

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT,
Coonoor
Madras, July 1st 1887.

No. 258

From

THE VENERABLE J. F. BROWNE, B.D.,

ARCHDEACON OF MADRAS,

To

*The Honorable
The Chief Secretary to Government
Coimbatore*

Sir,
I have the honor to forward for the favorable consideration of Government, a special Application from the Church Committee of St George's Church Wellington, for a Grant in Aid towards the Fund that is being raised for furnishing the Church.

2. The Committee acknowledge that the Government of India have intimated that no more Funds could be given for the Church at Wellington, but at the same time, they show fair grounds why the matter should be reconsidered.

- (1). That the Church supposed only to have sitting room for 300 persons, has space for 450
- (2) That Wellington as the Head Quarters of the Southern Division of the Madras Army occupies a different position from that it held when only a Convalescent Depot.
- (3) That the sittings are actually needed
- (4). That the Old Barrack Chapel furniture is not sufficient for the increased number of Troops, and has to be supplemented by plain benches from the Barrack rooms.

3. I would respectfully press upon the notice of Government, ^{the fact} that the Church Committee have already been able to raise the large sum of Rs 3000.

When it is considered that Wellington is a purely military station, the difficulty of obtaining money for it will be easily recognized.

Military men consider that by Government

Order Every provision has to be made for their
spiritual wants, and civilians, who generally
have large Church expenses in their own stations
do not feel that the call appeals to them.

Under these circumstances, I have the honor
to request that the special application of the
Church Committee at Wellington, may receive
favorable consideration.

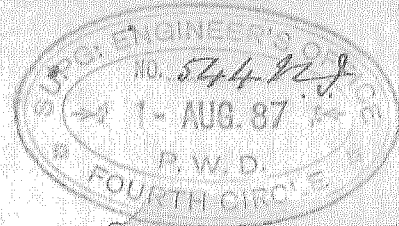
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Sir

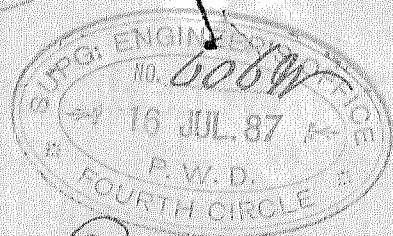
Your most obedient servant

J. F. Browne

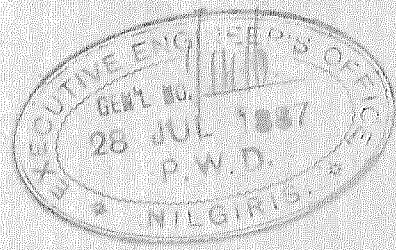
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From

The Church Committee

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To

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The Archdeacon of Madras

Venble & Dear Sir,

We have the honour to request, that you will be so good as to submit this special application from us to Government, for a grant towards the Fund that is being raised for furnishing the new Church in this station.

2. In accordance with Rule IV. Part III of G.O. 17th July, 1885, No. 141 Eccles., we issued last year an appeal (a copy of which is enclosed) for subscriptions, to enable us to purchase the furniture required for the Church; and by this means we have realised the sum of Rs. 3,000 which has been spent on the Choir Stalls & Pulpit, Lighting Apparatus, Altar Rails, plastering the inside

Wellington

June 29th 1887

walls of the Church, & completing the flooring - leaving only a balance of about Rs. 500 towards the sum required for the new seats.

3. We are aware that the Government of India has intimated, that no more Funds will be given for the purchase of furniture for the Church; but we respectfully submit, that there are now grounds upon which this refusal, to provide what is absolutely necessary for the Church, might be re-considered.

(1) In the first place, it is unfortunate that the Government should have been misinformed as to the number of sittings in the new Church: in G.O. 13th August, 1886, No. 2037, W. it is stated, that "such an expenditure as Rs. 47,810 for only 300 sittings is most unsatisfactory;" but it is now ascertained, that the Church (which has been in use since last March) will easily accommodate a congregation of 450 people; & we think that this addition of 150 seats should be allowed to modify the strong dis-

approval of the sum spent upon the building.

(2.) Secondly it should be borne in mind, that Wellington has lately been made the Head Quarters of the Southern District in this Presidency: consequently a much greater number of men are now stationed here; & a larger provision is therefore required for their spiritual interests than that which was sufficient when Wellington was only a Convalescent Depot.

(3.) Thirdly we venture to urge, that while large grants are given from the Public Funds towards the maintenance of Heathen Temples, it seems hard towards Officers & men in Her Majesty's Army in this station, that they should be refused proper accommodation in a Church that has been built for their benefit; & chiefly, because unfortunate mistakes have been made in the D. P. W. Estimates for it, & money expended on external embellishments (as e.g. the Bell Tower of the Church), which ought to have been reserved for the necessary appointments of the Church.

