

Ecclesiastical (1897) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the G.O. to sanction as a Special Case the sale of the old Candelabra ^{South} at the Holy Emmanuel Church, North Black Town, & the Credit of the proceeds to the Church funds, if it is not found advisable to extend to lighting apparatus & other articles of furniture the rule regarding the addition of private Contributions to the Govt. Grant.

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CURRENT No.

CHIEF SECRETARY
16 MAR. 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From The Ven. W. W. Elmes, m.
Archdeacon of Madras.

N.
Order

Ref No 917 37 4 97

The Venible the
Archdeacon is
requested to report
at an early date
the number of seats
in the church

No. 3490

Dated 16 March
Received 16/3
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SUBJECT.

Stating That

- (1) Pew rents are not collected at H. Emmanuel Ch. S. B. Town
- (2) The cost of the new lamp has been Rs 434-10
- (3) It is believed about 170 Rs will be realised by the sale of the old lamps

C.W.
20/3/97

Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras

Please see the scale laid down in rule XVIII (2) under "Church furniture" at L in G.O. 141 Dated 17-2-85

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ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT,

TEYNAMPET,

Madras, 16 March 1897.

No. 34

From

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

Archdeacon of Madras,

To

The Honorable
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to G.O. N. 42
Ecclesiastical, dated 6 July 1896, I
have the honor to state

- (1) That Pew rents are not collected at
Holy Emmanuel Church, South Black Town.
- (2) That the cost of the New Lamps
has been Rs 434. 10. 0.
- (3) That it is believed about Rs 170
will be realized by the sale of the
old ones.

2 - I regret that by mistake this
information has not been forwarded
before. -

I have the honor to be,

Yours Most Obedient Servant,
W. Weston Elwes

ARCHDEACON OF MADRAS

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Repair of Church Furniture

FOR ORDERS.

* vide his letter in G.O. 42 of 96 before M

printed in G.O. 141 Ecol d/17-7-85 L

* letter flagged A in G.O. 42 of 96

In May last the Venerable the Archdeacon reported that Holy Emmanuel Church, South Black Town, had been re-lighted with new kerosine lamps purchased by private subscriptions; that the chaplain was desirous of selling the old candelabra &c.; and asked ~~asked~~ whether the sum realized could be credited to the church accounts. The Archdeacon stated that under the "new" ecclesiastical rules Govt. does not renew articles of service or furniture and that it was very difficult to provide the funds requisite for keeping up such churches as the one in question.

He therefore recommended that Govt. should sanction the small concession asked.

The matter was referred to the Accountant General who replied that the candelabra &c. being the property of Govt., the sale proceeds thereof should be credited to Govt. He believed that where there were no pew rents the repair of church

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note attached

furniture should, under rule XXI in G.O. 141 Eccl., dated 17th July 1885, be undertaken by Govt., and remarked that in determining the grant to be given Govt. might take into consideration the receipts accruing from the sale of the old furniture.

The Archdeacon now reports that

- 1) pew rents are not collected at Holy Emmanuel Church
- 2) the cost of the new Lamps was Rs. 434-10-0
- 3) about Rs. 170 will be realized by the sale of the old ones.

The supply of church furniture is regulated by rules XVIII et seq at pages 10-13 of G.O. No. 141, Eccl., d/ 17th July 1885.

Rule XVIII (i) gives the scale of cost for lamps etc. which for a church of 100 seats would be Rs. 200.

From Rule XXI it would appear that where pew rents are not charged the renewal of furniture should be met from public funds.

It would appear that in a church in which no pew rents are charged the renewal of lighting apparatus when necessary is a public charge. The request of the Chaplain to retain the sum realised for the old lamps is inadmissible but if he can satisfy the P.W. Dept that the old lamps were worn out through fair

Lighting apparatus per 100 seats - Rs. 100
Candlesticks for pulpit per set " 40
" lectern " 30
" reading desk " 30
Rs. 200

Failing this the church has no claim for a grant towards the cost of the new lamps.

wear and ^{use} then the church would have a good claim for a grant equal to what it would have cost the public purse to relight the church at the authorised rate of Rs. 100 per 100 seats. The new lamps will then become the property of Govt under Rule XX at L.

