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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

1st September 1881, No. 2,158 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 3. Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, Ecclesiastical Department, dated 19th August 1881, No. 1,411.

From the Rev. W. LEEMING, M.A., Garrison Chaplain, Fort St. George, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 12th August 1881.

I HAVE the honor to forward, herewith, the following documents concerning the St. Mary's Charity Fund, to which I request the favorable consideration of Government :—

(1.) Letter from the Barrackmaster of Fort St. George, dated 5th August 1881, enclosing the following estimate.

(2.) Estimate prepared by the Public Works Department for repairs to the St. Mary's Church School buildings (now occupied as a Regimental Infant School) amounting to Rs. 2,640.

(3.) A statement from the Accountant-General's Office, showing an estimated balance at the end of the official year in favor of the St. Mary's Fund of Rs. 1,135.

2. It is evident from the third document that the St. Mary's Church Fund is unable to meet the expense of such extensive repairs as are estimated for in the second, and that it will be necessary for me to ask Government for an advance of not less than Rs. 2,000 if they must really be executed at the cost of the Fund, and a sufficient balance left at the end of the year. If the whole of the rent be devoted to the repayment of this loan, and no other repairs should be found necessary, yet nearly two years must elapse before the debt can be cleared off.

3. It was shown by my predecessor in his letter to you, dated 4th December 1880, and read in Proceedings of Government, 26th January 1881, No. 24, that "St. Mary's Church Fund is unable to pay more than the stipulated sum," *i.e.*, than the sum now paid, including the rent of the building in question. It is clear, therefore, that if this rent be deducted for two years, the annual payment to the Civil Orphan Asylum must be reduced, and the number of destitute children hitherto supported must be reduced in proportion.

4. But there are two difficulties in the way of this—

(*a.*) It was only in the above quoted Proceedings of Government, 26th January 1881, that the number of children was reduced from 52 to 40. It would be matter of deep regret if the number were to be reduced again at so early a date.

(*b.*) Nor would such a remedy be of any use, unless extreme measures were adopted. The reduction made in January was only to be effected "by not filling up current vacancies." There are still on the roll 48 names, *i.e.*, eight more than the number now allowed. Therefore any further reduction would only *begin* to take effect after eight boys have been provided for in life, *i.e.*, probably after some few years. No measure of further reduction therefore would be of any service unless many boys, whose names are already on the roll, should be expelled. I do not think Government will wish to adopt a measure approaching so near to harshness as this.

5. If the advance were made recoverable in smaller instalments, and spread over a larger period, the above arguments would lose no force. They apply to any reduction whatever.

6. Considering, therefore, the emergency of the need, and the fact that many of the St. Mary's boys would in England actually be maintained by the State, I venture to beg the liberal assistance of Government in one of two ways, either—

(1.) by making to the Fund a grant of the whole sum required for the present repairs, or

(2.) by purchasing the building at such a generous rate that the income derived from the purchase money may be nearly, if not quite, equal to the sum now received as rent, *minus* a fair charge for ordinary repairs.

7. I am bold enough to press this request urgently because the Charity is doing excellent work, because it relieves the State from much pauperism, and because its usefulness must be diminished without the help asked for.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department, with reference to His Excellency's note.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1881, No. 2,158 W.

THE repairs will be carried out by the Executive Engineer, Presidency, under Civil Buildings, Provincial.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent of Works, Presidency, with five enclosures.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1881} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
PRESIDENCY,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 1st.

Issued.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 1st September 1881, *No.* 2, 57 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 3-4.

St. Mary's Church School buildings, Fort St. George.—The repairs to — to be carried out by the Executive Engineer, Presidency, under Civil Buildings, Provincial.

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Fort St. George,
Madras,
12th August 1881.

From,

The Revd. W. Fleming, M.A.
Garrison Chaplain,
Fort St. George.

To,

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W. Leeming
Garrison Chaplain.

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Eccles. (1881) DEPARTMENT.

(St Mary's Charity funds)

From

Garrison Chaplain

No.

Dated 12
Recd. 15 August 1881

ENCLOSURE No. 193

SUBJECT.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

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READ the following:—

Enclosure Ecclesiastical Department No. 1411 of 19th August on letter from the Garrison Chaplain dated 12th August 1881.

FOR ORDERS.

As this is not a R.E. is certainly Government building strictly Governmental. It is very doubtful whether the Ecclesiastical Fund could administer the Fund, but I don't think much benefit would be attached to the objection - and as the moral obligation to maintain the RCs has been incurred by Govt. by reason of R.C. Chaplains

the Department will admit of it being repaired at the expense of the State. The hypothecation of St Mary's Charity funds by Government for the purpose contemplated by the Founders will probably

not be regarded by the Public Banks Account Department as sufficient reason for repairing a private building at the expense of the Department. The type in view can, it is submitted, be obtained by the expedient suggested in the "Fort Orders" Chief of the Financial Department; and Conference with the Paymaster would then

Services by Postmaster to be duly paid in cash.
I think that Obligation would be more correctly accepted by charging the Expenditure "Rents" "Water Rates" "Charitable Donations" "Purposes" &c &c
Optional Expenditure
In this case I hold that there is really no option. Loans are usually saved from Trust property in found the Trust property in cash. It is a condition precedent to the Expenditure

Le avoided.

A. B. Lusby Colonel R.E.
Secretary to Govt. Public Works

The Hon the Governor

FOR ORDERS.

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Ecclesiastical DEPARTMENT.

No. 193

From

The Garrison Chaplain, Fort St George
dated 12th August 1881

FOR ORDERS.

I think that before I have
by fortification the Church
I shall grant for the primary
purposes contemplated with
founders. This charge for
repairs of the School &c in
the Fort may properly be
borne by Provincials.
The orders I take in Rd
to the Chaplain's donations

It is submitted
that the Government might
bear the cost of the repairs -
Rs 2,640 - - - charging it off
to "Provincial, Charitable Donations"

A.G.P. 16/8

FOR ORDERS.

No 2158 H.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 1st Septr 1887

Read the following :—

Endorsement of the Ecclesiastical Dept on letter from the Garrison Chaplain Fort St George, dy 12th August 1887 . . . . } H.E. No 1411 dy 19th Augt 87

The repairs will be carried out by the Executive Engineer, Presidency, under Civil Buildings, Provincial.

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S.W. Presidency, with 5 enclos. ✓
Examiner S.W. Acct. ✓
Ecclesiastical Dept ✓

Desd 9/9/87

R.S.

No 1411

Transmitted to the Public Works Deptt, in the reference to H.E's note.

J Davidson
Chief Secy

A.S.

19/8/87

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Govt. of (1881) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

Issued

Read. Encl.

G. O. 1st Oct 1881, No. 2158 W.

Nos. 3 to 4

St Marys Church & school buildings. Int estimate for the repairs to the same — the Same to be carried out by the Executive Engineer Presidency under Civil Buildings Provincial.

Entd in Receipt Regt.