(4) We may also add, that the furniture, which has been taken

On these grounds therefore we ask you to recommend this application to the favourable consideration of Government; and to solicit, that a sum, equivalent to that raised by public subscriptions for furnishing the Church, may be granted to us; or that, at least the balance between the sum expended (Rs. 47,810) & that originally named by the Bishop of the Diocese (Rs. 50,000) as the probable cost of the Church, may be given, in order that the work inside the Church may be properly completed.

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Yours Obedient Servant,

W. Wace. Chaplain

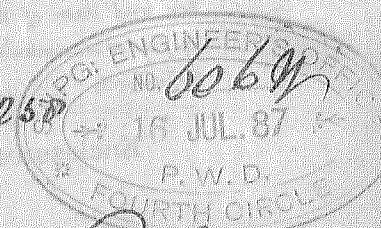
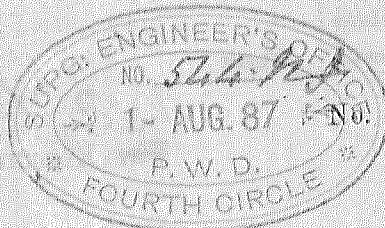
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~~Mt McIntosh~~
2 reg. Mounted Regt }



from the old barrack room Church, is
quite inadequate for the

in 197-30-8-86
in 2037-10-8-86
in 147-12-7-86
in 1594-20-6-86
in 111-8-6-86
in 1219-12-5-86

Encls. Nos. 3 to 5 of a
letter No. 361 of 29/7/87
from the Supy. Engineer
4th circle



ECCLIES. (1887) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE VENERABLE J. F. BROWNE, B.D.,
ARCHDEACON OF MADRAS,

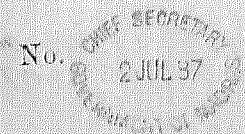
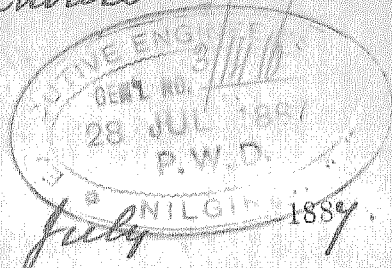
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The Honorable
The Chief Secretary to Govern-
ment with the Governor
Shomhouse Hill

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ENCLOSURE. 2

Forwarding application from
the Church Committee of St.
Georges Church Wellington,
asking for a grant in aid, to
supplement Rs 3000 raised by
private subscription for pro-
viding furniture for the Church.

Transferred to the Public
works department.
(By order)

W. W. W.
By Assistant Secretary

To the P.W.D.

No. 1394

P. W. D.
NILGIRI DIVISION OFFICE,
STATION Ootacamund
29th July 1887.

FROM

W. B. de Winton Esq.
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

NILGIRI DIVISION,
OOTACAMUND,

TO

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FOURTH CIRCLE,
COIMBATORE.

SIR,

In reply to your endorsement No. 357 of 24th
July 1887 I have the honor to report that the mea-
surements of Wellington Church are as follows:-

Nave... 67' x 28' = 1876 sqft
Aisles... 2 x 67' x 10' = 1340 do
Transepts... 148' x 10' = 1480 do
3696 sqft.

From this the following have to be
deducted:-

Nave passage = 67' x 4' = 268
Aisles do = 2 x 67' x 3' = 402
Pillars = 12 x 2' x 2' = 48
Transept = 36' x 10' = 360
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Nett area available for sittings 2618 sqft
which @ 6 sqft per sitting (the area laid
down in P.W. Code Appendix D Rule 18(a))
gives 436 sittings. In addition to this,
the chancel can accommodate 30, and the
Baptistry

at a square feet

Baptistry, at the West end of the Church might also be utilized, if occasion required for another 20 sittings; therefore the statement of the Church Committee that the Church can accommodate 450 sittings is perfectly correct. I may add that on the original plan of the Church it is stated that by the arrangement of seats thereon shown, 500 sittings can be provided, and more than this number have actually been seated in the Church without undue crowding.

2. The maximum Government grant worked out in accordance with Rule 18 Section IV Appendix D. P. W. Code would therefore be Rs 37396. as follows:—

450 sittings in nave, aisles, transept and baptistry @ 6 sq ft.	Sq ft. 2700
Passages as already given excluding pillars	3 1030
Chancel	792
Vestry	165 1/2
Porch	157 3/4
Tower	112 7
<u>Total</u>	<u>4986 1/4</u>

which @ Rs 7 1/2 per Sq ft gives Rs 37396.

