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# Government (1898) of Madras. ECCLESIASTICAL.

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G.O., No. 14, 31st January 1898.

JANUARY.

## St. John's Church at Pondicherry.

Stating that it is not considered advisable to bring the church at Pondicherry on to the list of churches to be repaired by the Public Works Department, and that, as a special case, the Public Works Department will be authorised to carry out the necessary repairs to the church from savings in the budget allotment under the head "Petty Construction and Repairs."



## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

Memorandum of the Public Works Department, dated 6th November 1897, No. 4579-C.

The undersigned has the honour to inquire whether St. John's Church at Pondicherry belongs to the British Government, and if so, who is responsible for its repairs. It is not mentioned among the various churches enumerated in Proceedings, No. 2746 W., dated 17th October 1891, but it is included in the list given at pages 945-46 of the Asylum Press Almanac, and at page 943 of the same publication it is stated that the Chaplain at Cuddalore is to visit Pondicherry once a month.

2. The information now asked for is required in connection with questions as to whether the Public Works Department is in any way responsible for the maintenance of the church and as to the grant of travelling allowance to officers proceeding to Pondicherry to inspect it.

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

To the Ecclesiastical Department.

Memorandum No. 2632.

Referred to the Venerable the Archdeacon for report. The Archdeacon is requested to state by whom and at whose expense the repairs have been carried on in the past.

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,  
Chief Secretary.  
2nd December 1897.

From the Venerable W. W. ELWES, M.A., Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 25th January 1898, No. 4211.

With reference to memorandum No. 2632, dated 2nd December 1897, on Cur. No. 301, Ecclesiastical Department, I have the honour to state that I believe the matter stands thus with reference to the church at Pondicherry :—

- (a) It is not Government property.
- (b) It is vested in the Bishop and Archdeacon presumably because it is in French territory.
- (c) The expenses connected with its upkeep including repairs have been met by Consular Agents and from small offertories.
- (d) The church at present is said to require repairs amounting to between thirteen and fourteen hundred rupees.

- (e) The Bishop and Archdeacon have no funds to meet this and, unless Government are able to meet the cost, the repairs cannot be undertaken.
- (f) The number of members of the Church of England at Pondicherry is said to be about 60.
- (g) The station is visited as a Government outstation by the Chaplain of Cuddalore.

2. I return Cur. No. 301, Public Works Department.

ORDER—No. 14, Ecclesiastical, dated 31st January 1898.

Under the circumstances reported by the Venerable the Archdeacon, the Government does not consider it advisable to bring the church at Pondicherry on to the list of churches to be repaired by the Public Works Department.

2. As a special case, however, the Public Works Department will be authorised to carry out the necessary repairs from savings in the budget allotment under the head "Petty Construction and Repairs."

(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,  
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.  
" Venerable the Archdeacon.  
" Accountant-General.

Ed. C. M. Thambuswamy.



Ecclesiastical

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CURRENT No. 301



From The Public Works Department

C.S. 2/12/97  
Encl. No. 2632  
Order

2-12-97

Referred to the

Venerable the Archdeacon

No. 4579c

for report on the Archdeacon

is requested to state by whom and at whose expense Dated 6th November 1897

the repairs have been carried on in the Received 8-11-97

past, as shown ~~Chief Secretary~~ Enclosures

as per ~~seems no doubt that the~~ Spare copies

~~Church is the property of~~  
~~the British Govt.~~

MA 26.11.97

SUBJECT.

St John's church at Pondicherry - Inquiring with remarks whether - belongs to the British Govt. and if so who is responsible for its repairs

20/11/97  
Note for A.S.  
if may be asked  
- whether it is  
belong to Govt.  
MA

Chief Secretary



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Cell 6-11-20

NOTE FOR THE

Appendix A in the original file of G.O. 51 Cell 6-11-20 March 1874. (Vide Flag 1) shows that the Cuddalore Chaplain visits the station of Pondicherry once a month. The same was mentioned in Enc. no 232 of 12-9-57 (Flag 15). The Church at Pondicherry was apparently constructed about 1846 by subscription, named by the "St. England and this country" plates see Enc. no 126 of 24-5-46 (Flag 6). In this Enc. the Chaplain at Cuddalore was asked to submit <sup>in writing</sup> an application made for an establishment on behalf of the Church in question in the ~~proposed form~~ <sup>proposed form</sup>. The subsequent ~~cor~~ <sup>response</sup>.



