

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th February 1876.*

No. 121. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 3rd February 1876, No. 152 :—

From the Venerable C. R. DRURY, Archdeacon of Madras, to the Honorable W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 31st January 1876, No. 375.

I HAVE the honor to forward an application from the Church Committee at Bellary, dated 13th January 1876, for a grant of Rupees 3,542-6-6 towards defraying the cost of improvements in the interior arrangements, and necessary repairs, in the Fort Church of that station.

2. No detailed estimate by the Engineer Officer of the district has been sent to me.

3. The Church Committee state in their letter that the estimated cost of the proposed work is as follows :—

	RS.	A.	P.
For new seats	5,000	0	0
For lighting the church	622	14	6
Total	5,622	14	6

4. In January 1874 the Lord Bishop visited this station, and wrote a minute recommending improvements in the interior arrangements of this church. A copy of this minute is embodied in the letter of the Church Committee.

5. A considerable sum has been raised towards this object from local sources.

	RS.	A.	P.
By the sale of the gallery	334	12	10
By offertories, subscriptions, fancy sale and concert	1,724	11	2
Total	2,060	8	0

6. The Church Committee, under these circumstances, ask the Government for a grant of Rupees 3,542-6-6, the balance required to make up Rupees 5,622-14-6, the estimated cost of the work contemplated.

7. Although the Lord Bishop visited Bellary in January 1874 and wrote a minute recommending improvements and repairs in this church, I was not made aware of this circumstance before I sent into Government the Ecclesiastical Budget Estimates for the coming financial year. If I had been better informed on this point, I should have strongly recommended that the estimates for Bellary should be sanctioned by Government.

8. The Government will, I am sure, give due weight to the recommendation of the Lord Bishop, and will appreciate the energetic efforts of the residents at Bellary in raising funds towards improving the Fort Church, so as to make it more worthy of the sacred purpose for which it has been consecrated.

From the Bellary Church Committee, to the Venerable C. R. DRURY, Archdeacon of Madras, dated Bellary, 13th January 1876.

WE have the honor to inform you that Trinity Church in the Fort is in a very dilapidated state and urgently requires reseating.

The Lord Bishop of Madras, when he was here in January 1874, wrote the following minute concerning the state of Trinity Church :—

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"The interior arrangements of the Fort Church are capable of much improvement. I recommend that an early meeting of the Church Committee be held for considering what is desirable and practicable.

"The seats assigned to the soldiers are in many instances frail and out of repair. It seems to me most desirable that the accommodation provided for soldiers should be of a more worthy character, so as to assist them in showing reverence in the House of God, and especially that every man should be enabled to kneel without personal discomfort."

2. Since the Bishop's visit the Church Committee have been trying to raise funds for the necessary repairs, and have now in hand Rupees 2,060-8-0, contributed from the following sources:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Proceeds from sale of old gallery	334	12	10
Offertories in Church	322	10	1
Collected by subscription list	114	1	1
Proceeds of Mrs. Master's fancy sale	1,000	0	0
Proceeds of Mrs. Master's concerts	289	0	0
Total	2,060	8	0

3. It is estimated that a sum of Rupees 5,622-14-6 will be required to carry out the necessary repairs, viz., Rupees 5,000 for new seats and furniture, and Rupees 622-14-6 for lighting the church.

4. We therefore trust that you will recommend Government to sanction a grant-in-aid of Rupees 3,542-6-6 to make up the balance required.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 122. ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1876, No. 344.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 6.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Bellary, who will submit the necessary estimate for the work.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Bellary.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
BELLARY.

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G. O., 8th February 1876, No. 344.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 121-122

Fort Church at Bellary.—The District Engineer directed to submit the necessary estimate for the repairs and alterations to the —as required by the Church Committee.

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15th September 1876. No. 2,466.

No. 241. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 11th September 1876, No. 1,416:—

From the Venerable C. R. DRURY, Archdeacon of Madras, to the Honorable W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Ootacamund, dated Madras, 7th September 1876, No. 417.

I HAVE just countersigned plans and estimate for reseating and lighting Trinity Church in the Fort at Bellary, according to G.O., Public Works Department, 8th February 1876, No. 344.

2. The plans have been submitted to the Bishop and approved of by him. At the same time his Lordship wishes me to inform the Government that when he was last at Bellary he noticed that the interior of the Church to which the troops are marched needed improvement more than did the interior of Trinity Church to which Government Order above-named refers.