XVIII (i) - L.

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The old candelabra are estimated at a value of Rs. 170: which is only 30% of the value allowed for it does not appear therefore that they are worn out. In this case the Archdeacon cannot ask to be supplied with new lighting apparatus.

In rule XXIII a distinction is drawn between articles of furniture which the D.P.W. must supply when necessary and articles the provision for which may be added to by private contributions. The

amount admissible being
paid ~~onward~~ to the Chaplain.

Lighting apparatus comes
under the former category:
even if, therefore, the present
candelabra are not art-
istic can be done under present
rules is to authorize the P.W.D.
to provide new ones: the Rs 170
demanded by the Archdeacon could
not find its way into the
Church funds.

It is submitted that, as
the responsibility for supplying
proper articles is left to the
P.W.D. that Dept. may be
asked whether it will accept
the new lamps as equal in
value to the old lighting
arrangements, & will take charge
of them in exchange. If so the
old ^{candelabra} lamps could be handed over
to the Church.

If however this course is
considered irregular it is
submitted that the Govt. of India
might be asked, to the issuing
the revised rules, to extend the
provisions of the note in Rule
XVIII sec (2) to all articles of
furniture, and to insert a
rule permitting ~~circulation~~

I don't think that this can be done: ~~obvious~~
~~that the lamps are not of equal value~~

This might be done & would I take
it allow of the sale of the
old light & the credit of the
proceeds to the cost of
the new ^{to}

the slip which the Archdeacon
now proposes. It is submitted
that it is a pity to put any
obstacles in the way of improving
the interior of churches. As
things stand in the present
instance the candelabra are
not used but they cannot
therefore be removed by the
P.W.D. they will probably remain
in a godown.

AK.
24/3/97.
26/3/97.

B.
L
Yes
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new lamps.

Papers to be read in proceedings :--

Again G.O., dated . 6th July 1896 , No. 42 Ecclesiastical
Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
Current No. 57 of 1897, dated 16/3 , from the Venerable the Archdeacon
" " " 189 , " " "
" " " 189 , " " "

H. E. the Governor.

*(Draft of a letter to the
Govt. of India, not routine)*

ORDER.
MIS

The Govt. of India will be
addressed.

To

The Ven. the Archdeacon (C)
,, Accountant-General (C of
G.O. & A of C)

AK.
8/4/97.

LETTER

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Home Dept. (Ecclesiastical)

Sir,

By the following notice

I am directed to ~~report the following~~
for the consideration of the Govt. of India.
for consideration.

In May last the Ven. the Archdeacon
of Madras reported that Holy Emmanuel
Church, South Black Town, having been re-
-lighted with new kerosine lamps purchased
by private subscriptions, the Chaplain was
desirous of selling the old candelabra &c,
the value of which is estimated at Rs. 170,
and had asked whether the sum realized
could be credited to the church accounts.

The

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new lamps.

Mr. The
The Archdeacon recommended the grant of
this concession, explaining that a Church
Fund ^{is} necessary in order to provide
for the renewal of furniture &c., which,
he said, Government does not now under-
take.