Correspondence cannot  
 be traced from the in-  
 dices, though it appears  
 from the statement  
 (p. 2) in E. H. 120.  
 27 2-July 1850 that  
 there was a clerk at  
 Pondicherry on Rs 12 a  
 month. The M. S. Con-  
 sultation Volume  
 about the time in the  
 General deposits have  
 not been gone through,  
 as this will involve  
 some delay and as the  
 Current will probably  
 be referred to the Arch-  
 deacon who might be  
 able to furnish the  
 information readily.  
 It would appear  
 from G. H. 120 27  
 18 July 1866 that the  
 trusteeship of the  
 Church rests at  
 present in the Bishop  
 and Archdeacon of  
 Madras.

Flg E

Flg F.

also  
 Report of G. O. no 127 of 1866-67 relative  
 to the extension of the cemetery at Pondicherry  
 17/11/97

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Eccle Dept  
C 301

In Order Please see  
 the current. From the Recd  
 Office note below it  
 appears that St John's  
 Church at Pondicherry  
 does belong to the  
 British Govt; and  
 from G. O. 127 Eccle  
 of 5. 6. 1867 it may  
 be inferred  
 that it is the P. W. D.  
 that is responsible  
 for its repairs.  
 The matter  
 may however  
 be referred as  
 suggested in the  
 Memo, to the  
 Venerable the Arch-  
 deacon. A  
 draft is submitted  
 on the docket  
 sheet.

C. 5.  
 18/11/97

M. C.  
 20/11/97



Ecclesiastical (1898) Department.

CURRENT No.

~~Order~~

*Can call  
any day  
before 12.30*

From the Pub Works Dept.

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The Venble  
the Archdeacon

is requested to  
expedite his  
reply to Encl  
2632 regarding  
2.12.97

Dated 24. 1. 98  
Received 25. 1. 98  
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Enclosures -  
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St John's Church  
at Poxicherry

SUBJECT.

*MRP  
268  
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Request is to be forwarded with  
an early reply to their memo  
reg: St John's Church at  
Poxicherry.

*AO  
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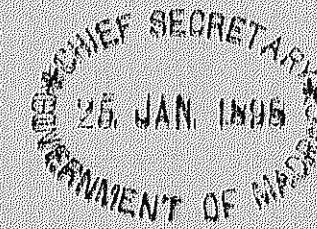
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Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.



To

The Ecclesiastical  
Dept.

Madras, 24 January 1898.

The undersigned has the honour to  
invite attention to the { ~~Order~~  
Memo. } noted  
on the margin, and to request the favour  
of an early reply.

On 24.1.98 No. 4579C, dated 6-11-97  
inquiring whether St. John's  
Church at Pondicherry belongs  
to the British Govt, and if so,  
who is responsible for its  
repairs.

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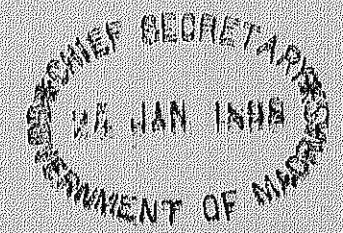
Under Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

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Ecclesiastical (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 37



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

Order

No. 4211

Dated 25<sup>th</sup> January 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding information called for  
re: report of Church of  
India clergy.



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*The Hon. Mr. Goss.*

# REPAIRS TO THE CHURCH AT PONDICHERRY.

In G. No. 301 the P. W. D. ~~Minister~~ asks to be informed if the above Church belongs to the British Government in order that it may know if it is in any way responsible for the repairs and also with reference to the grant of travelling allowance to officers who proceed to Pondicherry to inspect it.