3. I was only made aware of this circumstance by a letter from the Bishop's Chaplain, dated 1st September 1876, Ootacamund.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 242. ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1876, No. 2,466.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 16.

The plans and estimates referred to in this letter will be awaited, as well as estimates for the improvements stated to be required to the Church to which the troops are marched. But it is feared that no funds will be available for any of the works during the current year.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Bellary.
„ Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
BELLARY,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September 15th.

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G. O., 15th September 1876, No. 2,466.

SEPTEMBER.

No. 241-242.

Trinity Church in the Fort at Bellary.—
Passing orders on the subject of the improve-
ments to the —.

Enclosure to P. W. D. Circular No. 65 P. W. of 1877.

REVISED RULES.

Section iv.—ECCLESIASTICAL.

A.—CHURCHES.

1. All charges for Churches, whether in Civil or Military Classification Stations, are dealt with under the general head Civil Build- of charges.
ings. In the case of Churches in stations where there are
Military Cantonments, and the Military Works in which are
under the charge of the Inspector-General, Military Works,
and in the case of those Churches in Provinces to which the
Provincial Service arrangements do not apply, the necessary
funds for the works will be provided for from the Ordinary
grant for Imperial Works under "Other Services." In
other cases the funds will have to be provided for from the
allotment for Provincial Services.

2. The provision from Public Works Funds of Churches Expenditure
at Military and Civil Stations is authorized under the limita- of Govern-
tions given in the following paragraphs. ment money
on Churches.

Military Stations.

3. At all permanent Military Stations, Churches will be Cases in which
provided by the Government for its Protestant and Roman Churches will
Catholic British-born European Soldiers on the scale laid be provided.
down in paragraph 6.

4. The amount of the Government grant for a Protestant Amount of
Church at a Military Station will in no case exceed such a grant for a
sum as will suffice to provide a plain, substantial building Protestant
of the simplest ecclesiastical design, together with such Church.
plain furniture as is essentially necessary for the proper
performance of the service according to the ritual of the
Church of England. It will rest with private individuals to
furnish the means of imparting any but the simplest eccle-
siastical features and architectural decorations to the build-
ing, should they desire to do so, and also of supplying
additional furniture, or furniture (including apparatus for
lighting) of a more costly description.

5. The same principles will regulate the grant for Roman Roman
Catholic Churches at Military Stations. Catholic
Military
Churches.

Number of sittings to be provided in Military Churches.

6. The number of sittings to be provided in Churches in Military Stations will be calculated on the following scale :—

DETAIL.	PROTEST- ANT.	ROMAN CATHOLIC.
	Nos.	Nos.
Regiment of British Infantry ...	400	300
Wing of " " Cavalry ...	200	150
Regiment of " " Cavalry ...	250	150
Wing of " " Cavalry ...	150	100
Troop of Horse Artillery or Light Field Battery ...	100	50
Heavy Field Battery ...	100	50
Garrison Battery ...	50	...

May include provision for additional sittings in certain cases.

7. Any reasonable provision that may be necessary can also be made for Staff Officers, Officers of Native Regiments, and where no Civil Church exists, for British-born European subjects in the service of Government or of the local Railway Company.

Limitation on provision of Churches in each station.

8. As a rule, only one Protestant Church and one Roman Catholic Church will be provided at any Military Station, and where the number of sittings required for the troops according to the scale given in para. 6 is very large, the size of the Church may be regulated so as to allow of at least one-half of the troops attending service at one time.

Government grant for Churches.

9. The Government grants for Churches at Military Stations will be regulated on the following basis. The Executive Engineer should prepare a ground plan, which will afford accommodation for the total congregation to be provided for, according to the scale laid down in paras. 6 and 7, allowing 6 superficial feet per sitting, exclusive of all passages and other parts not actually occupied by the congregation. To the total superficial area thus arrived at and sanctioned by competent authority may be applied a rate per superficial foot 25 per cent. in excess of that which prevails at the Station (or at any Station in the District where the general rates for works are the same) for ordinary single-storied buildings. The result will represent the Government grant.

Civil Stations.

Churches at principal Civil Stations.

