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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

8th July 1881, No. 1,696 W.

**General.**
**Account.**

Read the following papers :—

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| No. 8-A. | From the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, dated 11th June 1881, No. 250. |
| No. 8-B. | From the Very Rev. J. COLGAN, Vicar-General, dated 17th June 1881. |

No. 8-C. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1881, No. 1,696 W.

IN his letter of the 17th June 1881 read above, the Vicar-General states that he is willing to transfer, on the conditions now specified by the Superintending Engineer, the churches at Poonamallee and St. Thomas' Mount, with the quantity of land originally agreed upon in each case.

2. The conditions are—

(*a*) the lands to remain church compounds so long as the churches stand ;
(*b*) they shall not be used for any purpose foreign to this character ;
(*c*) no intercepting walls or fences are to be erected without the consent of both parties to the agreement;
(*d*) the demarcation being effected by means of stones.

3. As regards the question of compensation for the land which Dr. Colgan asks to be reconsidered, the Honorable the Governor in Council is of opinion that a proportionate share of the cost to the Mission of the land both at Poonamallee and the Mount should be paid. In this view, Rupees 275 would seem to be the proper price of the plot to be taken up at Poonamallee, which is about two-thirds of the whole area—one half of which was obtained from Government free of charge, the other half costing the Mission Rs. 825.

4. At St. Thomas' Mount the extent of land to be taken up is about one-fourth of the whole, and as the land cost the Mission Rs. 1,420, a sum of Rs. 355 is due.

5. These amounts may, therefore, be paid in lieu of the sums originally offered.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, with two Plans.
" Very Rev. J. Colgan.
" Government Solicitor.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

**Govt. of (1881) Madras**

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

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

Dated July, 8th.

Issued

Recd.

G. O., 8th July 1881, No. 1,696 W.

JULY.
Nos. 8-A—8-C.

*Roman Catholic Churches at Poonamallee and St. Thomas' Mount.*—Orders as regards the question of compensation for land attached to the —.

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No. 250

1614/5

× No. 1856 d/7th June/81.

Enclosures 7
1 Copy of Ex. Engrs' letter
2 Plans
4 copies of letters

The Enclosed copy of letter× from the Executive Engineer Chingleput with the original Enclosures are forwarded (to be returned) as suggested by the Government Solicitor for the orders of Government.

A reference to para 1 of Supg. Engineers Endorsement No. 17 dated 20th April 1880; to para 1 of the Very Reverend J Colgan's letter dated 18th May 1880 printed in G. O. No. 1306 W dated 2nd June 1880 and the 2 original Plans will shew clearly that no more land than originally arranged for and agreed to is proposed to to be Conveyed, and it is much to be regretted that now a year afterwards the Very Revd. the Vicar General should on the ground that he "may have been guilty of an Oversight" refuses to complete the Conveyance—

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2. The amounts proposed by the undersigned in para 2 and 3 of his letter as fair value for the portions of land to be taken are not it is considered too low when the fact of half the land on which the Poonamallee Chapel stands being given by Government is taken into consideration but this of course as the Offer was accepted does not not affect the question.

3. The Supg. Engineer considers that the whole of the lands as marked off should be transferred but sees no objection to a clause being added to the conveyance that Government agree to engage that the land transferred is to remain as long as the churches stand as Church Compounds and be used for no other purpose. Also that it is to be demarked by stones and that no wall or fence is to be put up except by the consent of both of the parties concerned in the purchase.

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It is hoped that these clauses will induce the Revd. the Vicar General to agree without further delay to his original agreement.

1594/26

Coimbatore
11th June 1881
Despd 13th Do —

Major R.E.
Supg. Engineer, 2nd Circle.

To,

The Chief Engineer P.W.D.

No. 1441.

Referred to the Very Reverend the Vicar General for favor of information whether he will carry out his original agreement on the terms now proposed by the Superintending Engr.

(By order)

C C Rawson Captn R E
Ag Dy Chief Engr. P. W. D.

16th June 1881.

G. O. 2nd June 1880 No 1306 W.
" 7' April /81 No 936 W.

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P. W. C. No. ~~3075~~

From
The Supg Engineer
Second Circle.

P. W. 3634/81
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Dated 11th
Despd: 13th } June/81
Recd. 15 June

No. 250

Enc: 7
(2 plans)

Roman Catholic Church Compounds at Poonamallee and Mount:—

—Forwarding copy of letter No. 1856 of 7th June 1881 from the Ex. Engineer Chingleput Dn., regarding the purchase of the —, for the orders of Government.

Referred

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Catholic Cathedral, Madras,
17th June — 1881.

1884/5

From,
Very Rev: J. Colgan
Vicar General.

To, Capt. C. C. Rawson. R. E.
Ag: Dy. Chief Engr. P. W. D.

Sir,

1 With reference to your Memorandum on the letter of the Superintending Engineer 2nd Circle, I have the honor to state that, I am willing to carry out the original agreement in reference to the Churches at Saint Thomas Mount & Poonamallee on the terms proposed by the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, in the 3rd Para of his letter, dated, Coimbatore June 11, 1881.

2 I am, however, still of opinion that the amount of compensation awarded to the Mission for the land to be assigned to Government is very inadequate, and would wish that this question be submitted for the consideration of Government, agreeing to abide by that decision whether favorable or otherwise.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant.
J. Colgan

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Pub Works Depart

P. W. C. No 3634

From

Very Rev. J. Colgan
Vicar General

Recd 18th June
Enclos: 8

To,

Capt C. C. Rawson R.E.
Ag Dy Chief Engineer
P. W. Dept

Dated 17th } June 1881
Received }

Enclosures 6 } returned
Plans 2 }

Agrees to carry out the original agreement with the emendations proposed; but still holds that compensation for Church land at Mount & Poonamallee inadequate but is willing to abide by Government decision.