But there is still, unfortunately, more than Rs 10000 below the cost of the Church, so that if the expenditure on the building cannot come

come under Code Rules.

3. I trust however, that, in view of the largely increased accommodation to be provided for since the arrival of the Royal Fusiliers at the Depot, it may be possible to obtain from the Government of India a grant towards the Church Furniture. The amount of this grant in accordance with the scale prescribed in Rule XVIII (1) of Appendix D would be Rs 3762.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant.

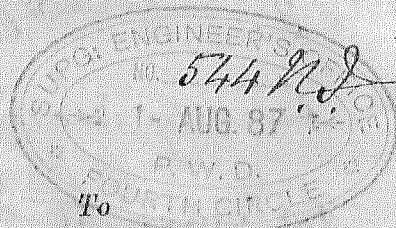
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Executive Engineer N. S.

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From

The Executive Engineer,

Nilgiri Division,



To

The Superintending Engineer,

Fourth Circle,

*Encls. No. 1 of all the
No. 361 of 30/8/87 from the super
eng. to the circle*

Dated 29th

Despatched 29th 1887

Received

No. 1396

Enclosures. 3

Subject.

*Wellington - Grant-in-
aid required for furnishing
the Church at - Submits
report on the -*

No. 1532

D. P. W.

Nilgiri Division Office,

Station

Ootacamund 87
15 August 1887

FROM

W. B. de Winton Esq.

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

Nilgiri Division,

TO

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

FOURTH CIRCLE,

COIMBATORE.

SIR,

*In reply to your Memo No. 388 dated 4th
instant, I have the honor to append a state-
ment showing how the proposed grant for furni-
ture viz; Rs. 3762 for the Wellington Church is
arrived at.*

Officers.

30x5 for seats. _____ Rs. 150

30x2 for stools _____ " 60

Soldiers

420x4 for seats _____ " 1680

420x1 for stools _____ " 420

Altar _____ " 45

Rails 24x4 _____ " 96

Pulpit _____ " 200

Reading Desk etc. _____ " 60

Front _____ " 60

Vestry Almshouse _____ " 45

Do. Table _____ " 12

Do. Chair _____ " 10

Altar Chairs _____ " 24

Lights _____ " 450

Pulpit Candle sticks. _____ " 40

Candle sticks lectern & reading Desk _____ " 60

Lectern _____ " 50

Bell. _____ " 300

Total Rs. 3762

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I have the honor to be
 Sir
 Your most obedt Servant.
 W. B. B. B. B.
 Executive Engineer

From
 The Executive Engineer,
 SUPG. ENGINEER'S Division,
 NO. 579
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 P. W. D.
 FOURTH CIRCLE
 To
 The Superintending Engineer,
 Fourth Circle,

Encls. No. 2 of letters No. 361
 of 20/8/87 from the Supt. Engr.
 4th Circle

Dated 15th
 Despatched 15th August 1887.
 Received

No. 1532

Enclosures. 11

Subject.

Wellington Church - Proposed in-
 part for furniture to - Submitting
 a statement showing the Calcu-
 lations connected with

Encls. at only
 1. Letter of the Arch-
 deacon of Madras
 to the Chief Secretary
 of Government
 No. 258 of 17-87
 with
 2. enclosures.
 2. Letters from
 the Executive
 Engineer S. I.
 D. Nos. 1394
 and 1532 of 29th
 July and 15th
 August 1887
 respectively.

No. 361
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From,

Superintending Engineer's Office,
 Coimbatore, 30th Augt/87

Colonel, J. Beatty. S. E.,
 Superintending Engineer,
 Fourth Circle.

To,

The Chief Engineer,
 P. W. Department.

With reference to your
 Memo: No. 340 D of 15th July 1887
 I have the honor to report that
 the statement of the Wellington
 Church Committee that their
 Church can accommodate 450
 sittings is found on examination
 to be quite correct.

2. But the maximum grant,
 for constructing the church, works
 out as follows:-

450 sittings in Nave, Aisles,
 transept, and Baptistry, } 54 ft
 at 6 square feet } 2700

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Passages as already given	2,700
Excluding pillars	1,030
Chancel	792
Vestry	165 $\frac{1}{2}$
Porch	151 $\frac{3}{4}$
Tower	147
Total	4,986 $\frac{1}{4}$

which at Rs. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ per sq. foot gives
Rs. 37,396.

3. So that as the cost of the Church was Rupees 47,810, and this is in excess of the maximum grant for construction, an additional grant for furniture is not allowable under the Code rules.

