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4TH JUNE 1884, No. 1395 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following letter from Colonel W. H. BURTON, R.E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepāk, 20th May 1884, No. 685:—

I have the honor to forward, for sanction and allotment of funds, an estimate for

- 1 Detailed estimate.
- 2 Abstract estimates.
- 1 Specification.

receilng the centre and side aisles of St. George's Cathedral, Madras, with teak planking, necessitated by the falling down, on 20th November last, of the portion of

the original very heavy lath and plaster ceiling. After this fell the whole of the plaster ceilings were taken down to prevent all risk of serious accidents to the congregation.

2. The estimate provides for painting the new wood ceilings. As the Venerable Archdeacon and Lay Trustees of the Cathedral are, until two small portions of the south aisle are painted and varnished respectively, uncertain which process is best to be adopted, it is requested that this may be left an open question until these portions have been so finished.

3. Early sanction is requested for this estimate in order that the work herein estimated for, as also some needful general repairs which should follow it, may be executed whilst, as now, the congregation is small.

ORDER—dated 4th June 1884, No. 1395 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 3,452, for planking the ceilings of the nave and the aisles of St. George's Cathedral at Madras, is sanctioned.

2. Funds required for this work will, if possible, be allotted after disposing of the demands on account of incomplete works of the past official year.

3. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 55 W. of 1884-85 and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, with three enclosures.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with duplicate abstract estimate.
" Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS. -
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of 1884 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 4th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 4th June 1884, No. 1395 W.

JUNE

St. George's Cathedral, Madras

Estimate of Rs. 3,452 for planking the
ceilings of the nave and the aisles of —, sanc-

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department,
25th January 1875.

Churches—Furniture.

No. 15. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated Fort William, 9th January 1875, No. 87:—

Expenditure.—Ecclesiastical.

Read again the under-mentioned papers:—

Financial Resolution, No. 3416, dated the 30th May 1874, directing that the Church requisites marginally noted, excepting the safe, be supplied by the Clergyman and payment obtained under audit of the Accountant-General of the Province, the safe to be provided by the Public Works Department.

A set of Communion Plate.
Safe for custody of do.
Linen Cloths and Napkins.
Altar Cover.
Bibles and Prayer-books.

Financial Resolution, No. 4857, dated the 10th August 1874, fixing the limit to be allowed for the Church requisites mentioned in the above Resolution, excepting the safe.

Read also—

Paragraph 1 of an Office Memorandum from the Home Department, No. 337, dated 8th October 1874, pointing out the necessity for a re-consideration of the decision contained in the Resolutions cited above with reference to a resolution of that Department, No. 302, dated 25th August 1871, and to a subsequent Resolution issued by the Public Works Department, No. 34, dated 11th May 1872, fixing the list of articles to be supplied by Government to all Churches in the three Presidencies.

Resolution.—It appears that the question regarding the supply of Church furniture, &c., was decided by the Resolution of the Public Works Department of 11th May 1872, No. 34, which was issued with the concurrence of the Home Department, but not communicated to the Financial Department.

2. In that Resolution it was ordered that the following articles should be supplied in future by the Public Works and Civil Departments, respectively, to all Churches whether in the mofussil or in the cities of Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay, save the Cathedrals in the Presidency towns, which should be specially treated:—

By the Public Works Department.

Appliances to seat the Clergyman.

Communion Table and Rails.

Pulpit.

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

Font and Cover.

One Almira, one Table, and three Chairs for the Vestry.

Two Altar Chairs.

Punkahs, complete and when necessary Thermantidotes.

Suitable apparatus for lighting the Church.

By the Civil Department.

A suitable set of Communion Plate.

A Safe for custody of Communion Plate, which might also be used for records.

Fair-linen Cloths and Napkins.

Altar Cover of red embroidered cloth.

Bibles and Prayer-books for the Clergyman.

All other charges to be met by the congregation.

