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[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing the Rector the Archbishop
that in the present state of finances
the works in connection with
certain improvements to St.
Stephen's Church Oatland
must be postponed but that
the application may be renewed
later on.

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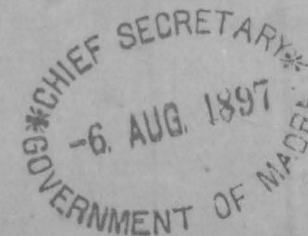
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From
The Venerable W. Weston Elwes, M.A.
Archdeacon of Madras

H.M.

For Orders

The Archdeacon hints that
the congregation may provide
funds for some of the
improvements. Under the
circumstances it is submitted
that the plans & estimates
may be prepared. The only
objection is that the P.W.D.
are probably short-handed
owing to famine work.

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SUBJECT.

Improvements to St. Stephen's
Church, Ottavacumund

18/8/97
This seems rather an inopportune
moment to ask that estimates may be made out for what will be a big and expensive
work and one with regards to which there seems hardly much urgency.
The resident population of Ottavacumund which has money both in
its by no means large and the calls upon them are not inconsiderable.
As for the visitors my impression of them is that they are by no
means liberal. I do not think that the Archdeacon will do much
in the way of subscriptions for the church.

In the present state of our finances
the work must be postponed. When the
appropriation is re-submitted, the
necessity of the work must be
shown.

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I have taken considerable personal interest in
the proposed work, and for this reason of
hope

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The Govt considers that in the present state of finances the work must be postponed.

The application may be renewed ^{and the receipts for each holding} ~~for a limited time later on~~ ^{when the necessity for the work required should be shown} ~~work should be shown~~ ^{stated}

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To

The Hon. the Archdeacon (G) Dec 31/8/97

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Before the Hon. Mr. Justice will ensure my bringing the matter forward again and as soon after his order of 23.8.97, - with which, I may say, I concur. However, the work must be postponed, but as the need of the proposed increase of vestry accommodation and the improvement of the ventilation, by raising the roof, - I have no doubt. The present vestry is quite insufficient for the usual clergy and choir, and when the Bishop takes part in the services at St. Stephen's, he has to do the best he can with a couple of rows, remaining on

the altar. It is proposed to build two vestries, one in each corner between the porch and the tower, and to utilize the present vestry for increased accommodation for the congregation, by opening niches into the body of the church and into the chancel. Mr. Abbott has made a rough estimate of this work, and I think the amount is about Rs. 6000. I would ask the Hon. Mr. Justice to join with me in sending a detailed plan and estimate of this work, to be held in readiness for the time when funds may be available. The raising of the roof might stand over.

To the Hon. Mr. Justice 3/10/97

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Coomoor, August 6th 1897.
Madras.

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From

THE VENERABLE W. WESTON ELWES, M.A.,

Archdeacon of Madras,

To

The Honorable
The Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to request that Government will be pleased to direct the Public Works Department to prepare in communication with the Church Committee estimates for the following works in connection with Saint Stephen's Church, Coimbatore.

- (1) Increase of Vestry accommodation.
- (2) Raising the roof and improving the ventilation.
- (3) Any other special work which may be decided on between the Public Works Department and the Church Committee.

2. I am aware that it may not be possible under present circumstances to carry out all the work at once, but the question of provision of funds, and how far contributions can be obtained from the Congregation towards the improvement might be considered when detailed and separate plans and estimates have been prepared.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
W. Weston Elwes
Archdeacon of Madras.