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 (2) புதுக்கித் திருப்பிய நாள் 4.11.88
 (3) ஆதாரங்குறிப்பவர் சுருக்கொப்பம் 60/9

தமிழ்நாடு ஆவணக் காப்பகம்.

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P.W துறை

அரசாணை எண். 3883 W அச்சகம்
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நாள் : 10.12.1888

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10TH DECEMBER 1888, No. 3883 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General
Account.

READ—the following papers:—

From Colonel W. H. BURTON, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle,
to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepāk, 23rd
November 1888, No. 3811.

I have the honor to forward a bill from the Most Reverend Doctor Colgan for
Rs. 178-8-0 on account of compensation for sittings provided for Roman Catholic
soldiers in St. Francis Xavier's Church at Pallāvaram during 1887-88.

2. The enclosures are —

One bill and return of highest attendance.
One Public Works officer's certificate.
One stamped receipt.

To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 27th November 1888, No. 4730 C.
From the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 6th December 1888, No. 2704.

ORDER—dated 10th December 1888, No. 3883 W., Public Works.

Payment of the claim, amounting to Rs. 178-8-0, is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under-Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, with three enclosures.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. J. Moses.
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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Gobt. of (1888) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated December, 10th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 10th Dec. 1888, No. 3883 W.

DECEMBER.

**Sittings for Roman Catholic
Soldiers in St. Francis
Xavier's Church at
Pallavaram**

Payment of Rs. 178-8-0 on account of
compensation for —, sanctioned.

10TH DECEMBER 1888, No. 3879 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper :—

G.O., dated 20th November 1888, No. 2409, Judicial.

From the Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side,
dated Madras, 26th October 1888, No. 2398.

I am directed to forward to you a copy of paras. 1 to 4 and 9 to 16 of letter to
this Court from the Acting District Judge of Tanjore, No. 350, dated 26th ultimo.

2. With reference to the first part, I am to request that the Government may
be pleased to direct the attention of the Public Works Department to the question of
light in framing future plans for court-houses, as the question is one of very great
importance.

3. With reference to the second part, I am to say that it is much to be regretted
that the accommodation afforded in the old buildings of St. Joseph's College at
Negapatam should have turned out so unsuitable. The High Court does not anticipate
that Government will be prepared at present to build the two new court-rooms
suggested by Mr. Knox, but the Judges request that Government will be pleased to
direct the Executive Engineer to report, in consultation with Mr. Knox, how the
defects in the present building can best be remedied.

ENCLOSURE.

From H. T. KNOX, Esq., Acting District Judge, Tanjore, to the Registrar, High Court of
Judicature, Madras, dated Tanjore, 26th September 1888, No. 350.

In connection with my inspection report, I have to report now on the buildings in the
district.

2. The district court-house now provides sufficient accommodation for establishments. But
the record-rooms are nearly full. The area cannot be utilised fully because the construction
renders the inner room very dark and the position of windows generally is such as to render it
impossible to fit racks to the best advantage. An estimate is being prepared by the District
Engineer for fitting one verandah with the new iron racks. When that is done, I shall be able
to judge of the extent to which room may be gained by substituting them for the old wooden
racks. This work must be kept steadily in hand. For, if the accommodation is not remodelled,
it will be impossible to take in for more than a short time the mass of papers which pour in
yearly. Allowing for destruction, as each year goes over, there is a large residuum of addition.

3. The District Munsif's court of Tiruvadi needs only a new compound fence. In
connection with it, and with the new courts at Kumbakonam, I have to draw attention to
serious defects in the plan of the court-rooms in these designs. The part designed for the bench
is enclosed by other parts of the building, and is too dark for reading or writing as soon as light
begins to fade and in cloudy weather. All the light is on the end intended for the public, and
the Judge is left in the dark. This remark does not apply to the upper room at Kumbakonam
because it gets an upper light, but it does to the lower room. I have had to ask the Executive
Engineer to place the bench dais at the light end of the room. The point of light for the bench
should be carefully studied in future plans.

4. The new building at Kumbakonam will probably be finished by Christmas. The courts at Kumbakonam will then have good accommodation, including the Sub-Judge's, which is in the old civil court.

9. The Negapatam Sub-Judge and District Munsif are very badly housed. The St. Joseph's College, which on paper provided excellent accommodation, proves in fact unsuitable for our purposes and must be supplemented and considerably altered. These courts demand the first attention.

10. The sub-court room is in the nave of the old chapel. It has no verandahs and is burning hot when the sun shines on its exposed walls, as is the case at Negapatam except during a few rainy days. For the present an estimate has been made for a thatched pandal all round it and round the room at the east end. Some permanent verandah must be put up. The character of that verandah will to some extent depend on whether the room is to be used as a court, or a new court is to be built. The room is objectionable in its present form, because—

(1) It is very hot. This may be remedied by a good verandah.

(2) It echoes. This may perhaps be overcome.

