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I. each, to select places & submit
for a new church at Vizianagaram
on a fresh site, the cost being
limited to Rs 6500.

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To The Venble the Archdeacon (&c)

Church at Vizianagram

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.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
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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 Dowlaisheram 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.)

C. M. Pulan

Under Secretary to Government.

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

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