. soldiers, it seemed to
me that it would be a
not unreasonable arrange-
ment if Govt. were to pay
you a sum of, say, Rs 2000,
on condition that the church
became their property. And
I have reason to believe that
Government would be willing
to do so, provided that
you assent to the proposal.
The same remarks apply
to the case of the church
at Pomanaallee, for which
the original contribution
of Rs 1500, or such sum

as you think equitable,
would be paid on the same
condition.

6. The Church at Patterson
must in future be regulated
by the Govt. of India rules,
which I observe you have
accepted. So also the Church
of St. Mary of Angels in
Bromwich Street, in the case
of which however you attach
a condition that some repairs
now necessary shall be
executed by Govt. as is
set off in some measure
to your ^{fair} claim to payment
for ~~repairs~~.

7. I have the honour
to request that ^{kindly} you will
reconsider your last letter
in the light of the foregoing

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remarks, and that if you
consider it advisable to
accept the proposals made
in regard to the Churches
at St. Thomas' Mount,
and Panamallee, you will
address me on the subject.

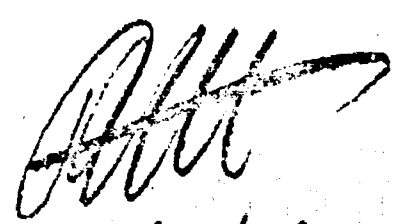
8. In that case it
might be well if your
letter of the 15th instant
were to be considered
cancelled.

9. I have also the honour
to suggest that the questions
raised in the fifth, sixth,
and seventh paragraphs
of the same letter might
with advantage be brought
up separately. No consider-
ation might very possibly
delay the decision on the

other points under discussion,
as the opinion of more than
one Govt. Dept. will have
to be obtained, whereas
the subject of the relations
of the existing Churches with
Govt. will be decided in
the P. W. Dept.

Ch. Engr.

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for and

Chief Post Division Office
Mount 15th April 1880.

No. 1315-

From

P.W.D.

23/4/80

No.

5th January 1880

Colonel R. H. Lankey R.E.

Chief Engineer

Public Works Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter dated 23rd December 1879 No. 3976, in which you inform me that you had proposed to Government to take over the Churches at St. Thomas Mount and Pommanallee entirely, Government paying me on condition that the Churches became their property Rs 2000 for the former and Rs 1500 for the latter.

2. In taking over the Churches will the Government be content to get the simple building? or will they require to have assigned over to them the grounds, or compounds of the Churches together with the other buildings standing upon them. In the former supposition the matter is easily arranged. I am willing to accept Rs 1500 for the Pommanallee Church, the amount paid from the Funds of the Mission towards its construction and subsequent enlargement.

3. The proposal to take over the Church at St. Thomas Mount paying me Rs 2000 only does not seem reasonable. There is in that building Rs 5000 of the Mission money, in addition to

plus Rs 835 for ground) the monthly rental will have to be Rs 43. or thereabout, a sum which, as there is

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to considerable sums paid for Repairs. Government have also expended considerable sums for repairs, but they have had full value for their money in the accommodation given to the Soldiers in the Church during the past 40 years. I am prepared to accept Rupees 5,000 for the Mount Church, or, if that proposal does not meet your approval, get the Building valued as it stands by your own Officers, deduct from the estimated value the Government contribution towards its construction in 1840, and pay me the balance.

4. Should the Government require the Church grounds to be assigned over to them, as well as the buildings, I fear new difficulties will arise. The ground, on which the Church of St. Patrick at St. Thomas Mount stands, was purchased by the Mission in 1837 for Rupees 920. It was enlarged in 1857 on the eastern side at a cost of Rs. 200 and was further enlarged by the addition of some ground on the Northern side which cost the Mission Rs. 300. The outlay by the Mission in the purchase of the grounds of St. Patrick's Church amounts to Rupees 1420. Besides the Church the following buildings stand on the grounds. A very good Presbytery substantially and solidly built in 1846-47 at a cost of Rupees 4,500, very good Stabling for 2 horses, Kitchen and Godown, together with a large room also substantially built with verandah on both sides - sometimes used as a school and afterwards as a reading room for the Soldiers. These buildings cost Rs. 3,000, so that exclusive of the fabric of the Church, Mission money to the extent of Rs. 8,900 has been paid for the ground and buildings annexed to the Church at the Mount.

