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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Most Rev. J. COLGAN, D.D., Archbishop of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 10th November 1890.

I have the honor to forward an application to His Excellency the Governor in Council in reference to the repairs of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Armenian Street, Madras.

In 1881 this church was repaired by Government at a cost of Rs. 3,080. My predecessor on that occasion elected to accept the above amount as a compensation for the sittings till then supplied to the Military in the Garrison of Fort St. George, and, as he was unwilling to allow the cathedral to become Government property, accepted the rule laid down in Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, No. 2756, dated 3rd November 1879, by which, in future, claims for repairs would be stopped, and, in lieu thereof, compensation for military sittings would be granted. It was thought at the time that this arrangement would bring annually a handsome sum, with the aid of which all necessary repairs might be made. However, in this we were entirely disappointed, and for the last nine years the yearly receipts average a little over Rs. 400. The receipts for the last two years amount to, in 1888, Rs. 183, and, in 1889, Rs. 216. These sums are hardly sufficient to keep the benches and interior fittings of the church in repair and in good order, and allow nothing for the repairs of the building itself, which I am sorry to say now stands in need of extensive repairs. It is not in our power to give over the building to Government, as it is the cathedral church of Madras, towards the building and maintenance of which the Catholics of Madras have always contributed their share. Since 1836 the total amount contributed by Government for enlarging and repairing this church amounts to Rs. 6,900, and during all that time accommodation was always afforded to the Catholic soldiers and civilians in the service of Government. Although my predecessor accepted the rule laid down in Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, No. 2756, dated 3rd November 1879, yet it was under an impression, that has been proved to be incorrect, that the payment for sittings for the soldiers by Government would enable him to keep the church in repair. This has proved an entire failure and the amount received in this way, together with contributions from the Catholics of Madras, have only enabled us to keep the interior of the building with its fixtures in a decent condition. Under these circumstances and considering that the Church of St. Francis Xavier at Pallávaram, though placed in the same condition, has been lately repaired at Government expense, I would respectfully request His Excellency in Council to sanction an estimate being drawn up by the Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, for the necessary repairs, and a Government grant allowed for carrying out the work.

ORDER—dated 8th December 1890, No. 3251 W., Public Works.

In his letter above recorded, the Most Rev. Archbishop Colgan requests that an estimate may be drawn up by the Public Works Department for the necessary repairs to the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Madras, and that a Government grant be allowed for carrying out the work.

2. The Honorable the Governor in Council observes that the Government of India letter, printed with Proceedings, No. 2756 W., dated 3rd November 1879, distinctly bars the grant of any allotment by Government towards the cost of repairs to the building in question. The church is classed as a private one and the only assistance which the Government is authorised to give (and has regularly given) is in the shape of payment for sittings occupied by British troops. The case was definitely settled by G.O., No. 1594 W., dated 7th July 1880.

3. From the Archbishop's present letter it seems to have been expected that the pew rents paid by Government should cover the whole cost of repairs to this church, whereas it is obvious that they are, and should be, intended only to help towards the repairs.

4. In these circumstances the Governor in Council regrets that the Archbishop's request cannot be complied with.

5. The Archbishop quotes as a precedent the case of St. Francis Xavier's Church at Pallávaram, which he states was lately repaired at the expense of Government, but the Government is unable to trace any authority for such repairs. Pew rents for the Pallávaram church have been regularly paid and no grant has been made by Government for repairs to the building. The Superintending Engineer, V Circle, will submit a full report on this subject, stating the amount of the expenditure and the authority under which it was incurred.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Most Rev. Archbishop Colgan, D.D.
" Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Ecclesiastical Department.

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G.O., 8th Dec. 1890, No. 3251 W.

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Roman Catholic Cathedral, Madras

Passing orders on application of the Most Rev. Archbishop Colgan for repairing the —.

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Catholic Cathedral, Madras,
10th November 1890

From the Most Rev. Doctor J. Colgan, D. D.,
Arch-Bishop of Madras.

To the Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Military Office
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an application to His Excellency the Governor in Council in reference to the repairs of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Armenian street, Madras.