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No 1856

Chingleput Dn Office
Mount, 7th June 1881.

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From,

The Executive Engineer
Chingleput Division.

To,

The Superintending Engineer
2d Circle.

Sir

Enclosures - 6.
2. Plans
4. Copies of Letter.

At the instance of the Govt. Solicitor, I have the honor to forward the following Correspondence for a decision and to return the 2 Plans of the Roman Catholic Church Compound at Poonamallee and the Mount.

1 Letter from the Executive Engineer to the Government Solicitor No 1612 of 16th May /81.

2. Government Solicitor's reply to above No 245 of 2d June /81.

3. Letter from Do to the Very Revd J. Colgan No 229 of 19th May /81.

4. Revd Colgan's reply to above No 229 of 19th Do.

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2. The Stipulation appears to have been for "the land on which the "Churches stand together with sufficient "to form a Compound"

3. It would be easy to draw a red line on the Mount Plan about 15 or 20 feet in front of the Church that would allow full access to the Priests house.

P.W. 3634/81
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4. But any alteration of the red line in the Poonamallee Survey is difficult owing to want of space.

I have the honor to be, &c.
(Sig) A. J. Fraser Major R.E.
Executive Engineer.

(True Copy)

Coimbatore
11th June 1881

W M Reid
Major R.E.
Supg Engineer. 2d Circle

6-18/6/81

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P.W. Dept

No 1684/4.

To,

The Very Reverend J. Colgan,
Vicar-General,
Madras.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th June 1881 in which you consent to the transfer of the Churches at St. Thomas' Mount and Poonamallee with the quantity of land in each case originally agreed upon, but request that the amount of compensation for the land be reconsidered by Government.

R.B.

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2. The Hon'ble the Governor in Council is quite certain that you would not propose anything which you were not firmly convinced to be reasonable and equitable, and he would have much pleasure in meeting your views did he clearly see his way to do so.

3. Looking, however, to the revised terms under which the Government will undertake to allow the land to continue to be put to its present uses, and that the appropriation will be merely nominal, you will probably, on reconsideration, be disposed to relinquish a claim to a larger compensation than you agreed to take before the Government surrendered their right to utilize the land in any way they may have thought fit.

4. I am directed to request that you will be so good as to favor me with your final reply in order that the Government Solicitor may be instructed to complete the Deeds of Conveyance.

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25/6/81

1696 W

Cir 27/6. O.L.S. 24/6

1696/8

From the Supdg Engr 2nd Circle No 250 d/ 11th June 1881.
" " Very Rev. the Vicar General d/ 17th June 1881.

FOR ORDERS, with reference to para 2 of the Very Rev. the Vicar General's letter.

A. de Bourbel Colonel R.E.
Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

I do not see on what principle we can proceed to revalue the land conveyed with the bldgs. from Govt's valuation - & as the conditions proposed & accepted by the Very Revd. Dr. Colgan clearly leave the

This is not quite the case - the land was valued separately -

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appropriation of the
land unaltered & it
available as formerly
for the former uses
wh. it was applied
before sale, I trust
that Dr. C. will agree
to maintain the settlt.
already made –

I am however quite
certain that he wd. not propose
anything wh. he was not
firmly convinced was
reasonable & equitable.
My difficulty is that I don't
see on what system to do
what he suggests –

Cir 20/6 O.L.S. 24.

6.18/6/81 Sc. Cir 27-6

I had not learned that
the land was valued
separately.

I think that as we
deprive the R.C. authorities
of the use of it we shd.
give fair value.

For the Poonamallee
site wh. last was given
by Govt. I think Rs. 275
will be fairer than
200 & for the Mt. site
Rs. 550 instead of Rs. 200.

C.S. These sums to be

Draft reply to the
Very Reverend J. Colgan
in regard to the Churches
with surrounding
ground at St. Thomas'
Mount and Poonamallee.

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Dr. Colgan points
out in one of his letters
(dated 28th May 1881)
that in the case of the
land round the
Poonamallee Church
only ¼ of the original
cost is offered to him,
while in the case of
that at St. Thomas'
Mount ½ only of the
original cost is tendered.

It will be seen from the plans that the quantity proposed to be appropriated at the former place is about 2/3 of the area, while in the latter about 1/4 of the area is to be taken up.

Under these circumstances Dr Colgan would seem to have some ground for his request for a reconsideration of the question of compensation.

It has also however to be considered that the Govt now propose to make the appropriation merely nominal — the only thing they do with the land being to demarcate and place boundary stones round it; the Mission still having the use of the land as hitherto. The draft reply proposes therefore, this thought, an equitable adjustment of the transaction.

Colonel R.E.
Secy to Govt P.W. Dept.

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the corresp^g proportion of what the R.C. Missn paid for the land in each case.

2/6/81

Cir/A.

No. 1696 W PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 8th July 1881.

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1/7/81

To,
Supg Engr. 2d Circle
with 2 plans. ✓

Very Revd. J. Colgan. ✓

Government Solicitor ✓

Ex P.W. Acct ✓ Despd 30/7

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13/7/81

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# Govt. of (1881) Madras.

## PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated 13/7

Issued

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Recd. Encl.

G. O., 8 July 1881, No. 1696 W

Nos. 8 & 8C

R.C Churches at Poonamallee and St Thos' Mount. Orders as regards the question of compensation for land attached to the.