5. In like manner, at Pommanalla (where about one half of the land was granted by Government) the Mission has expended in the purchase of land Rupees 835 and in building a Presbytery and the necessary Out-Offices more than Rs. 3,500. I do not think the Government will desire to have more than the value of the Churches made over to them. I consider it, however, my duty to enter into these details to enable you to understand the case in all its bearings and to make up your mind as to the advice you are to offer to the Government.

6. In my letter of the 15th ultimo (which may be considered cancelled) I accepted the Government of India Rules for all four Churches - Madras - St. Thomas Mount - Pommanalla and Palaveram. I anticipated considerable difficulty in obtaining the necessary Certificates to support my claim for arrears of sitting for the past five years. I considered that the compensation due to me for sitting was nearly equal to the cost of the necessary repairs of the Church here and at the Mount; and that the simplest way of squaring accounts was to set off one against the other. However, should Government finally decline to take over the Church at the Mount, and be unwilling to execute the repairs, I shall be prepared to accept the other alternative, viz. to take what is fairly due to me for sitting, accommodation, and get the repairs done as best I can at my own expense.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

+ Assembly

The Bishop's letter, viz. Rupees 4335 (Rs. 3500)

Chingleput Division Office
Mount 15th April 1880.

No. 1315.-

From

The Executive Engineer
Chingleput Division.

To

The Superintending Engineer
Second Circle.

Sir

Enclosures.

- 1. original papers returned
- 2. Sketch plans.

In reply to your Memo. No. 130 dated 14th Feb. 1880 I have the honour to report that it would seem inadvisable to do more than take over the buildings with the ground they stand on with possibly a margin of margin of land in case extra accommodation is required keeping this margin within the original Govt. grant of land.

The Poonamallee Chapel of Saint John the Baptist is in good order and the offer of the Right Reverend Doctor Sennelly is exceedingly moderate considering the terms that might have been demanded under the ruling of the Government of India, vide para 3 of letter printed with G.O. No. 2756 W. dated 3rd November 1879.

There is a priests house attached, built presumably on the ground purchased by the Mission. If this is taken over at the valuation mentioned in the Bishop's letter, viz. Rupees 4335 (Rs 3500 for house plus Rs 835 for ground) the monthly ^{rental} will have to be Rs 43. or thereabout, a sum which, as there is

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to be returned
with reply

no resident priest, it is doubtful, would be agreed to.

As regards the Church at the Mount it is in bad repair and very dirty. The roof leaks and the rear Verandah requires renewing. The Priests house, school and out houses, are also in bad repair. The school is not in use. The compound is overgrown with weeds, and dirty. In this case the best plan would be to put the Church in thorough order, subsequently assess it and deduct the cost of the repairs plus the original cost of building paying the balance to the Mission. The Right Reverend Doctor has not taken into consideration that in process of time a large sum of money may be sunk in repairing a building without raising its value above its original cost. If preferred the estimate for repairs may be drawn out and deducted from the Rupees 5,000 claimed.

As regards Palaveram Chapel it would appear from the Chief Engineer's letter to the Bishop that it is not contemplated to take it over. The Church is in very good repair. I beg to forward sketch plans of the Chapel &c. at the Mount and Poonamallee.

I regret the great delay that has taken place in answering this reference. It is due to the abnormal state of the Department for the last four or five months and the incessant change of Clerks &c. throwing more work on the shoulders

shoulders of Executives than they can possibly perform.

I have &c.
(Signed) E. H. Pringle
Executive Engineer 2nd Circle
Chengelpet Division

N^o 17 (True copy).

Enclosure 3 with reference to G.O. N^o 48 dated 9th January 1880 and as directed in Memo N^o 48 dated 6th April 1880 forwarded through Major Vibart R.E. for his remarks. The Superintending Engineer 2nd Circle considers that it would be best for Government not to purchase the buildings attached to the Churches but that the land in which the churches stand, together with sufficient to form a compound should be bought, and as the sketches forwarded has been marked with a red line the extent of land he would propose, the buildings probably would be used by the Roman Catholic Priests and others attached to the mission.

2. For Poonamallee Chapel of St. John the Baptist as half the land was originally granted by Government and Rs 825 expended by the Mission in purchasing the remainder, Rs 200 might be offered for the site in addition to the Rs 1,500 for the Church.