The Archdeacon to whom the question was referred for report states that it does not belong to the British Government but is vested in the Bishop and the Archdeacon as Trustees. It was originally built by private subscriptions and the repairs have as a rule been carried out by the B. C. Agent at Pondicherry and the congregation themselves. But though up to the year 1866 the Church was vested in private trustees Government has from time to time recognised it in various ways. From 1845 it has been visited by the Cuddalore Chaplain; a clerk on Rs 12 has been maintained there since 1850; the duty on the deed of transfer from the private trustees to the Bishop and the Archdeacon amounting to Rs 180 was remitted by Government in G. O. 148 of 1866. The P. W. D. was ordered in G. O. 127 of 1867 to level and enclose the ground taken in to enlarge

*Since 1845*

*Since 1845*

*Since 1845*

*Since 1845*



the cemetery which operation was  
estimated to cost about Rs 500 as  
the Bishop reported that the congrega-  
-tion had no money to do the work  
themselves. The land was granted by  
the French Government.

The question is now whether  
the Cause can be added to the list  
of Churches to be repaired by the P.W.D.  
given in G.O. 2746 W. of 1891.

The principle on which this  
list was formed is given by the  
Archdeacon in his letter of 22nd July  
1893 read in G.O. 63 eccl. of 1893,  
where he states that the list includes  
only (1) Military Churches

(2) Military cemeteries.

(3) Those Churches and cemeteries

which are in Madras Bangalore and on  
the Nilgiris and which have been placed  
placed under the P.W.D. by various  
Government orders.

On this principle the Archdeacon  
recommended that the ~~new~~ cemetery at  
Salem should be added to the list as it  
did not fall under any of these heads.

The repairs having ~~been~~  
however been previously executed the  
cost was ordered in G.O. 2481 W. of  
1893 to be met from the allotment in  
the Ecclesiastical budget under the  
head "Partly construction and repairs"  
The principle adopted in bringing such  
works under the P.W.D. is that only

*"The Govt. churches & cemeteries  
not on the P.W. list." But the  
cemetery was practically Govt  
property and was looked after  
by the lay trustees.*



Government buildings should be so  
J dealt with (C.O. 1580 W. 1892)

Please also see

C.O. 572 W. 1892 in his letter read in  
which the Archdeacon stated that  
Christ Church Kottigiri should be  
brought onto the list as it was  
"a Government building available for  
services by any Christian denomination"

In the case of the  
Church at Pondicherry the Archdeacon  
observes that probably it is vested  
in himself and the Bishop simply because  
it is in French territory. It has been  
frequently recognised by Govt. ~~and~~

But as the ordinary repairs <sup>without govt. assistance</sup> have been  
executed in the past it could seem ~~unnecessary~~

unnecessary to bring it on to the  
list of works to be always repaired  
by the P.W.D. ~~as~~ The present diffi-  
culty might therefore be got over by  
treating this case as a parallel one to  
that already quoted when the P.W.D. ~~was~~ was  
ordered to level and enclose the cer-  
mentary attached to the Church; the ~~cost~~  
cost might be debited to the Road  
Petty construction and repairs. If any  
savings can be effected under ~~under~~  
this head. If this is approved a  
reference <sup>may</sup> ~~may~~ be made to the  
Archdeacon on this point. Estimated cost of repairs  
- about Rs 1400.

Pondicherry  
The Church ought not to  
be brought on the D.P.W. list  
of Govt. Churches. It does not  
belong to Govt. but is vested  
in the Bishop & the Arch-deacon.  
Its transfer to Govt. might result  
in difficulties with the French Govt.  
The D.P.W. might be authorized  
to repair it out of savings  
in Petty Const. & repairs.

Act 27. 198.

I am, Sir, Sir C.S.

28/1/98

M.P.  
27/8



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NOTE FOR THE Asst Secy

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Papers to be read in proceedings :--

Despatch  
J., dated  
Main G.O., dated  
Current No. 301  
" " 37  
" " 35

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189 , No.  
of 1897, dated 6<sup>th</sup> Nov, from the Ven. the Archbishop of Madras  
" 1898, " 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, " Same.  
" 1898, " 24<sup>th</sup> Jan, " P. W. D.

C.S.  
A.  
ORDER No 14 of 21.1.98

1. Under the circumstances reported by the Ven. the Archbishop the Government does not consider it advisable to bring the Church at Pondicherry on to the list of Churches to be repaired by the P. W. D.
2. as a special case, however, the P. W. D. will be authorized to carry out the necessary repairs from savings in the Budget allotment under the head Petty Construction & Repairs.

MRB  
29.1.98

To the P. W. D. 10  
" Ven. the Archbishop 2  
" Accountant - Genl. 4  
28.1.98  
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