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To

The Pts Dept

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Proceedings, dated 23rd April 1882
No. 87 Ins

Subject.

No 1321 Wdy 7-5-83

Stating that the
proceeds of the sale of
the old bell will be
credited to the Bellary
Fort Church improve-
ment fund as
recommended.

Forthunder
Sd. in receipt to

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

*Letter from the Venible the Archdeacon, Madras,
dated 13th April 1883 No 680, recommending
that the proceeds of the sale of the old Church
bell at Bellary may be given to the Fort
Church Improvement Fund.*

Order thereon 23rd April 1883 No 88. (Mio)

*The proceeds of the sale of the old
bell will be credited to the Bellary Fort
Church Improvement Fund, as recommended
by the Venible the Archdeacon. —*

/True Extract/

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Asst. Secy.

To

The Ven the Archdeacon

" Public Works Dept.

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Govt. of 1882 Madras.
ECCLESIASTICAL.

Order thereon No 2332 w d 9th Feb/82

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G.O., 17th August 1882, No. 103.

AUGUST.

Churches—England.

Declining to entertain proposal to build a new Central Church at Bellary, but authorising necessary repairs to be executed to the Fort and Garrison Churches.

Communicated
to the Suply. Engineer Third Circle.
The Sanction given
as Imperial No 124 B, in G.O.
No 604 w of the 27th February
79 is accordingly cancelled.
The Suply. Engineer will see to
the execution of the necessary
repairs to the Fort and Garrison
churches at Bellary.

(True Extract)
1882 A H Sankey Col. R.

Suply. Engr Third Circle
Examined D. W. A. C. S.
Military Dept.
Ecclesiastical Dept.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From the Venerable G. WARLOW, M.A., Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Coonoor, 30th May 1882, No. 482.

I have the honor to submit an application from the Rev. W. Wace, Chaplain of Bellary (writing in the name of the Church Committee), to the effect that a new Central Church should be erected at that station in lieu of the two existing churches.

2. The present time appears to be a favorable one for a reconsideration of this subject, as it seems necessary that a considerable outlay should be made on the two churches to fit them for the purposes for which they are required. The Fort Church requires extensive repairs (specification and estimate enclosed) which will cost Rs. 2,259. The Garrison Church (*vide* letter from the Sub-Engineer, Bellary Division, enclosed) needs extensive improvement and new furniture, an estimate for which has been already sanctioned, amounting to Rs. 14,300.

3. Before so large a sum as Rs. 16,559 is expended on these old buildings, I venture to submit that the project for erecting a large Central Church be again considered. The present arrangement of two churches, at some distance from each other, served by one Chaplain is not a good one. The full quota of services cannot be performed at either, and the physical energies of the Chaplain are unnecessarily dissipated; and, that, in a large Military charge where the work is heavy, and where the troops need the concentrated attention of their clergyman.

4. Added to this is the financial consideration that two church establishments are maintained where one would suffice, and that a large present outlay is demanded to accommodate the troops, the Garrison being now raised to its normal strength.

5. The question has already been before Government, and the orders marginally quoted have been passed. Hitherto the erection of a new Central Church has been "barred by want of funds;" but perhaps this obstacle may not be so great now as it was in the year 1879.

6. I may further state that the project has the approval of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and that his Lordship regards the present occasion as a suitable one for resubmitting the matter to the favorable consideration of Government.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. EWING, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 6th July 1882, No. 601.

In returning the correspondence regarding the necessity of providing a new Garrison Church at Bellary, received under Reference Order, No. 2717, dated 6th June 1882, I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to whom the papers have been submitted, to state that to His Excellency it does not seem necessary to build a new church at Bellary on Military grounds; that to meet the

wants of the station generally it would no doubt be more convenient to have one large Central Church, but as far as the troops are concerned it would suffice if the present Garrison Church were made large enough to accommodate the Protestants of one Battalion of Infantry and one Field Battery.

2. This is the present European Garrison of Bellary, and His Excellency is not aware that it will be changed.

No. 3445.

Transferred to the Ecclesiastical Department and the referred paper returned.

2. The Government, in the Military Department, concur in the opinion expressed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
8th July 1882.

(Signed) E. L. HANKIN, Colonel,
Acting Secy. to Govt., M. D.

ORDER—dated 17th August 1882, No. 103, Ecclesiastical.

The Government are not disposed at present to entertain the proposal for building a Central Church at Bellary.

2. The sanction for the enlargement of a Garrison School Church, which was given in G.O., No. 604 W., of the 27th February 1879, will be cancelled in the Public Works Department, and the Superintending Engineer requested to have any necessary repairs to the Fort and Garrison Churches executed at an early date.

(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Venerable the Archdeacon, with enclosures,
„ Public Works Department.
„ Military Department.

Exd. C. Howarth.

Govt. of [1882] Madras.
ECCLESIASTICAL.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 17th August 1882, No. 103.

AUGUST.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of [1879] Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

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

Dated February 27th.

Issued.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 27th February 1879, No. 604 W.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 268-269.