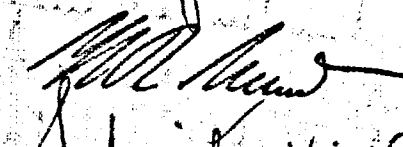
3. For the Mount Church of St. Patrick the total cost of the site was Rs 1,020 the sum of Rs 200 might be considered a fair value for the portion required.

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With regard to the price to be paid for the Church, the Executive Engineer's proposal that the estimate for the repairs (which will probably be a considerable amount) may be deducted from the amount Rs 5,000 asked is thought a fair one.

As most probably it will be required the Executive Engineer has been requested to have an estimate prepared for placing the Mount Church (St. Patrick's) in good order and repair.

 Major R.E.
Superintending Engineer L.C. A. C.

Supr. Engineer's Office
Coimbatore 20th April 1880

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Memo. No. 48. 9-1-80.
 " 3976. 23-12-79.
 J.B. " 2756 W. 2-11-79.
 Memo. " 829. 18-9-79.
 J.B. " 1892 W. 9-7-79.
 " " 721 W. 11-3-79.
 " " 1848 W. 14-7-79.
 " " 1720 W. 19-11-79.
 " " 1727 - 26-6-74.
 " " 104 - 10-3-74. Mis.

From:
 The Survey Engineer,
 Second Circle.

P.W.D.
 22 APR 80
 No. 17

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

Dated 20th
 Recd. } April 1880.

No. 17.

Encls. 3.

Roman Catholic Churches
 at St. Thomas' Mount
 Bonamale & Palaveram.

Forwarding with
 remarks copy of letter
 No. 1315 of 15th April 1880 from
 the Executive Engineer
 Chingleput regarding

23, 11, 80

C.H.B.

No. 73. of 15th May 1880.

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The Very Rev. J. Colgan
 Vicar Genl.
 Very Rev. Sir,

With reference to the
 late Bishop Smalley's letter
 of the 5th Jan. 1880, and
 previous correspondence, I
 have the honor to forward
 you the Supy Engineer's en-
 dorsement of the 20th April,
 No. 17, and to request you
 to have the goodness to
 inform me whether you are
 willing to accept Major
 Mead's proposals.

2. In that case, the
 amount to be paid by
 Govt. will be Rs 1700 for

the Pomamallee Church, and
for the Mount Church is
Rs 5200, less the cost of
repairs now required.

I have &c

(Sig.) R. H. Col. B.E.
Chief Eng^r M.D.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

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18 May 1880

Colonel R. H. Laurie, C. B. R. E.
Chief Engineer

Public Works Department.
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Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 15th May 1880, I have
the honor to state, that I am quite willing to accept Major
Mead's proposal regarding the transfer to Government of the
Church at Pomamallee.

With regard to the Church at Saint Thomas Mount,
I think, deducting the whole cost of repairs from the 5000 Rupees
originally expended by the Mission on the Church, is hardly
fair to us. I do not see that so great a distinction should be
made regarding the two Churches, that at Pomamallee and
that at the Mount. The repairs to the former have been made
at the expense of Government, and you are willing to allow us
the whole sum asked for, which, according to Mr E. H. Pringle,
is exceedingly moderate. The Government sanctioned the repairs
to the Church at Saint Thomas Mount in July 1879 (Vide Govt.
Proceedings P. W. Deptt. dated 9th July 1879) and, the work not
being completed, the same was sanctioned in January 1880.

Major Mead's proposals
in regard to the

the Bonamallee Church, and
for the Mount Church was
Rs 5200, less the cost of
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having there been paid, not, fully accounts for its present bad
state of repair and its leaky condition. Relying on the promise
of Government we have made no repairs, and I think it is hardly
fair now to throw the whole cost of repairs on the Mission, or which
is the same, deduct the whole cost of repairs from the original sum
extended in the Mission. I would be willing to have the Mission
bear half the cost of the repairs now required, and deduct the
amount from the Rs 5200, now offered by you for the Church
and the small piece of land surrounding it, as marked in the
plan.

I return the 2 plans and enclosure received with your letter
under acknowledgment.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

H. J. J.

Vicar General.

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Conference 3.

Directing major plans past and
to the new the Personnel
Board, and advising the
majority of the policy of
labor, civil and social
movement in the
the community and
to the labor and civil
movement.