10. At the chief Civil Station of a District, or at a Railway Station where there are at least 25 British-born European subjects, Protestants or Roman Catholics, in the service of Government or of a Railway Company, and where no Church

exists already, the Government will contribute towards Church accommodation upon the following terms :—

(1). Number of sittings required.	(2). Maximum Government grant.
	RS.
25	2,000
50	3,500
100	5,000
150	6,000
200	7,000
250	8,000
300	9,000
350	10,500
400	12,000
For any excess over 400	Rupees 30 per seat in excess.

Note.—For Protestants accommodation will be provided for the Church of England service only.

In ascertaining the number of seats to be provided, women, children and pensioned soldiers and their families may also be taken into account, two children being counted as one adult. In cases of stations where abnormal rates prevail, special application may be made to the Government of India for an increase to the grant given by the State.

Number of sittings to be provided to include provision for women, children and pensioned soldiers.

But no grant for more than 200 sittings will be made except at seats of Local Governments and Administrations, at Hill Sanitaria, or at Railway Depôts. In the two latter cases, the number of European-born British subjects in Government or Railway service must exceed (without their families) 120, to warrant the grant for a Church of greater accommodation than 200 sittings. When the number of sittings required is intermediate between the number given in the table, the grant for the seats in excess of the nearest number below the number required will be at the rate of the next lowest number in the table. And in no case will the Government grant be allowed until these contributions, together with the grant, amount to the estimated cost of the Church.

Limit on number of sittings to be provided.

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Church accommodation to be provided only for British-born European subjects.

11. The number of sittings required for any particular Civil Station, other than a Railway Depot or Station, will be finally determined by the Government, solely with regard to the number of the British-born European subjects in the service of Government. No grant for Churches in Civil Stations will be made until private subscriptions have been obtained; and then the Government grant will not exceed double the amount of private subscriptions actually realized; the maximum figure in column 2 of the Table above being in any case the extreme limit of the grant towards the scale of accommodation which stands opposite in column 1.

Combination of Civil with Military Church.

12. It is desirable, whenever such a course will not be attended by inconvenience, to combine the Civil with the Military Church of a Station, the grant allowed for the Church accommodation of the British troops given in para. 9 being supplemented by a grant according to the scale shown in para. 10, and to the probable number of seats that will be required for the Civil British-born European residents in the service of Government or of a Railway Company.

General.

Authorized scale not to be exceeded.

13. The scales of sizes, and of expense, for all Churches above laid down, are in no case to be exceeded without a reference to the Government of India, even though the proposed expenditure from Public Funds may be within the powers of sanction vested in the Local Government or Administration.

House for Chowkeedar to be provided; as also in certain cases for servants other.

14. A house for the Chowkeedar or resident bearer may be provided. In cases, however, where the Church is distant from the bazaar, and where special grounds are shown, accommodation may be provided for other duly authorized servants, but such further accommodation will be limited to shelter for day use only. These houses should, when practicable, be adjoining to, and not within the Church compounds, but when within them they should be erected in keeping with the other Church buildings.

Churches for non-official residents require sanction of Government of India.

15. Church accommodation for non-official residents, either British-born Europeans or others, or for official residents other than British-born, should not be sanctioned by the Local Governments or Administrations without reference to the Government of India.

Private contributions.

16. When private contributions are made towards building a Church in aid of a Government grant, the procedure to be adopted is as follows.

Basis of design and estimate.

17. The amount of private contributions being known, a definite design and estimate will be prepared by the Executive Engineer, and submitted for sanction in the usual way, the limit by which the Executive Engineer will be guided in his designs being the aggregate of the Government

grant according to the scales given in paras. 8, 9 and 11, and the amount of private contributions actually realized.

18. Before the work is commenced, the amount of the Private contributions must be paid into a Government Treasury, and carried to credit of Deposits in the accounts of the Public Works Department, as laid down in Chapter XX, Section v, para. 16. The expenditure incurred from the Government grant, and the contributions, will be adjusted in the manner directed in Chapter XX, Section ii, para. 51, and on the principle laid down in para. 53 of the same Section.

Note.—In the case of a grant from the Church building fund for the Diocese of Calcutta, a certificate instead of a cash payment in advance may be accepted showing the amount of the contribution to be allowed. The conditions on which this certificate may be accepted are that in every case definite arrangements must be made with the Local Government or Administration concerned respecting the precise dates on which the contributions will be paid, and that, until the payment is made, the Government shall have a primary lien on the funds of the Society. In case of any failure in paying up the stipulated payment on due date, the privilege herein allowed is to cease.

