

Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 77625

DATED ²² March 1898

[Despatch Abstract.]

Church at Vizianagram. Despatching the
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a new — on a fresh site, the cost being limited
to about Rs. 6,500.

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G.O., No. 776 W., 22nd March 1898.

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Directing the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, to submit plans and estimates for a new — on a fresh site, the cost being limited to about Rs. 6,500.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper:—

G.O., R. No. 28, Ecclesiastical, dated 15th March 1898.

Read—the following papers:—

From the Venerable W. W. ELWES, M.A., Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 1st November 1897, No. 4002.

I have the honour to state that the church at Vizianagram is reported to be in a very unsafe condition, so much so that service is not now held in it. There are serious cracks at the east end of the church. The chancel arch is cracked, the walls both of the north and south aisle are said to be cracked, and the state of the roof is said to be very critical.

2. It is clear from the report that very expensive repairs are required, so much so that I am told the expense of putting the building in a state of safety will probably exceed the cost of a small building adapted to the needs of the station in its present state.

3. I have the honour to request that Government will be pleased to direct an early examination of this church and a report on its state by an officer of the Public Works Department.

4. I addressed Government concerning repairs to this church on 17th January 1896 in my letter No. 2448.

No. 2318, Ecclesiastical.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for favour of very early action.

8th November 1897.

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

Memo. No. 4868 C.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, with advertence to his letter No. 833 V.Z., dated 11th February 1897, and previous correspondence for favour of very early report on the following points:—

- (1) The present state of the church building.
- (2) Whether he considers it worth repairing.
- (3) What it would cost to construct a new, but smaller, building suited to the needs of the present congregation, the average numbers of which should be stated.

19th November 1897.

(Signed) W. B. DEWINTON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

From W. C. DeMORGAN, Esq., M.I.C.E., Superintending Engineer, I Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Waltair, 26th December 1897, No. 963 V.Z.

With reference to your No. 4868 C., dated 19th November 1897, I have the honour to inform you that I inspected the church at Vizianagram with Mr. Willock, C.S., the Lay-trustee.

The building is cracked all over and in a thoroughly dangerous state.

I do not consider that any repairs would render it safe. The only part in fair order is the belfry, which was added on to the main building subsequently.

The material and workmanship of the main building are of very indifferent quality, and it is remarkable that it has stood so long.

The principal cause of the cracking is settlement of foundations.

The site is close to the south border of the Vizianagram parade ground. Here the soil is thoroughly unstable and continually sliding, as I know from experience in riding across it.

The church is built close to and in the same line as this shifty soil.

If it is decided to build a new church, a new site should be selected.

2. I understand that the average number of congregation is *fifty*. There is no Resident Chaplain, and I believe service is held by the Visiting Chaplain once in six weeks. At other times service is held in the mess-house.

3. The Church of the Good Shepherd at Dowlaishweram seated forty persons and cost Rs. 5,078. I should think that a small unpretending church might be constructed at Vizianagram for Rs. 6,500.

From the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, dated 11th and 16th February 1898, Nos. 4252 and 4266, respectively.

Order—R. No. 28, Ecclesiastical, dated 15th March 1898.

The papers will be returned to the Public Works Department, with the remark that plans and estimates may be prepared as suggested.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) S. G. ROBERTS,
for Chief Secretary.

ORDER—No. 776 W., dated 22nd March 1898.

The Superintending Engineer, I Circle, will submit plans and estimates for a new church on a fresh site, the cost being limited to about Rs. 6,500.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle.
„ Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. W. D'Moss.

Public Works

Political (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 2477

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Order

776 W 22-3-98. M. H. Ecclesiastical Dept

The Supt Engineer
I enclose will submit
plans & estimates for a
new church on a
fresh site, the cost
being limited to about
Rs 6,500.

No. 28

Dated 15th March 1898.
Received
Registered } 17.3.98
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1st Reminder issued 13.7.98

T. H. B. 7/10

S. S. I. enc. 1
Encls. Dept.

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SUBJECT.

Returning papers re the construction
of a new Church at Vizianagram
with the remark that plans
and estimates for the Church may
be prepared as suggested

BACK PAPERS.

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Ecclesiastical Department.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—
S.A.

Endorsement of the Public Works Department, 148 C,
dated 11th January 1898.

From the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, No. 4252
& 4266 dated 11th and 16th February 1898, respectively.