To, Colonel D. H. Parker, U.S.A.
 Chief Engineer in
 the Department of
 War.
 Wash. D.C.

From
 Bay W. J. Edgar
 Near General
 Madras

Public Works Dept

~~PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.~~

~~Under the~~

Read the following :—

Chief Engineer's letter to } H.E. No. 3976 of 23rd Dec/79
— Dr. Tennelly }
From Dr. Tennelly - (— 3rd Jan/80)
From the Engineering Office (— 17th of 20th April/80)
From the Very Rev. Colgan (— 18th May/80)

Circulated for
orders with a demi
Official letter from
Dr. Calgan. of the same
date as his Official
letter.

2. It will be observed that the Vicar General is willing to accept Major Mead's proposals in regard to the transfer to government of the

R. C. Church at Sacra-
ment on payment
of Rs. 1700.

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3. As regards the
Church at St. Thomas
Mount, exception is
taken to the proposal
to deduct the cost of
the repairs now nec-
essary from the
sum of Rs. 5200, the
value of the building and
a portion of the value
required, Dr. Colgan
however consenting
that half the cost of
the repairs should be
deducted.

4. Considering that
there is some force
in the remark that
the present state

* St Mary of Angels in
Armenian Street

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of disrepair of this Church
is due to the delay in
deciding on the relations
of this and other Churches
to Government, it is
thought that the point
may be conceded,
and Dr. Colgan's offer
accepted.

5. As regards the
Black Town Cathedral,
it must in future be
regulated by the
Govt. of India rules.
As remarked by Richard
Fennelly in his letter
of the 17th December last,
No. 31, a claim to
payment for sitting
for some six years
could undoubtedly
be made, and the
condition that some
repairs now necessary

R. be executed by foot,
me as a set off in some
of measure to his claim,
might, it is thought,
be allowed.

Mr. Lib. If the Hon. Mem.
ber concurs in these
remarks it is proposed
to make the payment
for the repairs to the
Black Town Church
in the form of a
lump sum grant
in account of
unclaimed com-
pensation for four
cents, and to authorize
the disbursement
from the Memorial
Reserve of \$1700
for the Bonamatta
Church, and the

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Rs. 5200 for the Mount
Church, the latter grant
being made on the con-
dition that half the
cost of the repairs now
necessary be borne
by the R. C. Mission.

W. W. Lawley
Secy to Govt & Co.
25th May 1880.

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W. H. D. L. L.

N^o 1306. K

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the *2 June 80*

Read the following:—

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Chief Eng^r's letter to Mr. Tinnelly } A.E. N^o 3976 d/23^d Decr/79
From Mr. Tinnelly ——— (——— 5th Jan/80)
the Sup^r Eng^r's 2^d Circle (A^o 17 ——— 20th April/80)
the Very Rev^d Colgan (——— 18th May —)

*Done
K.S.
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St. John the Baptiste
Ponnamallur
St. Patrick's - St. Thomas'
Mount.

In the letter from
the Sup^r Eng^r above
read proposals for the
purchase of the Roman
Catholic Churches ^{with} in the
margin, together with
sufficient land to form
a compound, are made.
The Vicar General has
consented to sell the
churches and land in
question for Rs 1700 and
885. 200

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23.4.80*

5,200 respectively, and he
also undertakes to defray
one half of the cost of the
considerable repairs required
in the case of the Mount
Church.

2. The Supp. Comtee, 2nd
Circle, is authorized to
at once conclude the
purchase on the terms
above mentioned; the
necessary funds being pro-
vided from the Provincial
Reserve.

3. Separate orders will
very shortly be passed in
regard to the Church of
St. Mary of Angels in
Black Town, Madras.

Handwritten notes:
The Vicar General
of the Ecclesiastical Dept.
of the Military Dept.
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Handwritten notes:
T. H. ...
22/5/85
...

S. E. Second Circle
The Vicar General
Ecclesiastical Dept.
Military Dept.
Mrs. David 3/5/85
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Purchase of
Roman Catholic Church

The Supt. Engr. 2nd
authorised to arrange
for the purchase of
the site of the Baptist
Church at Bonnamall
and St. Patrick's Church
at St. Thomas' from
the terms agreed to
of the Vicar General
25th Nov.