19. In dealing with cases of this nature, unless it be otherwise specifically ordered, the private contribution is to be looked upon as an addition to the Government grant, instead of the money allowed from Public Funds being considered as a grant in aid of private contributions, and the responsibility of Public Works Officers with respect to the preparation of estimates, and the construction of such buildings with reference to excess of expenditure over the estimate, will be as strictly enforced as in a case where only public funds are expended.

20. The supply of Church furniture will be regulated by the following rules. All expenditure connected with the articles to be supplied by the Public Works Department will be provided for under the rules laid down in Chapter Section of Code.

I.—Each Government Protestant Church, Civil or Military (Cathedrals excepted), will be supplied by the Public Works Department with the following articles, the cost of which will be allowed in addition to the grant for the building:—

			Maximum cost. RS.
a.—Appliances to seat the congregation, and to allow them to kneel in decent comfort—			
Officers, per seat	...	...	5
stool	...	...	2
Soldiers, per seat	...	...	4
stool	...	...	1
b.—Communion table, each	...	...	45
rails, per running foot	...	...	4
c.—Pulpit, each	...	...	200
d.—Reading desk and stool	...	...	60
e.—Font and cover	...	...	60

	Maximum cost. RS.
<i>f.</i> —Vestry almirah	45
" table	12
Two Vestry chairs, per pair	10
<i>g.</i> —One Altar chair	12
<i>h.</i> —Punkahs, complete, per running foot	2
Thermantidotes when necessary, each	200
<i>i.</i> —Lighting apparatus, per 100 seats	100
Candlesticks for Pulpits, per set	40
" for Lectern	30
" for Reading desk	30
<i>j.</i> —Lectern	50
<i>k.</i> —One Bell of reasonable size to summon the congregation to Church, at a cost not exceeding Rs. 300 for a first-class Church (viz., those containing more than 400 sittings), and Rs. 200 for a second-class Church (viz., those containing less than 400 sittings).	

l.—Chicks or bamboo blinds for doors and windows where absolutely necessary } At market rates.

The "Reading desk" should be simply a desk (however appropriately shaped), and not an enclosure, expensive from its size, and occupying needless space.

II.—The Civil Department will provide the following articles:—

	RS.
Suitable set of Communion Plate	150
Safe for custody of Communion Plate, which is also to be used for records	150
Altar cover of red embroidered cloth	150
Bibles and Prayer-book for the Clergyman... ..	50
Fair linen cloth and napkins for Communion Service	35

III.—Each Roman Catholic Church built by Government, Civil or Military, for the use of the European Soldiers, will be supplied by the Public Works Department with the following articles, the cost of which will be allowed in addition to the grant for the building:—

	Maximum cost. RS.
<i>a.</i> —One Book-stand	8
<i>b.</i> —One Almirah for Altar vestments, &c., at least 4 feet long by 2 feet 5 inches broad	45
<i>c.</i> —Three Altar chairs for Officiant and Assistants	36

	Maximum cost. RS.
<i>d.</i> —One table and three chairs for the Vestry	27
<i>e.</i> —One Font and cover	60
<i>f.</i> —Seats and kneeling accommodation for the congregation—	
Officers, per seat	5
stool	2
Soldiers, per seat	4
stool	1
<i>g.</i> —Altar table.	
<i>h.</i> —Communion rail.	
<i>i.</i> —Pulpit, each	200
<i>j.</i> —Punkahs where required, complete, per running foot	2
<i>k.</i> —Apparatus for lighting, per 100 seats	100
<i>l.</i> —One Bell as in <i>k.</i>	

A second Altar table may be supplied to Churches intended to accommodate more than 500 persons.

IV.—The following articles will be supplied to Roman Catholic Churches by the Military Department on the Executive Engineer's certificates of the necessity of original supply or renewal as the case may be:—

	RS.
1.—One Tabernacle, inside covered with silk	150
2.—One Pyx with Silver Cup, inside gilt	100
3.—One Chalice	100
4.—One Monstrance	180
5.—Six Altar Candlesticks and Crucifix	180
6.—Two Cruets and one Plate	10
7.—One Altar Lamp	30
8.—One Missal	25
9.—Altar Canons (one set of three)	8
10.—Altar Vestments of silk (five sets of the five colours)	300
11.—Two Copes, one white and one black, of silk	120
12.—Humeral for Benediction	30
13.—Altar linen, comprising Albs, Altar covers, Communion cloth, &c.	80

The Executive Engineer will be guided in granting the certificates above alluded to by the following principles:—

Class I.—Churches built by Government.—The certificate should state that the Church was built by Government for the use of European Troops or British-born European subjects in the service of Government or of the local Railway Company, and is still maintained for the same purpose.