4. But I think the general rule of the Government of India regarding cost of construction cannot, or should not, be applied in the case of a Church built on the Nilgiris; where the rates for every description of

of work are so much greater than those of the plains. It is only necessary to compare a few of the rates for the principal kinds of work done at the Wellington Church with those that would be paid for the same work at Coimbatore, the nearest large station in the plains, to see how unreasonable it is to apply one rule to both places:-

	Per	Rate in the Nilgiri Schedule	Rate in the Coimbatore Schedule
Teak wood wrought and put up	cu ft	5 8 "	3 12 "
Brick work	100 sq ft	4 5 "	2 2 "
Cut stone in mortar	cft	5 "	1 "
Cedar planking	100 sq ft	2 3 "	1 4 8 "

5. The grant for furniture that would have been allowable, if the Government grant for construction had been sufficiently in

in excess of the cost of construction,
works out as follows:—

<u>Officers.</u>		<u>Rs.</u>
30x5 for seats	_____	150
30x2 for stools	_____	60
<u>Soldiers</u>		
420x4 for seats	_____	1680
420x1 " stools	_____	420
Altar	_____	45
Rails 24x4	_____	96
Pulpit	_____	200
Reading Desk &c	_____	60
Font and Cover	_____	60
Vestry ~~Almshouse~~	_____	45
do. Table	_____	12
2 do. Chairs	_____	10
2 Altar do.	_____	24
Lights at one rupee per seat	_____	450
Pulpit candle-sticks, a set	_____	40
Candle sticks, lectern, and reading desk	_____	60
Lectern	_____	50
Bell	_____	300
Total Rupees.		3,762

6. I send herewith for
your information 2 letters re-
ceived from the Executive Engineer
on the subject.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servt.

W. Beatty. Colonel. A.E.
Superintending Engineer, P.W.D.

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From
Colonel J. Beatty R.E.,
Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle

To
The Chief Engineer,
P. W. Department.

Dated 30th } August/87
Recd: 1-9-87 }

No. 2457 of 12th Sept/87

No. 361
Encl. 5.

Wellington church:-

Reporting that
the statement of the
Wellington church Com-
mittee in regard to the
number of seats the church
can accommodate is
found on examination
to be quite correct.

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E. L. Form No. 22.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 12th Sept/87

Read the following:-

Letter from the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras,

No. 258 of 1.7.87.

Encl. 1, Encl. Dept. dated 13th July 1887.

Letter from the Supg. Engr. IV Circle, No. 361 Encl. of 30.8.87.

Ordered that the Govt.
of India be addressed.

H.E. No. 2457 W of 12th Sept/87.

2.

The Secy. to the Govt.
P. W. D.

Sir,

With reference to the
Correspondence ending with
this office letter No. 2038 W
of 13th August 1887, relative
to the estimate for the
Protestant Military Church
at Wellington, I am directed
to state that the building

S. E. V. Circle ✓
Encl. Dept. ✓

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was completed in March
last within the amount of
the revised estimate of
Rs 47,810 sanctioned by the
Govt: of India in letter No.
309 B of 27th July 1886. After
the church had been
brought into use, it was
found that instead of the
300 sittings it was originally
estimated to hold, it could
comfortably accommodate
450 sittings, and as a fact
more than 500 persons have
been seated in it without
undue crowding. The
circumstances in which
the expenditure on the
church was considered
most unsatisfactory -

Vide para 1 of your letter

of 27th July 1886 above

quoted - have therefore

been considerably modified.

and when the difficulty of carrying out work on the hills is taken into account, the
rate for brickwork being more than double that
2. In view of the alterations

in para 3 of Govt: of India
letter No 673 NW. dated
4th July 1884, no grant has
been allowed for furnishing
the church, but I am to
point out that since the
date of that letter, the status
of Wellington as a Military
Station has greatly changed.
Then only a convalescent
depot, it is now the
head quarters of the Southern
District, and a regiment
of British Infantry. The
Church Committee have
already raised by subscription,
the large sum of Rs 3000/-
for the interior embellishment
of the church, and they now,
supported by the Archdeacon
of Madras, have submitted
a strong appeal to this
Govt: for a grant in aid
on account of furniture.
It is represented that the old
barrack Chapel furniture
is quite inadequate for
the

the Church in the altered
circumstances of the Station,
and that it has to be
supplemented by plain
benches procured from
the barrack rooms.

3. I am therefore directed
to request that the Govt.
of India will in this case
permit the Madras Govt.
to allot the usual grant
for Church furniture
admissible under Rules
xviii Sec. IV of the revised
Ecclesiastical rules for
a Church of 450 sittings.

* vide pag 14, Appendix
D, Indian P.W. Code.

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