Garrison Church at Bellary.—Sanctions with remarks plans and estimate for enlarging the accommodation in the building used as the —.

Order thereon No 2332 in d/s 9th Feb/82

Communicated
to the Suply. Engineer Third Circle
2. The Sanction given
as Imperial No 124 B, in G.O.
No 604 W of the 27th February
79 is accordingly cancelled.
The Suply. Engineer will see to
the execution of the necessary
repairs to the Fort and Garrison
Churches at Bellary.

(True Extract)

1881/2 H Sankey Col. R.R.

Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.

Suply. Engr. Third Circle

Examined P.W. acct.

Military Dept

Ecclesiastical Dept

No. 269.

ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1879, No. 604 W.

With his letter No. 2,999, dated the 21st October 1878, the District Engineer, Bellary, submitted for the sanction of Government plans and an estimate, amounting to Rupees 14,346, for enlarging the accommodation in the building used as the Garrison Church at Bellary, which was originally intended for a Garrison School-room. The probability of that building being again required for the purpose of a school-room was at the same time brought under consideration, and an alternative proposal was advanced for the construction of a new church at an approximate cost of Rupees 50,000.

2. On a reference to the Military Department, it was ascertained that the building in question was considered unsuitable as a school-room, and abandoned as such, on account of its distance from the barracks, which entailed considerable exposure of the children during the heat of the day, and on account of the want of such conveniences as latrines, &c. It was at the same time ascertained that the Artillery children were already provided for in the Artillery School-room; and that the Regimental school was held in part of the barracks occupied by the British Infantry, as it was found that the accommodation therein provided was considerably more than sufficient for the Regiment at full strength. As these arrangements have been found in every way convenient, it is considered by the Military authorities to be improbable that the building now used as a Garrison Church will be again required as a school.

3. Under these circumstances, and in view of the probability that the Garrison at Bellary will be restored to its normal strength on the termination of the Afghan Campaign, His Grace the Governor in Council resolves to adopt the plan for enlarging the accommodation in the building now used as a Garrison Church, and to sanction the estimate of Rupees 14,346 submitted by the District Engineer.

4. With reference to the remarks by the Reverend Mr. Wace, Chaplain of Bellary, in paragraph 5 of his letter of the 10th November 1878, to the Executive Engineer, Bellary, to the effect that "if the proposed additions were made to the school-room, the main body of the building would require expensive repairs," the Superintending Engineer will report on this point before undertaking the work, the revised estimate for which (if such be necessary) should, if possible, be submitted in time to admit of its entry in the statement of demands on the reserve of 1879-80 due in April next.

5. The Government are of opinion that the circumstances noticed in paragraph 2, above, furnish examples of want of care and forethought in providing accommodation at the public expense.

6. The sanction accorded in paragraph 3 of these Proceedings has been registered as Imperial No. 124 B. of 1878-79.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.
,, Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
,, Military Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

27th February 1879, No. 604 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 268. Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 10th February 1879, No. 734.

From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 8th February 1879, No. 1,160.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 601, dated 3rd instant, I have the honor by order to forward letter No. 28, dated 7th instant, from the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts giving the information called for regarding the accommodation in the building at present used as a Church at Bellary, and the reasons why it is not likely ever again to be required as a school.

From Brigadier-General F. G. KEMPSTER, Commanding Ceded Districts, to the Quartermaster-General, Fort St. George, dated Bellary, 7th February 1879, No. 28.

In reply to your letter No. 1,082 of the 5th February 1879, forwarding for report memorandum No. 601, dated 3rd instant, from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, I have the honor to inform you that additional church accommodation will not be required at this station so long as the British Troops of the garrison remain at their present reduced strength, the present accommodation being more than sufficient for a Battery of Artillery and a Wing of British Infantry; but on the garrison being again increased to its normal strength, the same difficulty in providing accommodation in the Garrison Church for all the troops will be experienced.

2. A Garrison School-room is quite unnecessary at this station and would be attended with great inconvenience. The Artillery School-room is most conveniently situated about 95 yards from the ranges of married quarters, and besides affording ample accommodation for the children of the Battery, reduces their exposure to sun and heat in going to and fro to a minimum. Had they to attend school in the building now used as a Garrison Church, but originally intended as a school-room, they would have to go about 800 yards each way in going and coming from school, and this they could not do during the hot season.

3. The barracks at this station for the British Infantry (and more especially since the erection of the new Canteen and Recreation room) are considerably more than sufficient for the accommodation of a Regiment at full strength. The occupation therefore of a portion of No. 13 block as a school-room is most convenient to the Regiment and a great benefit to the children, who are thus spared going nearly one-half the distance they would be required to travel over two or three times a day, were the building originally intended as a school-room re-occupied as such.

4. For the above reasons, I consider the building now used as a Garrison Church unsuitable as a school-room, entailing as it would considerable exposure of the children during the heat of the day, and having no conveniences, such as latrines, &c., attached to it or in its vicinity, and as the present arrangements are in every way more convenient it is not likely that it will ever revert to its original use.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department and the referred papers returned.

(By order.)

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secy. to Govt., Mily. Dept,

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