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9th July 1883, No. 1921 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers:—

From the Rev. D. G. CLARKE, Acting Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 25th May 1883, No. 737.

I have the honor to submit, for the favorable consideration of Government, two requests from the Church Committee of Christ Church, Cuddapah.

2 Estimates.
1 Letter.

(1.) The first request is that the sum of Rs. 1,253 be sanctioned for the repairs (*a*) of the terraced portion of the Church, and (*b*) of the main roof, both of which, owing to bad materials and bad workmanship, are in almost a ruinous condition. These repairs, I am told, are urgently needed to *secure the safety of the building*.

(2.) The second request is that permission be given for the erection of a belfry for the bell that has already been provided. The estimated cost of the belfry (Rs. 253) will be defrayed out of the Church Fund.

Enclosure.

From the Church Committee, Christ Church, Cuddapah, to the Acting Archdeacon of Madras, dated 21st May 1883.

We have the honor to enclose two countersigned estimates sent to us by the Executive Engineer, Cuddapah. One of these is for repairs to the terraced portion of the building and to the leaks in the main roof of the Church, and amounts to Rs. 1,253. The wood-work supporting the terraced roof was of bad material, and has sagged and been eaten by white-ants. The joints of the main roof (slates with lead valleys) were not constructed with sufficient care, and several leaks have been formed, which are very damaging to the furniture. These repairs, therefore, are and have for several months been very urgently needed to secure the safety of the building, and we trust that you will be able to forward the estimate to Government, and recommend that funds for the work be at once allotted.

2. The second estimate, amounting to Rs. 253, is for constructing a belfry. A bell has been provided for the church, but there is nowhere to hang it. The Executive Engineer is of opinion that the main walls of the building are not sufficiently strong to allow of any belfry being built on the top of them. He proposed originally to hang the bell on a beam between two horizontal bars fixed in the buttresses on each side of the centre east (actually north) window. This plan appears objectionable on the score of appearance and position, but would be a cheap expedient. The present estimate is for a belfry detached from the main building, but erected in one of the angles formed by the transepts with the nave. We would suggest that the design be sent to the Government Architect for approval or for the suggestion of alterations, and that if the plan is approved, the estimate be sanctioned. It will, we think, be possible to provide funds, at all events up to the amount of the present estimate, from the sums subscribed for general church purposes by the congregation.

From the Rev. D. G. CLARKE, Acting Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 21st June 1883, No. 766.

In reply to your Official Memorandum, No. 1066, Ecclesiastical Department, dated Ootacamund, 2nd June 1883, requesting to be informed "as to where the responsibility lies for the faulty workmanship which has so soon necessitated" repairs to the English Church at Cuddapah, I have the honor to enclose the letter of explanation I have received from the Church Committee. The church was consecrated in 1881, though it had been under construction for several years. It was designed by Mr. Chisholm, the Government Architect, and, according to the statement of the Church Committee, "that gentleman undertook, and as far as possible superintended, its construction."

ENCLOSURE.

From the Church Committee, Christ Church, Cuddapah, to the Acting Archdeacon of Madras, dated 18th June 1883.

In reply to your letter, No. 755, dated 4th instant, we have the honor to state that, though the church was only consecrated in November 1881, yet the building had been under construction for several years before that date. The funds for its construction were supplied partly by private donations, partly by a grant made by the Diocesan Church Building Association, and partly by a grant from Government. We believe that the building was designed by Mr Chisholm, the Government Architect, and that that gentleman himself undertook, and as far as possible superintended, its construction. The terraced roofing of the verandahs, vestry and organ loft was part of the building as originally constructed, and, as explained in the estimate, has failed owing to jungle-wood having been used for the rafters instead of teak. The roof of the chancel and nave is of slates, and was put up, as we believe, under Mr. Chisholm's personal orders, in consequence of the previous roofing (of Bengal terrace) having cracked and become unsafe on account of the steepness of the pitch. This slate roof requires repair in a few places (to the amount, as stated in the estimate, of Rs. 20), owing to the lead gutters not fitting sufficiently closely to the slates. These defects are probably due to Mr. Chisholm's not being able to personally superintend the work sufficiently often while in progress.

No. 1215, Ecclesiastical.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department.

OOTACAMUND,
27th June 1883.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

ORDER—dated 9th July 1883, No. 1921 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,262, for repairs to Christ Church, Cuddapah, is sanctioned against the Provincial Repair Grant to the Cuddapah Division.

2. The design and estimate for a belfry will, as requested by the Church Committee, be referred to the Consulting Architect to Government for such modification as he may find desirable. To admit of this being properly done, however, the Executive Engineer will furnish the Consulting Architect with an elevation of the Church. Apparently the design could easily be improved without much (if any) additional cost.

3. The sanction accorded in paragraph 1 has been registered as Provincial No. 69 W. of 1883-84 and classified as Civil Buildings, Repairs.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, with four Enclosures.
" Consulting Architect to Government, with do.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Ecclesiastical Department.

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

Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated July, 9th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 9th July 1883, No. 1921 W.

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Christ Church, Cuddapah

Estimate for repairs to —, sanctioned with remarks.

Read the following papers –

No. 757.

Fort St. George
Madras
25th May 1883

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From
~~The Venerable~~
The Ag. Archdeacon of Madras
Madras

To
The Honorable
The Chief Secy to Government
Fort St. George.

Encl. 3
2 Ests
1 Letter

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of government two requests from the Church committee of Christ Church in Cuddapah.

1. The first request is that the sum of Rs 1253 be sanctioned for the repairs,
(a) of the terraced portion of the Church, and
(b) of the main roof, both of which, owing to bad materials and bad workmanship, are in almost a

ruinous

ruinous condition. These repairs, I am told, are urgently needed to secure the safety of the building.