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(True Extract)

Sg. Robert
for Chief Secretary.

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To the Public Works Department, with papers returned.

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Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 134



No 1480 dated 11th January 1898.

Order Sent.

Referred to the
Executive Department
for consideration whether the
Supt. Engineer may be
directed to prepare plans
and estimates for a new
Church, on a fresh site,
the cost to be limited to
about Rs 6,500.

From W. Demorgan Esquire
Supt. Engineer I Circle

No. 963 V.2

Dated 26th December 1897

Received 6.1.98

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Summary

Ag. Under Secy. Secy to Govt.

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SUBJECT.

Virianagaram - Church at
Reporting on the Condition
of the present - and suggesting
proposals for the construction of
a new one on a smaller scale.

Virjanagaram parade ground. Here the soil is thoroughly unstable and continually sliding, as I know from experience in riding across it.

The Church is built close to and in the same line as this shifty soil.

If it is decided to build a new Church, a new site should be selected.

2. I understand that the average number of Congregation is 50.

There is no resident Chaplain and I believe service is held by the visiting Chaplain once in 6 weeks.

At other times service is held in the mess house.

3. The Church of the Good Shepherd at Dowlandwaram seated 40 persons and cost Rs 5078. I should think that a small unpretending Church might be constructed at Virjanagaram for Rs 6500.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your most obedient servant
W. de Morgan

Superintending Engineer
T. Curle

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No. 4868c

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

MEMORANDUM.

Dated Madras, 19-11-1897.

Endorsement in the Ecclesiastical Deptt. No. 2318 of 8-11-97, on letter from the Venble the Archdeacon of Madras, No. 4002 of 1-11-97.

Referred to the Supp.

Engr. I Circle, with advertence to his letter No. 833 V.B. of 11th Feb'y 1897, and previous correspondence for favour of very early report on the following points:-

- (1) The present state of the Church building.
- (2) Whether he considers it worth repairing.
- (3) What it would cost to construct a new, but smaller building, suited to the needs of the present Congregation, the average number of which should be stated.

(sd) W. B. de Vinton
As. Secy to Govt.

Supp. Engr. I Circle,
with P.W. Current No. 11205 in Arifla.
(to be returned)

P. W. 41
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20/11/97

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SW

Submitted with
reference to SW 11.11.57.
The state of the
building is described
in the report
accompanying the
repair estimate
submitted by the
S.S. under the
planned A.

CS
18.11.57

W.
Perhaps no further
report on the state of
the church is necessary
but your paras (2) & (3)
might be referred to the
SE.

CS
18.11.57
The report has
written a glass
ago - ask for
all the inform

Copy for Ripstone
Lancashire. C.M.P.
15.11.57

DW

The cost of building a new church
on the design submitted as per
details now worked out & at
least would be say £9,000.
The amount proposed by the SE
to improve & repair the church
is £3,500 which is almost 1/3
the cost of erecting a new build-
ing. It therefore seems
less to undertake the improve-
ments proposed seeing that
the building is in a very un-
sound condition.

Should the building be de-
molished & rebuilt, the only
materials available would be
flat & span tiles & doors &
windows, as for roof timbers,
there are reported to be of palings
& many of them decayed.

The value of materials a-
vailable would be roughly
£1,300. This would then make
the cost of new construction to
be £7,700.

19.11.57

Send Archdeacon letter
to ask him
to report

(1) in the state of the church
(2) whether he considers it
worth repairing
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a new but smaller building
to be suited to the needs of the
present congregation, the
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H. H. 10.11.97

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Public Works
Ecclesiastical (1897) Department.

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From
The Venble W. Weston Elwes
Archdeacon of Madras

Order and No. 2318 & 8.11.97.

Transferred to the P. W.
Dept for ^{purpose of} early action.

No. 4002

H. H. 10.11.97
Chief Secretary

Dated 1st November 1897.

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M.C.
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SUBJECT.

Reporting on the unsafe condition
of the Vijayaragun Church
Requesting that Gov. will be pleased
to direct an early reconstruction
of this Church & a report by
the Office of the P. & D.

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11-11-97

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CURRENT
Ecclesiastical Department
Madras 1st November 1897.

No. 4002.

From

The Venerable W. Weston Elwes, M.A.
Archdeacon of Madras

To

The Honorable
The Chief Secretary
to Government.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. M. L. Elwes

Archdeacon of Madras.



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