3. It was at the same time considered desirable that when a Church was to be furnished, the Church Committee or Clergyman should be informed of the amount sanctioned for the separate

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items with the view of giving the community an opportunity of adding by private subscription to the elegance or convenience of any of the articles of furniture.

4. Accordingly the Governor-General in Council directs that the above procedure be adopted in lieu of that prescribed in the Resolution of 30th May 1874, which is withdrawn.

5. As the above ruling has reference only to the question of the supply of articles of Church furniture, the Resolution of this Department, dated the 19th August 1874, No. 4887, cited above, fixing the scale of allowances for the Church requisites noted on the margin, does not require reconsideration at present, and will therefore continue in force.

Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the several Departments of the Government of India, the several Local Governments and Administrations, the Comptroller-General, and to the several Accountants-General and Deputy Accountants-General in independent charge; the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Calcutta, and the Venerable the Archdeacon of Calcutta.

(Signed) J. A. BOURDILLON,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 25th January 1875, No. 19.

Copy furnished to the Right Reverend the Bishop of Madras, and to the Public Works Department, in continuation of G.O., dated 8th January 1875.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Right Reverend the Bishop of Madras.
.. Public Works Department.
.. Senior Chaplain of the Church of Scotland.

No. 685

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

5TH CIRCLE, MADRAS,

Chennai, 20th May 1884.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE

Chief Engineer
P. D. D.

Sir,

Enclosures.

1. Draft Estimate.
2. Draft Order.
3. Specimen.

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This Estimate provides

for

Govt. of 18751 Madras.

ECCLIASTICAL.

To

THE RIGHT REVEREND THE

BISHOP OF MADRAS.

Dec. Dec. Dec.

Dated January, 25th.

Back

G.O. 20th January 1884, No. 12.

JANUARY.
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Church Furniture & Reproduction of Government
of India on the subject of the provision of Church
furniture by the Civil and Public Works Depart-
ment, communicated to the Department and to
the Right Reverend the Bishop.

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W. H. Norton J. R. C.

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From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE

Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

Dated 20th

Recd. 21st

May 1884.

ENCLOSURES 4

No. 1395 of 4th June/84

No. 685

St. George's Cathedral
Madras — Forwards
for sanction and allotment
of funds an estimate of
Rs 3452 for re ceiling
the centre and side aisles
of —

A.W.

Res: 4th 6-84. W^o 1395 W.

In this a large estimate is
sanctioned for work at
St. George's Cathedral.

A short time ago, proposal
for improving the Cuddalore
Church was refused, because
the outlay permissible under
P.W. Code. Sections 1249-1252
had already been incurred.

Is the expenditure sanctioned
in above quoted Res. permissible
under the rules just quoted?

It seems to me that every
case in which outlay on a
Church is proposed, should
be brought to the same test
as in the case of the
Cuddalore Church.

To W

The rules laid down
for Churches generally
do not seem applicable
to Cathedrals. There is
no restriction, so far as
I can ascertain, on ex-
penditure on Cathedrals.
The ordinary rules for

Civil Buildings being the only guide.

I am by no means clear on this point. A cathedral is a church, and Section 1252 of Code is binding in the case of "all churches".

Low

Cathedrals are treated specially in the matter of Church furniture vide Resolution of the Govt. of India recorded with G.O. 19 of 25 Jan. 75 (Ecol). The question as to whether they should come under the ordinary rules applicable to Churches, where alterations to, are involved, has never, so far as I am aware, been raised by the accounts officers. Sanctions of Govt. have proceeded on the assumption that these rules do not apply.

I have seen Pro. reclassified dated 25.1.75 No. 19, but it seems questionable whether they have any force as far as the P.W. Dept. is concerned. Vide Code Sections 2 & 4.

On the other hand Section 1252 of Code seems worded to apply to "all churches" without exception, & therefore to Cathedrals.

Perhaps D.W. will look into the matter, & ascertain C's views.

