

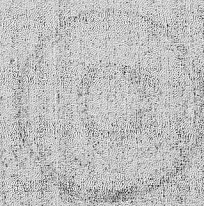
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Church at Tripasore

Passing orders regarding
the disposal of the building used as
~~branch~~ a ——— and of the furniture
thereof.

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G.O., No. 63, 7th June 1898.

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Church at Tripasore.

Passing orders regarding the disposal of the building used as a — and of the furniture thereof.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From Colonel C. C. RAWSON, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Camp, Tripasore, 27th October 1897, No. 120-M.—C.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the building, until lately used as a church at Tripasore, which is included in the list of buildings in charge of the Public Works Department in the Chingleput division.

2. The building is a two-storied one, the lower storey being built into the ramparts of the old fort, the upper storey, which was used as a church, being above the level of the ramparts. It is said that when the fort was occupied, the lower storey was used as a canteen, so, I presume, the building is not consecrated.

3. Until about six months ago Tripasore was visited once a month by the Chaplain of Poonamallee, but the whole possible congregation being reduced to four—three old widows living in quarters in fort and one old man, the son of a pensioner—the Chaplain has ceased his visits and Divine service is not now held.

4. I presume that Government is not likely to expend any money in the repairs of an unused building: there is a Roman Catholic Chapel and a London Mission Chapel at Tripasore, so the building is not likely to be required as a place of worship and, if left unrepaired, the roof will eventually fall in and the materials of the building will be rendered useless.

5. The building has been used as a church for certainly upwards of 40 years, and therefore (even if it be unconsecrated) it appears hardly fitting to use it for secular purposes. I therefore suggest that if the building is not required by the Ecclesiastical Department, it should be demolished and the materials sold while they have some value.

6. There is a considerable quantity of furniture in the church, which I should suppose would be of use in other churches, and there is a very good bell, indeed, which it would be a great pity to sell: this might possibly be transferred to Bezwada for the new church to be built there. It is a much larger bell than would be sanctioned under the rules for such a church.

7. I request that, if you approve of my suggestions, that you will address the Archdeacon, and that the orders of Government may be taken on the subject.

No. 4568-C.

Referred to the Ecclesiastical Department for consideration, with advertence to the suggestions in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Superintending Engineer's letter.

5th November 1897.

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

No. 2338.

Referred to the Venerable the Archdeacon for report.

(By order.)

10th November 1897.

(Signed) M. E. COUCHMAN,
Acting Assistant Secretary.

From the Venerable W. W. ELWES, M.A., Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 31st January 1898, No. 4231.

I have the honour to acknowledge Current No. 302, Ecclesiastical Department, with your endorsement, No. 2338, dated 10th November 1897, regarding the church at Tripasore, enclosing a report on that church from the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of that report, I have the honour to state that, while in charge of the diocese, I suspended the visits of the Chaplain of Poonamallee to that station until matters concerning Tripasore could be settled.

3. There seem to be only *three* members of the Church of England left now at Tripasore. The London Missionary Agent regularly visits them, and they are willing to receive his visits.

4. I have the honour, therefore, after consultation with the Bishop, who has expressed his approval of the plans proposed, to recommend that—

(a) Tripasore cease to be an out-station of Poonamallee.

(b) That the church, which is not consecrated, be offered to the London Missionary Society which has a congregation of Native Christians numbering about 200 at Tripasore and near by.

(c) That the furniture of the church, with the exception of the sacramental vessels, be offered for sale to the Missionaries of the London Missionary Society, who, I understand, will probably be willing to purchase it at a valuation.

(d) That the bell, in accordance with the suggestion made by the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, be transferred to Bezwada for the new church to be built there.

5. I return enclosed Current No. 302 with report attached.

From the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, dated 1st February 1898, No. 4232.

From J. H. ROBERTSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Chingleput, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Saidapet, 4th May 1898, Dis. No. 1089.

With reference to the endorsement of Government, No. 720, Ecclesiastical, dated 18th March last (herewith returned), I have the honour to report that the Reverend M. Phillips, Chairman of the South India Committee of the London Missionary Society,

Vide copy of his letter enclosed.

accepts the offer of the building at Tripasore, and states that he is prepared to purchase the furniture referred to in paragraph 4 (c) of the Venerable the Archdeacon's letter at a fair valuation, but that as it is of very little value, it may be given gratis. He desires also that the bell may be allowed to remain as it is and says that he will pay for it, if necessary.