2. The second request is that permission be given for the erection of a Belfry for the Bell that has already been provided. The Estimated Cost of the Belfry (Rs 250) will be defrayed out of the Church Fund.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant.
T. J. Clarke
Ag. Archdeacon of Madras

24/1921

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Eccl {1883} Dept

From (Churches-England)
The Venerable
The Actg Archdeacon of Madras
Madras

To
The Honorable
The Ch. Secy to Government
Fort St George

Dated 25th
Recd 26th } May 1883.

No. 146

No. 137

Enc. 3. (one packet)

Subject

Christ Church Cuddapah

Asking to sanction Rs 1253 for repairs of –
2. Asking permission for erection of Belfry out of Church funds.
[illegible]

Cuddapah 13/1921
21st May 1883.

From,

The Church Committee,
Christ Church,
Cuddapah.

To,

The Reverend D. G. Clarke,
Actg Archdeacon,

Reverend & dear Sir,

We have the honor to enclose two countersigned estimates sent to us by the Executive Engineer Cuddapah. One of these is for repairs to the terraced portion of the building and to the leaks in the main roof of the Church, and amounts to Rs 1253. The wood work supporting the terraced roof was of bad material and has sagged and been eaten by white ants. The joints of the main roof (Slates with lead valleys) were not constructed with sufficient care and several leaks have been formed which are very damaging to the furniture. These repairs therefore are and have for several months been very urgently needed to secure the safety of the building, and we trust that you will be able to forward the estimate to Government, and recommend that funds for the work be at once allotted.

2. The second estimate amounting to to Rs 253 is for constructing a belfry. A bell has been provided for the Church but there is no where to hang it. The Executive Engineer is of opinion that the main walls of the building are not sufficiently strong to allow of any belfry being built on the top of them. He proposed originally to hang the bell on a beam between two horizontal bars fixed in the buttresses on each side of the centre east (actually north) window. This plan appears objectionable on the score of appearance and position, but would be a cheap expedient. The present estimate is for a belfry detached from the main building but erected in one of the angles formed by the transepts with the nave. We would suggest that the design be sent to the Government Architect for approval or for the suggestion of alterations, and that if the plan is approved, the estimate be sanctioned. It will, we think, be possible to provide funds at all events upto the amount of the present estimate from the

sums subscribed for general church purposes by the congregation."

We have the honor to be
Reverend & dear Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

A.R.C. Mailer
Railway Chaplain

Chas Higgins
Lay Trustee

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No 766.

Fort St. George
Madras
21st June 1883.

From
The Revd D. G. Clarke
Ag: Archdeacon of Madras
Madras

To
The Honorable
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant.
D. G. Clark
Actg. Archdeacon of Madras

8/1921

P.W.C. No 5539

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(Reminder England)

From
The Revd. L. G. Clarke
Ag. Archdeacon of Madras
Madras

To
The Honorable
The Chief Secy. to Govt.
Fort St. George

Dated 21st
Recd 22d } June 1883.

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No 766
Encl. 1

Subject

Submitting explanation from Church Committee at Cuddapah as to why the Church requires repairs so soon after its completion.

No 1 [illegible]

Approved & transferred to the Public Works Dept.

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Chief Secy.

Outcommunicated 27th June/83

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CHIEF SECRETARY
27 JUN 83
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Cuddapah
18th June 1883

No 5539
1921

From
The Committee Christ Church Cuddapah.

To
The Acting Archdeacon of Madras.

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We have the honor to be
Reverend & Dear Sir
your obedient servants

A R Main
Railway Chaplain

C W S Higgens
Lay Trustee

Committee of Church –
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Repairs &c to Cuddapah Church

Bye

Draft order submitted, but in their earlier letter, the Church Committee request that the design for the Belfry may be submitted to the Cons: Architect for approval.

For orders whether this should be done.

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S. a. E.

I think the design for belfry could easily be improved without much (if any) addit^l cost. It had better therefore go to Cons. Arch^t for such modification as he may think desirable. [illegible] of this being properly done, however, on the lines of the church itself would be very desirable. ——

The repairs might be sanct^d at once pending receiving of design for belfry, which in any case cannot be put in hand until the money is paid in to E.E.

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Public Works Department, 1883-84

11/1921

Current No. 5539

Letter No. 1215

Dated the 27th June/83

From the Hble Secretary to Govt

NOTE OF REMARKS.

1. Enclosed are two estimates, the first estimate, Rs.1262, is for the repair of the newly erected church at Cuddapah, the second, Rs 253, provides for the erection of a belfry for the above church.

2. The necessity for the first estimate is due to the original roof timbers having failed from inferior quality and scantling.

3. The second estimate is for a belfry detached from the main building, and the amount requisite for its erection will be supplied by the Church Committee from the church funds.

3rd July/83

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~~Petition~~ Department.

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No. 1066

CHIEF SECRETARIAT. MADRAS.

Official Memorandum.

Dated the June 1883.

With reference to the correspondence submitted with his letter of 25th May 83. No. 737 regarding repairs required to the Church at Cuddapah, the Venble the Archdeacon is requested to obtain and submit more definite information as to where the responsibility lies for the faulty workmanship which has so soon necessitated these repairs - the Church having been consecrated only last year. —

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No. 1166.

Dt. June/83

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 9th July /83

READ the following

From Acting Archdeacon, H.E. No. 737 and 766 of 25th May and 21st June/83

Endorsement by the Eccles. Dept. } " No. 1215 of 27th June 1883.

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Supdg. Engr. Third Circle
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Consg. Archt. to Govt.
with 4 enclos.

Ex & Audr. P.W. Accts.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated

From To

G.O. 9 July 1883, No. 1921W

Nos.

Christ's Church, Cuddalore

Est. for repairs to — same with remarks

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