^{Question raised}
2. The ~~matter~~ was referred to the
Accountant-General, who replied that the
candelabra being the property of Govern-
ment the sale proceeds thereof should
be credited to ^{the Public Account} ~~Government~~. He pointed
out that where there ^{are} ~~were~~ no pew rents
the repair of church furniture should
(under rule XII of the revised Eccles-
iastical rules issued in the Govt. of
India, Home Dept Notification No. 103
Ecclesiastical, dated 20th June 1885)
be undertaken by Govt. It has now been
reported that pew rents are not collect-
ed at Holy Emmanuel Church, and the
Accountant-General's contention appears
under the rules to be correct. ~~I am now~~
~~ever to point out that the present rule~~
~~places obstacles in the way of the~~
~~improvement and decoration of the~~
~~churches by private contribution. Rule~~
~~of the revised Ecclesiastical Rules quoted above.~~
XVIII (2) ^{permits, in the case of certain}
articles of church furniture, the ~~con-~~
~~tribution~~ ^{augmentation} by private contributions of
the funds provided by Govt. ^{for their purchase.} I am to
suggest that this permission might
with advantage be applied to ~~all~~ all
articles of church furniture and that
the rule might be extended so as to
permit, in ~~such~~ ^{such} cases as that now under
consideration, the sale of the old
articles

While the main reason advanced
by the Rev. the Archdeacon for
permitting the sale of the old
candelabra thus falls to the ground
I am to state that the present order
on this subject ~~places obstacles in the way~~
~~of the improvement & decoration~~
of churches by private
subscription, which H.E. the Govt. in
Council would gladly see removed.

I would add at the end the following, in
order to make the matter clearer:-

- * ^{value of the} the old candelabra, ~~estimated at~~ ^{approximately} Rs. 170, would then be credited
to the Acc^t General ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the public funds, but in its
place, the Chaplain would
draw from the S. P.W. under
Rule XVIII. 1. (c), Rs. 350

1 from order of
350

articles and the credit of the
proceeds towards the cost of the new.

If this suggestion meets with the
approval of the Govt. of India I am to
request that it may be incorporated in
the revised rules, referred to in Mr.
Hill's letter No. 297 Eccl., dated 21st
October 1896, and that the sanction of
the Govt. of India to its application
in the present case may be communicated.

to this Govt.

AK.

8-4-97.

15/4/97.

Ecclesiastical (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 98

From

The Archdeacon of Madras
Coonoor

Ref No. 99876. May 1897.
Order

No. 3585

The Venerable Archdeacon
is requested to be so good
as to state, with a view to

to rule XVIII (i) of the Eccl.

rules recorded in p. 141

Eccl. of 17. 7. 85, whether

the ^{old} candelabra, referred

to in his letter 2816 of the

29th May last, ^{as replaced by new ones,} included

the candlesticks of the

pulpit, lecterns and

reading desk.

Dated 3rd

Received 3rd

Registered 4th

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Stating that the no: of seats
in Holy Emmanuel Church,
Madras, is 350.

6/5/97

CW
6.5.97

The Venerable the Archdeacon
Madras.

Desp'd
6/5/97.

Office from
Submitt with
to C.S.

D. S. A. W. to this the 5/5/97 with for 6/5/97

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ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT,

~~Madras~~, *Coram*

Madras, *May 3* 1897

No. *35-85*

From

THE VENERABLE W. WESTON ELWES, M.A.

Archdeacon of Madras,

To

The Hon: the Chief Secretary

Sir,

I have the hon to acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum No 917 Ecclesiastical Department dated 27th April 1897 - & to state that the number of seats in Holy Emmanuel Church, South Black Town, Madras is 350

2. The Chaplain of S. Black Town in forwarding me this information adds "The seats are old-fashioned & large, & take up more room than is necessary"

I have the hon to be, Sir,
Yours most obedt. Servant.
W. Weston Elwes
Archdeacon of Madras

Ecclesiastical (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 140

From CHIEF SECRETARY
The Ven. Mr. Weston, M.A.
15 JUN 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Order

No. 3647

Dated 14th June 1897.

Received 15th

Registered 15th June 97

Enclosures -

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SUBJECT.

Station, Thir. The old candlesticks
of S. Black Town Church do
not include the candlesticks of
the pulpit, lectern, & reading desk;
& these were replaced
by new lamps.

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ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT,

Blair Athol
Ternampt,

Coonoor
Madras, 14th June 1897.

No. 3647.