Class II.—Churches which have received building grants from Government.—The certificate should state that the Church received a building grant of Rs. ———, equal to the ——— part of the total cost of the building, and that the grant was made on account of European Troops or British-born European subjects in the service of Government or of the local Railway Company, and that the building is still used by them.

For this class of Churches a proportion of the standard cost of the articles will be sanctioned equal to the proportion of the grant-in-aid to the total cost of the building itself.

Class III.—Churches rented by Government.—The certificate should state that the Chapel is wholly rented by Government for the use of European Troops or British-born European subjects in the service of Government or of the local Railway Company.

In this class the articles necessary for service will be given by the Military Department, but returned into Store if the building ceases to be rented for the performance of Divine Service to a Military congregation.

In none of the classes described above should any article of furniture be allowed with retrospective effect, and the required certificates should afford information as to when the article was originally supplied, and by whom, and the reason for recommending its renewal. When, however, the Government pay for the use of a certain varying number of seats in a Church, the hire of the seats should include everything necessary for the performance of the Service.

V.—When a Church, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic, is to be furnished, the Executive Engineer should communicate with the Ecclesiastical authorities concerned with a view to afford the congregation an opportunity of furnishing the Church by private subscriptions in more costly style, should they wish to do so. It is to be understood, however, that any article of furniture to which any public funds may have been applied will remain the sole property of Government, even though a portion of its cost may have been contributed by private persons. And in cases where articles of Church furniture are procured from England, they should be purchased through the Secretary of State in the ordinary way, with the exception of the "fair linen cloth, napkins, Bibles and Prayer-books," which may be purchased in India.

21. When Pew rents are charged, the renewal and repair of furniture will be met from that fund, and not be allowed to be brought forward as a public charge.

22. The care of Church clocks is to be charged against the above fund where it exists.

Renewals of furniture to be a charge against Pew rents.

Clocks.

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23. The pay of Chowkeedars of Churches will be disbursed through Chaplains.

24. Churches are under the control of the Bishop of the Diocese in respect to the erection of tablets, ornaments, &c., while in course of construction, as well as after completion and consecration.

25. All Churches built by Government under these rules shall be considered the property of the Government.

Churches built by Government to be considered property of Government.

Compensation for accommodation for Roman Catholic Soldiers in Chapels neither belonging to nor rented by Government.

26. The rate of compensation for sittings for Roman Catholic soldiers shall be determined by the Public Works Department with reference to the value and description of the accommodation provided, subject to a limit of Rs. 3 per seat per annum, broken periods counting as a year.

27. The number of sittings for which compensation is allowed will be subject to the same limit as is imposed in the case of the number allowed in Churches built at Government expense (para. 6), the maximum allowed being 300 for a regiment of European Infantry or 33 per company.

28. The outlay will appear in the Public Works Department budget-estimates and accounts under the head of Civil Buildings—Repairs.

29. Charges for compensation require the previous sanction of the Government of India, and must be supported by a certificate from the officer commanding the station of the numbers of Roman Catholic soldiers, and by women and children for whom chapel accommodation has been obtained and by a receipt for the money paid.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

19th November 1877, No. 1,720 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following paper:—

No. 178. Circular from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—General), dated Simla, 6th November 1877, No. 65.

Revised Rules for Grants for construction of Churches.

Read again the following papers—

Letter from Inspector-General, Military Works, No. 3,578, dated 25th May 1875.
" to " No. 245 A—M & C, dated 28th July 1875.
Memorandum to Home Department, No. 286 A—M & C, dated 22nd June 1876.
" from " No. 369, dated 3rd November 1876.

Read also—

Revised rules for grants for construction of churches.

RESOLUTION.—These rules having received the approval of the Governor-General in Council, the Government of India directs that they may be brought into operation from the date of their receipt in supersession of the rules contained in Chapter X, Section IV of Code.

The Governments of Madras and Bombay, in the Public Works Department, General, Irrigation and Railway Branches.
The Governments of Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and Punjab, in the Public Works Department, General and Irrigation Branches.
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, British Burmah, Mysore and Coorg, and Assam.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor-General for Central India and Rajpootana.
The Superintendent of Port Blair and Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
The Director-General of Telegraphs.
The Inspector-General of Military Works.