ENCLOSURE.

From the Reverend M. PHILLIPS, Chairman of the South India Committee of the London Missionary Society, to the Tahsildar, Tiruvallūr, Chingleput District, dated Madras, 20th April 1898.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 8th instant, and a copy of a letter sent by the Archdeacon of Madras, dated the 31st of January ultimo, to the Honourable the Chief Secretary to Government.

2. I have much pleasure in accepting the offer of the building mentioned in paragraph 4 (b) for the London Missionary Society, and I beg to tender my best thanks for the same.

3. I shall be prepared to purchase the furniture mentioned in paragraph 4 (c) for a fair valuation. I think it consists of about 15 old wooden seat benches and a couple of common tables. As it is of very little value, perhaps Government will kindly give it over gratis with the building.

4. The bell is old, and as it has been used at Tripasore for several purposes for many years, perhaps Government will kindly allow it to remain there. I shall be prepared to pay for it, if necessary.

ORDER—No. 63, Ecclesiastical, dated 7th June 1898.

From the papers read above it is apparent that the unconsecrated building used as a church at Tripasore is no longer required for church services and that it is in danger of collapsing for want of repairs. His Excellency the Governor in Council therefore resolves that the building be handed over to the London Missionary Society, through the Chairman of the Society's South India Committee, to whom the furniture of the building, with the exception of the church bell, will be sold at a valuation to be fixed by the Superintending Engineer, V Circle. The church bell will be retained by the Public Works Department for the church to be constructed at Bezwada. The Revenue Department will be requested to obtain and forward a plan of the site on which the building stands, giving the area, survey number and other particulars.

(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras.
" Revenue Department.
" Chairman of the South India Committee of the
London Missionary Society, through the Collector of Chingleput.

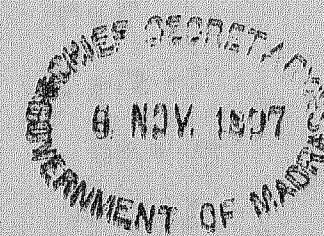
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Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No.

CURRENT No. 302
CURRENT No. 302

No 45682 dated 5th November 1897



Order 5-10-97

Referred to the
Ecclesiastical Department
for consideration, with
advice to the suggestion
in paras. 5-9 6 of the Super-
Engineer's letter.

From

The Supy Engineer
5 miles.

No. 1208
C

L. H. H. H. H.
Ag. Secy. to Govt.

Dated 27. October 1897.

Received 28-10-97

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SUBJECT.

Encl No 2338 & 10. 11. 97.

Referred to the
Venerable the Archdeacon
for report

By order

M. C. C. C. C.

Ag. Asst. Secy

Church at Tripasore

Submitting a report

8/11/97

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CURRENT No. 57



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

No. 4231

Dated 31st January 1898.

Received *Oct 22 '97*

Registered 1-2-97

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SUBJECT

Making certain recommendations
of Trifles and Church etc

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Enclosure no 3 to Dir M. 1089 of 1898
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CURRENT No. 51

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

Order

No. 4232.

Dated 1st Feb 1898
Received 1st Feb 1898
Registered 2nd Feb 1898.
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SUBJECT.

*Stating that the answer to
 No. 2338 req. a letter from the
 P.W. & has been sent on the
 31st Jan.*

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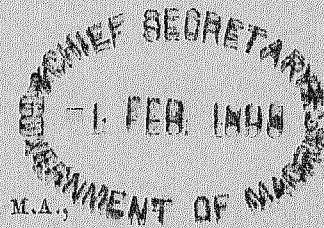
Madras, *Feb.* / 189*8*.

No. 4232

From

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

Archdeacon of Madras.



To

The Hon: the Chief Secretary.

Sir - I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum dated 31. Jan: 1898 No 2338 dated 10.11.97 & to state that the answer to your enclosure No 2338 was delivered by hand at your office on the 31. Jan:

*I have the honor to be
Yr. m. Indian Servant
W. Weston Elwes
Archdeacon of Madras*

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R. 15.3.98
[G. 2/5]

1909-22-11-07.

Ecclesiastical Department

C. Nos. 302 of '97 & 50 & 51 of '98.

SUBJECT.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.

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

The building used as a Church at
Tripasore.

FOR ORDERS.