CURRENT No 140

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 state with reference to Memorandum No 998, Ecclesiastical Department, dated 6th May 1897, that the Chaplain of South Black Town writes to me as follows:— 'I have the honor to inform you that the old Candelabra do not include the candlesticks of the pulpit, lectern, and reading desk. These latter were not replaced by new lamps'.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. Weston Elwes

Archdeacon of Madras.

note attached

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

The archdeacon reports that the candlesticks for pulpit lectern & reading desk were not replaced.

Orders are solicited as to whether
 (1) the better way is to issue another correction in the last line 350 for 200 (also 100 for 100 or 100 for 100)

(2) the file should again be referred to His Excellency with the attached note

By that the Govt. is how 16/6/97

16/6/97

Please see note attached 17/6/97

C 23.6.97
R 25.6.97

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Submitted to the C.S. for perusal of His Excellency's additions - with ref to H.E.'s figure Rs 200 it is observed that that sum is for a church of 100 seats. It is not known what the exact number of seats is in this particular case -

Please see the draft reference at H which was just passed, may it be now please

26/4/97 C.S. 23/4/97

16/6/97

Note submitted in case the C.S. wishes to submit the file again to H.E.
C.S. 17/9/97

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Note for H.E. the Governor

With ref to H.E. the Governor's note at P it is respectfully submitted that Rs 200 would be for a church of 100 seats (vide the note for orders at K and Rule XVIII (IXi) of the Ecdl Rules at L) including candlesticks for lectern &c. As the number of seats ⁱⁿ Holy Emmanuel Church is 350 the sum would be Rs 350.

vide C. 98 — Q

It has been ascertained that the candlesticks of the pulpit, lectern and reading desk were not replaced (C. 140)

16/6/97

Recd. Dept.

Letter for H. E. the Governor

With respect to H. E. the Governor
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the proposed amendment to the constitution of the State of New York. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

How do you make
out 4'50? It
is only the lightning
apparatus that
was removed

RD
5/5797

C.S.

Please see Rule xviii

(i) (i) at L. It is sub-

-mitted that the lamps
for the congregation
would cost Rs. 350.

But the candlesticks
for the pulpit, lecture
& reading desk,
give Rs. $(40 + 30 + 30) 100$.

It is submitted
that candlesticks
form part of lighting
apparatus.

C.S.

5/5/97

As 350 the
keeps well, it is submitted,
have to be calculated to
H.M. who may approved
of the application for
Rs 170. M.

14/9/57

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

This file has crossed
that regarding the revised
ecclesiastical rules submitted
for order from Madras.

The revised rules
permit the congregation to
contribute towards any
article of church furniture.

The request in para 2
of the draft letter to
India ch P is therefore
rendered unnecessary, as
far as it relates to the
revision of the rules.

May this be over till
the revised rules return
from circulation, then a
revised draft will be
submitted.?

AM.
29/6/97.

Repair of church furniture

[G.]
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NOTE FOR THE H.E. the Governor

With ref to his H.E. the Governor's note at P it is respectfully submitted that the figure Rs 200 at K for a church of 100 seats was obtained (as will be seen from the figures in the margin at K) by including candle sticks for the pulpit lectern and reading desk vide L in fo. 141 Eccl d/17.7.85

It has however been ascertained from the Archdeacon

C 98 (Q)

① that the number of seats in Holy Emmanuel Church is 350

C 140 (C)

and ② that the candlesticks for the pulpit, lectern & reading desk were not replaced

As therefore "lighting apparatus"

alone is now concerned, the scale for which is fixed at Ls at Rs 100 per 100 seats, i.e. Rs 1 per seat, the cost of 350 seats is Rs 350.

Now the figure is changed from Rs. 200 to

Rs. 350.