ORDER.—Ordered that the foregoing Resolution together with the rules be communicated to the local Governments, Administrations and Officers noted in the margin, for information and guidance.

Also to the Financial, Home and Military Departments, for information.

(Signed) G. T. SKIPWITH, Captain, R.E.,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department.

No. 179. ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1877, No. 1,720 W.

COMMUNICATED to the officers concerned and to the Ecclesiastical Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To District Engineers.
To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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GENERAL.
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To

DISTRICT ENGINEERS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November 19th.

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G. O., 19th November 1877, No. 1,720 W.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 178-179.

Grants for construction of Churches.—The revised rules prescribed by the Government of India for —, communicated to the officers concerned and to the Ecclesiastical Department.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

27th May 1878, No. 2,289 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 304. From J. W. RUNDALL, Esq., District Engineer, Bellary, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Camp, Yettenhutti, 11th May 1878, No. 693.

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith a copy of a letter from the Church Committee, Trinity Church, Bellary (the Fort Church), and request Government will be pleased to sanction and allot funds to enable me to pay a grant-in-aid of Rupees 2,196-12-6 for reseating and relighting this church.

One copy of letter.
Do. of estimate.

2. I agree with the Church Committee in thinking that G.O. (Public Works Department), of the 15th September 1876, No. 2,466, must have been passed under a misapprehension. The fact that the congregation of Trinity Church has subscribed a large sum for the purpose of reseating and relighting the church was brought before Government in a letter from the Venerable the Archdeacon, printed with G.O. (Public Works Department), No. 344, of the 8th February 1876. In this order the District Engineer is directed to submit the necessary estimates for the church furniture. These were accordingly forwarded through the Ecclesiastical Department.

3. It seems to me from the wording of the Government Order of the 15th September 1876, that these estimates could not have been sent on by the Archdeacon. This gentleman merely states that he has countersigned them, and the Government say they are awaited. I therefore beg to forward a copy of the estimate.

4. The greater portion of the work provided for has been completed. As the new seats were taken into use, the old ones were sold by auction and realized Rs. 213-14-0. The contributions being Rs. 2,589-5-6, all that the Government are now asked to contribute for new furniture and for lighting is Rs. 2,196-12-6.

5. With regard to the estimate for improvements to the church to which the troops are marched, I have the honor to state that on taking charge of the district in January last, I found that a design had been prepared by Mr. Leggatt for adding two transepts to the existing building, which was originally built for a school-room. The building thus added to would seat, I calculated, a congregation of 550, but as there was nothing on record in my office to show the number of soldiers and their families for whom sittings would be required, I applied to the Chaplain for information as to the average attendance. In reply, the Rev. Mr. Wace informed me that in the latest Return of the attendance at Divine Service of the troops in garrison, the numbers were—officers and men 590, women and children 170. I am informed that the men are terribly crowded up in the present building. If these numbers represent a fair average, the transepts proposed by Mr. Leggatt would be insufficient.

6. Before taking any steps to revise Mr. Leggatt's plan, I thought it right to apply to the Military authorities to know whether there was any probability of the school-room, which it was proposed to convert into a church by adding transepts, was likely to be required again as a school-room, and whether if this building were converted into the Garrison Church, Government would hereafter be called upon to build a new school-room. In reply, the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General

informed me, by order, that it would be advisable to let the matter stand over, until it was known of what religious persuasion the incoming Regiment, Her Majesty's 2nd Battalion, 13th Light Infantry, might consist. I have not received any further information, and I cannot therefore prepare any plans or estimates till I receive definite instructions from the Military authorities.

7. As the matter of the Garrison Church is referred to in the last Government Order about the Trinity Church furniture, I take the present opportunity of explaining the state of the reference, although in reality the two subjects have no connection.

From the Rev. D. FRENCH, and others, Church Committee, Trinity Church, Bellary, to the District Engineer, Bellary, dated Bellary, 2nd May 1878.

We have the honor to request that you will be good enough to take the necessary steps to obtain from Government a grant-in-aid to meet the contributions locally collected towards reseating and relighting Trinity Church.