In 1881, this Church was repaired by Government at a cost of £3,080— My predecessor on that occasion elected to accept the above amount, as a compensation for the sittings, till then, supplied to the Military in the Garrison of Fort Saint George, and as he was unwilling to allow the Cathedral to become Government property,

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the rule laid down in Proceedings of Government P.W. Dept. No 2756 dated 3d November 1879, by which, in future, claims for repairs would be stopped, and in lieu thereof, compensation for Military Sittings would be granted - It was thought at the time that this arrangement would bring annually a handsome sum, with the aid of which all necessary repairs might be made However, in this we were entirely disappointed, and for the last nine years the yearly receipts average a little over Rupees four hundred - the receipts for the last two years amount to, in 1888 Rs 183, and in 1889 Rs 216 - these sums are hardly sufficient to keep the Benches and interior fittings of the Church in repair and in good order, and allow nothing for the repairs of the building itself, which I am sorry to say now stands in need of extensive repairs - It is not in our power to give over the building to Government, as it is the Cathedral Church of Madras, towards the building and maintenance of which the Catholics of Madras have always contributed their share - Since 1836 the total amount contributed by Government for enlarging and repairing this Church, amounts to the pecs 5,900 , and during all that time accommodation was always afforded to the Catholic Soldiers and Civilians in the service of Government. Although my predecessor accepted the Rule laid down in

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I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant,

† J. Colgan

Archbishop of Madras -

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Read the following:—

Rev. Doctor J.

Bishop of Madras dated

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No 2756 W of 3-11-79 distinctly

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classed as a private one,

& the only assistance which

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give (& has regularly given)

is in the Rules of Payment

of sittings occupied by

British troops.

The case of the R.C.

Cathedral Madras was

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The Arab Bridge works as a precedent, the case of St. Parasu Pallavaram, which we pays was lately repaired at the expense of Govt. there is no authority for Rs for the repairs. Pavement for the Pallavaram Bridge was also recently paid, & we grant has been made by this Office for repairs. It has been ascertained from the Executive Engineer that an expenditure of Rs 1686 has been incurred by the Chingleput division and of the lump sum grant to the Division under "Repairs, Provincial & ic Buildings" for

Bridge in question, & ~~it being necessary to call upon the Subdy~~ will be called on Class V Circle to report under what rule or authority the works were carried out at Govt. expense.

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P. W. Department.

Read the following:—

Letter from the most Reverend Boston J. Colgan D.D. Arch. Bishop of Madras dated 10th November 1890.

FOR ORDERS.

The Government of India letter printed with Proceedings No. 2756 W dated 3rd November 1879 distinctly bars the grant of any grant-in-aid towards the cost of repairs to the — Roman Catholic — Cathedral Madras. The Church is classed as a private one, and the only assistance which the Government is

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authorised to give (and has regularly given) as in the shape of payment for sittings occupied by British troops

The case was definitely settled by G.O. No. 1594 W dated 7th July 1880.

From the Arch. Bishop's present letter it seems to have been expected that the payments paid by Government should cover the whole cost of repairs to this church, whereas it is obvious that they are, and should be, intended only to help towards the repairs.

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The Arch Bishop quotes, as a precedent, the case of St. Thomas Xavier Church at Pallavaram, which he says was lately repaired at the expense of Government.

There is no authority whatever for the repairs. Pew rents for the Pallavaram Church have been regularly paid, and no grant has been made by this office for repairs. It has been ascertained from the Commissariat office that an expenditure of Rs 1868 has been incurred by the Chingleput Executive

out of the lump sum
grant to the division;
under "Repairs Provincial
Civil Buildings" for
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question, and the Supdg:
Engineer & Circle will
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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READ the following

Letter from the Most Rev. Dr J. Colgan D.D. dy 10th Nov 1890

In his letter above
referred to, the Most Rev.
Archbishop Colgan
the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Madras requests
that an estimate may be
drawn up by the P.W.
Dept for the necessary
repairs to the Roman
Catholic Cathedral
Madras and that a
Govt. grant be allowed
for carrying out the
works —

2. We invite the
Governor in Council
to observe that the Govt

of Jaffna, printed with
Pros. No. 2756 of 3 Nov.
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by Govt. towards the
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3. From the Archd.
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cover the whole cost of
repairs to this Church,
whereas it is obvious
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and should be, intended
only to help towards
the repairs.

4. In these circum-
stances the Government
regrets that the Arch.
Bishop's request cannot
be complied with.

5. The Archd. Bishop
quotes as a precedent
the case of St. Francis
Xavier's Church at
Pallavaram, which
he states was lately
repaired at the
expense of Govt., but
the Govt. is unable to
trace any authority
for such repairs.
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paid, and no grant
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The Supply Dept. V Circle will submit a full report on this subject, stating the amount of the expenditure and the authority under which it was incurred. The Supply Dept must be aware that expenditure on Churches does not come under the ordinary rules applicable to Civil Buildings, but is governed by the rules in Appendix 21 P.W. Code.

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Roman Catholic Cathedral, Madras.

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