A. 14
24.6.97

C 23. 6. 97.
R 25. 6. 97

Cw.
17.6.97

Rd
23/6/97

Repair of Church Furniture

Two drafts

H.E. The Governor.
(Draft of a letter to India)

Ecclesiastical Dept

Read again G.O. no 4861

4/6/7/96

Note The draft letter to India

as originally framed is at P.
Since it is drafted the revised
Ecc. rules have been received:

The suggestion in para 2 of the
draft has been in part
carried out by India, as lighting
apparatus has now been added

To the schedule for the purchase of
such private contributions may be used

(and page 15 of revised To the schedule
rules at 4 in linked
file)

Acc. Sec. (G.O. 60
A of current)

order W. 68827th Sept 97
The Gov. of India will be addressed
(from orders)

Letter W. 69827th Sept 97
To the Sec. to the Gov. of India
Home Dept. (Ecc.)

The delay in submitting this
draft is due to the fact
that the revised rules have
been in circulation with the
file regarding endorsement of
limits.

A.K.
14/9/97

15/9/97

A.S.H.
26/9/97

Sir.
I am directed to lay the
following matter before the Gov.
of India for consideration.

That the Rev. the Archdeacon
has reported that the members
of the congregation of Holy
Immanuel Church, Black Town,
have at their own expense
replaced by kerosine lamps,
costing Rs 434, the lighting
apparatus supplied by Gov.
to the Church. The Archdeacon
now

Read for circ. at 1 P.M.
on the 16th

Enquiries whether the old
candelabra may be sold, the
proceeds ^{estimated at Rs 170} credited to the Church
fund.

The Accountant General, to
whom the question was referred,
has replied that the candelabra
having been supplied by Govt.,
the proceeds of their sale must
be credited in the public
accounts, and this view appears
to H.E. the Governor in Council
to be under the existing
rules correct.

I am however to observe that
in the revised Ecclesiastical
rules forwarded with Mr. Hills
Letter no 219 d 8/6/87 (Part
IV, Rule XXII, para 2, note 2)
the Govt. of India has now
added lighted lighting
apparatus to the articles
the Govt. grant for which may
be augmented by private
contributions, the purchase being
left in the hands of the
Chaplain and congregation.
If therefore the lighting
apparatus at Holy Innocent
Church had become unserviceable
and

in need of renewal by Govt, it
need have been open to the
congregation to receive the
Govt. grant ^{in this case Rs 550} and to purchase
more elaborate lamps if it so
chose. The candelabra are
not however worn out, but
are merely found unsuitable
to ^{present} conditions in the church.
^{much attention to the unsatisfactory nature of}
I am ~~to suggest~~ ^{to suggest} that the
present regulations, which
while permitting the dismantling
of the old apparatus do not
give the church power to
dispose of them it, nor to Govt
the right to claim & remove
it, the only course open being
apparently to store the articles
away unlit, to deteriorate
with time & neglect, and to
occupy valuable space. I
am therefore to enquire whether
it would not be possible to
extend, ^{to} the ^{unlimited} ~~use~~ of
lighting apparatus & other
articles of furniture, the rule
regarding the addition of private
contributions to the Govt. grant, so
as to cover such cases as the
present by permitting, subject

with restrictions as may
be thought necessary. The
sale of old articles should have
been ~~more~~ ^{more} desirable, &
the utilization of their proceeds ^{of these}
in part payment for the new.
The Gov. in small used
glass &c removed by some
other means the present
somewhat unnecessary
obstacles to the beautifying
and improvement of Govt
Churches by private effort
subscription. If the Govt of
India should see fit to
make the concession and
recommend the abuse of
the new rule could in that
difficulty be prevented by
providing that the furniture to
be purchased should be of considerably
greater value than that already
supplied by Govt. and that the
application to Govt for sanction to
sell the old articles should be
accompanied by a certificate from
the ~~proper~~ ^{proper} Executive Agencies to
the effect that he approves of the
proposed.

If however the Govt of India

considers such a general
rule inadvisable I am to
request that the present
application for the sale of
the old candelabra at Holy
Immanuel Church and
the credit of the proceeds
to the church fund may, in
view of the improvement ^{to the Church} ^{by the congregation} ^{thus}
effected, be sanctioned as
a special case

Atk.
11/9/97

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