C. Q.

Please see three papers.

As to Cuddeputah. It was evidently
aided by a Govt. grant. This being
so, why did Govt. refrain it, unless
the Church was taken over by
Govt. see para 1247, or unless
it came under 1268?

I do not envision para 1249 as ap-
plying to Cathedrals, nor
indeed to "Churches" at Presidency
towns. These papers really affect
Churches at Civil Stations in
Distriks, & in note 2 of para
1249, certain houses is evidently
intended to refer to Churches
at seats of Govt, Hill Stations
& Railway Depots. The two latter
being again provided for in the
immediately following sentence
of the note, & in the last sentence
the (Building) grant is referred
to apparently as affecting ^{Churches} ~~Churches~~
seats of Govt.

Ln

the case of G.O. 1595. (which
we got into the other day) the
outlay proposed is for repairs, but
has been sanctioned as O. Works. I
suppose this will be pointed out
by us in due course.

Things for repairs, para 126/7 of 1868
apply, whether for Cathedrals or
Churches. That is, I suppose
we cannot say whether the hindost
Cathedral was an aided building.
but should imagine it has been
borne on P.W. D. Revenues in the
proposals of the State.

The help for Cathedral might cer-
tainly have been sanctioned by
the Building Fund accounts fund.

W. H. D. 1868

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The repairs of the Hindost
Cathedral were exceptional; they
were rendered necessary owing
to bad materials & bad
workmanship, for which the
Govt. Architect who undertook
and as far as possible supervised
the construction of the building
was of course held responsible by
the Church Committee. It was
apparently on these grounds that
Govt. consented to bear the cost
of the repairs. (G.O. 1921W
of 9-7-83).

As regards Cathedral buildings
please see para 5 of India Re-
printed with G.O. Coll. 47 of
20-2-78. There appears to
be nothing to show whether
the "detailed arrangements"
therein referred to were ever
made, but there seems little
doubt that the Cathedral
has always been treated exceptionally.
In '64 the accounts show expenditure
under an estimate of Rs. 2800
for improvements to the Cathedral.

The estimate sanctioned in

Q. 1395 W of 4. 6. 8, as
for substituting planking
for plaster to the ceiling,
+ under Code para 1245,
third sentence, it appears we
may omit the estimate under
Original Work.

We do not know about the state of the
Cathedral anything more than
what is contained in R. G. L. No 13 P. 1.
It is not known what buildings
are shown on R. G. L. Register, but from
the above list it is inferred that
the Cathedral is so shown.

The refusal of Govt. to sanction
the payment for the help from
Govt. funds appears to be correct.

M. W.
27. 6. 84

M. W.

Please see the
annexed notes.

There seems to be
no definite or distinct rules
regarding "Cathedrals" as
distinguished from "Churches",
but it seems better that
"Cathedrals" must be kept up
in repair, by the State.

27. 6. 84

To W.

It appears to me that the
Cathedral is state property &
must be maintained by Govt.,
and that expenditure to be in-
curred thereon is subject to no
limitations.

Code para 1249 lays down the
points which Govt. may contribute
to Churches "at the Chief Civil Station
of a District, or at a Railway Station".
The Cathedral of the Viceregency
does not, in my mind, come under
that definition.

Clause I of para 1259 implies that
Cathedrals may be treated exceptionally.

Please read also paras 1268 &
1269, according to which I think
the Cathedral may continue to be
treated and maintained as a
Govt. building, as it has always,
I believe, been.

I put up a note by C on the
subject.

C. S.
30. 6. 84

Noted. I am satisfied to
accept the principle that
Cathedrals are to be treated
exceptionally, — the more
so as C holds that view.

30. 7. 84
W. J. S. / M. W.

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Date

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Est.

GO. 4 June 1894, No 1395

St George's Cathedral,
Madras

Estimate of Rs 3452
for planing the ceilings
of the nave & the aisles
of — Cathedral

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