2. The application has, you are aware, already been before Government—*vide* G.O., Public Works Department, 8th February 1876, No. 344, and Proceedings, Madras Government, No. 2,466, 15th September 1876—but there seems to have been some misapprehension both on the part of the Ecclesiastical Department at Madras and of Government as to the nature of the work applied for.

3. It has nothing whatever to do with the Military church. The congregation of Trinity Church have subscribed a considerable sum of money, Rupees 2,589-5-6, for reseating and relighting Trinity Church. They cannot afford to carry out the whole of the work, and ask Government for a grant-in-aid.

4. At the recommendation of the Archdeacon they have deferred resubmitting their application until now, owing to the prevailing distress of the past two years.

5. The original estimates amounted to Rupees 5,000. The congregation having contributed Rupees 2,589-5-6, we now ask Government for the remainder Rupees 2,410-10-6, from which may be deducted Rupees 213-14-0 on account of sale of old seats, leaving a balance of Rupees 2,196-12-6, which we request you will apply for.

6. The work was commenced apparently with the intention of spending the money contributed locally, but on presentation of the bills it has been found that Rupees 1,024-2-0 have been spent over and above that sum. This amount must therefore be paid, and we trust that Government will see fit speedily to sanction the grant we ask for, viz., Rupees 2,196-12-6, to enable us to pay the above bill and complete the work.

No. 305.

ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1878, No. 2,289 W.

THE estimate of Rupees 5,000 for reseating and relighting the Trinity Church at Bellary is sanctioned.

2. Rupees 2,589 having been contributed by the congregation, and Rupees 214 realized by the sale of old seats, the balance of Rupees 2,197 to be provided by Government is appropriated from the Provincial Reserve.

3. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 32 B of 1878-79.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Bellary.

" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1878) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
BELLARY,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated May 27th

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 27th May 1878, No. 2,289 W.

MAY.

Nos. 304-305.

Trinity Church, Bellary.—The estimate of Rupees 5,000 for reseating and relighting the —, sanctioned.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

14th October 1880, No. 2,363 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following papers :—

No. 56. Official Memorandum, dated 22nd September 1880, No. 469.

No. 56-A. From the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops and Stores, dated 24th September 1880, No. 1,129 S.

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, 14th October 1880, No. 2,363 W.

ON reconsideration the Government are of opinion that a bell of good quality may be cast in the Workshops, at a cost not exceeding Rs. 400, for the Fort Church at Bellary, the bell to weigh $2\frac{1}{2}$ cwts. The General Superintendent will arrange accordingly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops.
„ Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Gobt. of (1880) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
PUBLIC WORKS WORKSHOPS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 14th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 14th October 1880, No. 2,363 W.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 56-57.

Bell for the Fort Church at Bellary.—The General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, directed to cast a — at a cost not exceeding Rs. 400.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th August 1875.*

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Ecclesiastical Department, dated 27th July 1875, No. 195:—

ABSTRACT.—*Churches, England.*—An indent called for for a bell of the required dimensions to be obtained from England through the Secretary of State for India.

ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1875, No. 58.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer, Bellary.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Bellary.
" District Engineer, Presidency.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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For Reg. No. 2864/9

MEMORANDUM.

[E. I. Form No. 34.]

REQUESTED for reference the undermentioned papers:—

Copy of L.O. No. 707-W of 17 March 1887

Further to the order of the 17th March 1887
No. 707-W of 17 March 1887
The order has been issued
by the Principal Engineer
Subject
"Col. Montanari's
report on
the proposed
bell for the Fort Church
Bellary is sanctioned,
the necessary funds being
appropriated from the
Provincial Reserve of 1880-81."

Distt.

Manager.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
FOR IRRIGATION,
Chepark 28 June 1889

To The

AC. P. S. S. S.

No.

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that the accompanying bill No. 1099
for Rupees 416 — may be adjusted by return
post, as the official year is drawing to a close.

Madras
CHEPARK,
10 March 1887.

General Superintendent,
Public Works Workshops.

DEPARTMENT.

17 March 1887.
wing:—

Memo. from The Supt. P. W. Workshops (H.). No. — of 10 March 1887.

The charge of Rs 416
for a bell for the Fort Church
Bellary is sanctioned,
the necessary funds being
appropriated from the
Provincial Reserve of 1880-81.

S. J.

The Supt. P. W. Workshops
in Supt. P. W. Accts. with
the bill.

Done
11-3-87

B + 701W 315 March 18,

Accepted for
C. H. J. B. 152