In the first of the currents read above the Public Works Dept. referred to Ecclesiastical for consideration a report from the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, on the building at Tripasore until lately used as a Church and ~~which is~~ included in the list of buildings in charge of the P.W.D., Chingleput Division. The building, is reported to be a two storied one, the lower storey being built into the ramparts of the old Fort, the upper ~~story~~ ^{which was} (used as a Church) being above the level of the ramparts. The Superintending Engineer presumed from the alleged fact that the lower storey was once used as a canteen that the building was not consecrated. Until recently Tripasore was visited once a month by the Chaplain of Poonamallee but the congregation being reduced to four, the Chaplain had ceased his visits and divine service was not held. He presumed that Government was not likely

This presumption
is correct
A.B.

to

to expend any money on the repairs of an unused building, and observed that if left unrepaired the roof would eventually fall in and the materials of the building be rendered useless. It is reported that there is a Roman Catholic Chapel and a London Mission Chapel at Tripasore. The Superintending Engineer considered that, even if unconsecrated, it would not be fitting to use for secular purposes a building which had served as a Church for upwards of 40 years, and suggested that, if not required by the Ecclesiastical Department, it should be demolished and the materials sold whilst still valuable. He suggested that the furniture in the Church would be of use in other Churches and that the bell which was a very good one might with advantage be used for the new Church to be built at Bezwada. The question of the best site for this Church is under consideration.

This report was referred to the Venerable the Archdeacon who replies in letter No. 4231, dated 31st January 1898. He states that while in charge of the Diocese he suspended the visits of the Chaplain of Poonamallee to Tripasore as there were only three members of the Church of England left there and as the London Missionary Society Agent regularly visits these who are willing to receive his visits.

The plan determining the circle of out stations can be changed only

fixed
(papers ~~attached~~ separately
with white tape)

Taken from 112/98 (Memorandum)

C.No.50

*See Fort St. George Gazette page 1010
Part I of 1852 - put up.

is in E.M.C.No.257, d/10-10-54. *revision*

O.No.106, Eccl., d/5-4-62. A

only with the approval of Gov
vide G.O.No.124, Ecclesiastical.
30th July 1842.

With the approval of the
Reverend the Bishop *the Bishop the* ~~he~~ recommends

(a) Tripasore should cease to
be an out station of Poonamallee;

(b) that the Church which is
consecrated be offered to the London
Missionary Society which has a con-
gregation of native Christians number-
ing about two hundred at Tripasore and
near by;

(c) that the furniture of the
Church with the exception of the sa-
cramental plate be offered for sale
to the Missionaries of the London
Missionary Society who, Mr. Elwes, under-
stands, would probably be willing to
purchase it at a valuation; and

(d) that the bell in accordance
with the suggestion made by the Super-
intending Engineer should be trans-
ferred to Bezwada for the new Church
to be built there.

Papers regarding the Tripasore
Church have been put up by the Record
Department. These show that the build-
ing in question was originally a Mess
House. A sketch of it will be found *with*

A G.O.No.106, Ecclesiastical, dated 5th
April 1862. It would appear that
Tripasore became a station for pen-
sioners about the year 1820. In para-
graph 2 of Lieut. Col. Primrose's letter
No. 14, dated 29 *1820*

d that the location of future
rs at Tripasore should not be
ed.

It having been found necessary
tedly repair the building and
number of pensioners there had
led to a very small one, the con-
on of the Commandant, Poonamallee
, with Tripasore was severed under
No. 5689, Military, dated 12th Novem-
1874 and the Chaplain at Poonamallee
s authorized to take over charge of
e building used as a Church in G.O.
s. 143, Ecclesiastical, dated 4th June
875.

This must stated at Q but is
to be inferred from the whole
of the correspondence bearing
upon it.
This appears to be the case
a &

15/2/98 The Venble the Archdeacon in
in para 4(c) of his letter
suggests that the Church
which is not consecrated be
offered for the London Mission-
ary Society which has a
Congregation of native Christians
numbering about 200 at Tripasore
& nearby. It is not known whether
that Society would be likely to
accept a building which seems
to be in constant need of
repair, but if ~~they~~ the Society
does not accept the offer, the
Recommendation of the Superior
-tending Engineer, that the
building should be demolished
and materials sold while
being utilized

The building and the ground
was I was I was he
asked if it will purchase
two furniture at a
valuation. Mrs. Belle
and he kept for 3 years
he and he asked what
I was and what materials
were, & how they can be
utilized.