(3) It is very narrow and is suitable only for an appeal court. It is found inconvenient when small cause suits are under trial and a large number of people are about. It is difficult to remedy this, but it may to some extent be relieved by large verandahs.

(4) The party wall behind the bench, cutting the nave off from the dome and southern transept where some clerks must sit, is carried only to spring of arch. Every word said by the clerks is heard, and every sound in the room. This constitutes a serious annoyance. It can be remedied by carrying up the wall. But then the room behind will be so dark, it is already too dark, that it will be abandoned as a clerks' room, except perhaps by two or three who can sit near a door.

11. The proper course is to build a new court-room with private room for the Sub-Judge and the same for the District Munsif, one above the other, to be placed close by the chapel on its north side, with certain consequent arrangements for a passage through the transepts to the main college building. The present court-room can be used as a clerks' room, the clerks' room to the west can be used for an amalgamated copyists' room, and all the inconveniences which I have got to detail can be remedied. The party wall now darkening space under dome could be removed and a railing or grating substituted to let in light.

12. The clerks' room to the west is very hot and close. It needs a good verandah all round, the floor to be raised to the level of the floor of the chapel one step, the windows to be cut down to the ground to allow perfilation.

13. The Sub-Judge's copyists work in an exposed verandah. It is a most improper arrangement, but no other arrangement is possible.

14. The District Munsif's court has but one good window just behind him which lets in light but also a great deal of heat, too much of both for his comfort. The room is blocked with pillars and has no ventilation. A passage down the building along side it gives rise to a good deal of noise.

15. It might be better if two new court rooms are built to move the District Munsif's clerks into the present Sub-Judge's court. There will then be proper space to accommodate all establishments.

16. The alternative is to make the best we can of what must always be very bad accommodation by minor alterations and improvements. But the alternative is an uncommonly bad one. Of course, if the money cannot be found for proper courts we must do without them. I beg for orders whether I shall have estimates prepared for a new building, which I judge from cost of the new room for the District Munsif of Mannargudi to be likely to amount to Rs. 8,000, or shall do the best I can to adapt and improve existing accommodation. I shall have in either case to meet the Executive Engineer and settle with him the details. The latter course will certainly be the cheap and not pleasant one.

Order—dated 20th November 1888, No. 2409, Judicial.

Communicated to the Public Works Department in view to the necessary action being taken with reference to the requests made in paras. 2 and 3 of the Registrar's letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. G. CARDEW,
Under-Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 10th December 1888, No. 3879 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.

2. With reference to para. 2 of the letter from the Registrar, High Court, it is observed that the District Munsif's court at Tiruvadi appears to have been completed in 1883-84, and that the estimate for the Kumbakonam court-house was sanctioned in 1885, while the present type designs for such buildings were approved * and circulated in 1887. The Government in the Public Works Department are not aware that similar complaints as regards light have been made with respect to court-houses constructed on the existing type designs, and inquiries on this point will be made in the Judicial Department.

3. With reference to para. 3 of the same letter, the Superintending Engineer will report, in consultation with the District Judge, how the defects in the Sub-Judge's and District Munsif's courts in the college buildings at Negapatam can best be remedied.

(True Extract.)

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

the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle,
Judicial Department.

J. Moses.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1888) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated December, 10th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 10th Dec. 1888, No. 3879 W.

DECEMBER.

**Court-houses in the Tanjore
District**

Orders on Proceedings in the Judicial
Department communicating letter from the
Registrar, High Court, forwarding report
from the Acting District Judge, Tanjore,
pointing out defects as regards light and
accommodation in certain —.

No. 3879

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

V CIRCLE, MADRAS,

Chopdk, 23. November 1888.

From

W. H. Burton, Esq.,
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

To

THE

Chief Engineer,
P.W. Department.

SIR,

Enclosures.

I have the honor to forward
a Bill from the above Revenue
Dept. Colgan for Rs. 178-8-0 on
account of Compensation for
Sittings provided for Roman
Catholic Soldiers in St. Francis
Xavier's Church at Bellary
during 1877-88.

The Enclosures are
1 Bill & return of highest authorities
1 P.W. Officer's Certificate
1 Stamped Receipt.

I have the honor to be
Yours Most Obedt Servant

W. H. Burton, Esq.,
Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

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From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

To

THE

Chief Engineer
P.W. Department.

To
for favour of
remarks.

To 3 quote
W No 2704 27.11.88
En. 8



Dated 23
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Recd.

November 1888

The claim is in order
and may be admitted.



ENCLOSURES.

4 Dec 88
No 3883 Wd/10 Dec/88

No. 3811.

Bill for Rs 178-8-0

Payment of the claim
amounting to Rs 178-8-0
is sanctioned.

Forwards the — received
from the J. Calgan on account
of Compensation for settling

5.12.88
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with 3 Encl.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

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Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G.O. 10 Dec 1888, No. 30834

Sittings for R.F. Soldiers
in St. Francis Xavier's
Church at Pallaveram

Payment of Rs 178-8-0
on account of compensa-
tion for ————
Sanctioned.

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