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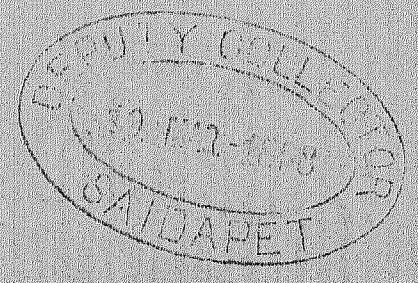
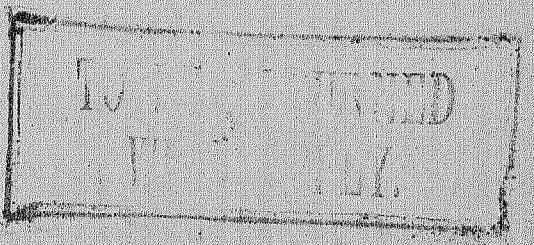
He does not appear to have
been consulted. I think his
attention should be drawn
to this before final order
is given.
5.3.98

Enclosure to D3
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Refce. No. 720, 7/18 March 1874
Referred to the
Collector of Chingleput
for remarks

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16.3.98

Attn: Chief Secretary

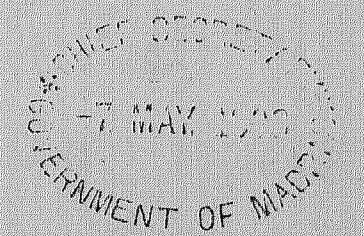


The Collector of Chingleput
with papers in original has
replied.

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Ecclesiastical (1898) Department

CURRENT No. 148



1. H.E. the Governor ✓
2. Hon Mr Grose C.E.
3. Hon Sir J. Blane K.C.B.

From The Ag Collector
Chingleput Dist.

Order

Submitted with reference
to H.E. note dated 14. 3. 98 G
and O.M. thereon No 204 of 18. 3. 98 H

D.O. No. 1089 of 1898

Dated 4th May of 1898

The suggestion in para 4 of H.E. Phillips
letter that the bell is old ~~and~~ does not affect
its value. The Collector has not offered any

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remarks on his own account as to the advisability
or otherwise of the transfer of the church as to
the necessity for letting the bell remain at Tripassur
As the Collector says nothing
against the transfer the Archbishop's
proposal may be accepted. The
may be made over at a valuation as offer of the building at
The Sup. Engr says there is "a considerable
quantity." The bell should be kept
at the Beyonda Church. With ref. to
the Hon. Mr Grose's query re sacramental

SUBJECT
Reporting that the Chair-
man of the South Indian
Committee of the London
Missionary Society accepts the
offer of the building at
Tripassur lately used as
a church and that he is
prepared to purchase
certain furniture.

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vessels, it is clear there are none.
& this is to be expected as the
said building is not consecrated.
In such cases the visiting chaplain
takes his own care of vessels.
M. 5. 98

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The proposals and parts in the above Office
note should be accepted.

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:-

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
Again G.O., dated 17th October 1891, No. 2746 W. Public
No. 302 of 1897, dated 27th October 1897 from the P. W. D. (a)
" 50 " 1891, " 31st Jan 1897, " the Venble Archdeacon of
" 51 " 1898, " 1st Feb 1898, " " " "
" 148 " 1898, " 4th May 1898, " the College of Christ

ORDER. No. 63, 97th June 1898
P.J.

Secy.

~~The~~ From the papers read above
unconsecrated
apparent that the building used as
is no longer required for church s.
at Tripunore is in danger of collapse
want of repairs and that the
of England population is now only
who are regularly visited by the
Missionary Society's Agent. H. S. the
Council therefore resolves that the
shall be of the
that the Church building and
landed
over to the London Missionary Society through
the Chairman of the Society's South India Committee
the P. W. D. to whom the furniture
of the building with the exception of the
Church bell will be valuation
to be fixed by the
The Church

which the constructed at Begwada.

Rev. Deputy will be requested to
and forward a plan of the ^{site on which the} building stands
giving the area, Survey etc. and
particulars of the ~~land on which it stands~~
(from orders)

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24.6.98.

P. W. D.
in Venble Archdeacon of Madras
the Revenue Department
Chairman of the South India Committee
London Missionary Society through the
rector of Chingleput.

To the D.P.W. for
Counter initial.

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When the plan is obtained the Govt. Solicitor
can be addressed for the necessary document
to transfer.

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