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[Despatch Abstract.]

The grant of Rs 20 from the St. Mary's
Charity Fund to meet the cost of
binding certain records of the St. Mary's
Church.

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CURRENT No. 175

From

The Senior Chaplain,
Fort St. George.

No. 196

Order

file with G.O. (if available)

Not

Return of the G.O. in question the
Rev. the Senior Chaplain might be asked
to undertake the publication of these 7 old
volumes mentioned in para 2. If they were
published with notes their interesting contents
would be put beyond risk of loss.

Dated

Received

Registered

Enclosures

Spare copies

2³ } June 1898.
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SUBJECT.

Sibang, certain remarks
on the St. Mary's Church
Records.

Please see note
attached. The idea of
publishing these vols was
started in 1878 & abandoned in
1881 - vide G.O. No. 66 dtd 4
22 March 1878 A + G.O. No. 9 dtd
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*See the list of G.O. 2 of 1891 sent to
the Secy to the Govt. for publication. The list is
in the file for the same year.*

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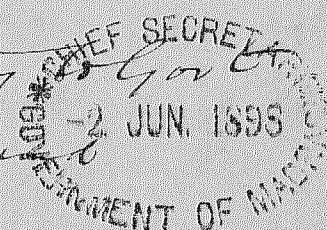
No 196

Fort St George

June 1878

From the Revd F Penny LL.M
Senior Chaplain

To the Chief Secretary
Colonial Office



Sir

I have the honour to address you
on the Subject of the St Mary's Church Records,
and to make a request.

2. In the year 1878 by G.O. 18th March 1878
No 80 Eccl: the old Church Register Books were
removed for safe custody to the Record office.
In para 2 of the letter of the Record Keeper, on which
the order was passed, it is mentioned that
besides the Registers there are several old volumes
containing the Proceedings of the Vestry of St Mary's
Church, which Dr Sayer is prepared to make over
to the Record Office if so directed.

In the same year by G.O. 30 March 1878
No 100, Eccl: these old volumes to the number
of seven, and ten other volumes of letters
and accounts of the Chaplaincy were ordered
to be transferred to the General Record
Room.

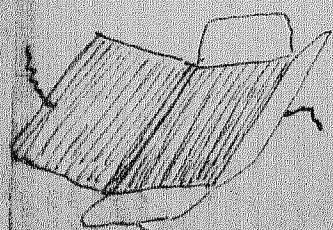
3. The seven old volumes, which record
the Proceedings and Accounts of the Vestry
between 1736 and 1805 are of singular historical
interest. They have to do with a condition
of affairs long since passed away. They are
a record of the growth of the St Mary's Church.

Fund under the fostering care of the ^{arranged other methods} Ministers and Churchwardens, who took in money at 5% and let it out at 8, 10, 12, and even 20%, according to the nature of the Security, in order that they might keep the Church in repair, pay its expenses, keep ^a ~~an~~ _{L.P.} Charity School, and relieve a number of poor people. These persons exercised their self imposed trust so well, that the St Mary's Fund in 1805 amounted to over 60,000 Pagodas; when the Government stepped in and put the money into trust legally.

Accordingly after 1805 there were no Vesting meetings. That method of procedure, excellent as it had been, and well fitted for the circumstances of the Fort in the 18th Century, came to an end directly the Law stepped in.

4. There is no doubt in my mind that these old Records should be carefully kept in the Public Record Office. Out of the seven books six should have loose covers. They are externally in a dilapidated condition; ^{and} _{L.P.} are mostly too old to be rebound. I beg that I may be allowed to have this done for the sake of preserving them before I return them to the Record Office; and that I may be allowed the cost out of the St Mary's Fund. The cost will be under Rs 20.

5. With regard to the ten other volumes, there is nothing of any special interest in them; they commence in 1830 when



an order was issued to all Chaplains
in India to keep certain Books; these
particular books are of the same kind
as those at Secunderabad, Bangalore,
Trichinopoly, Bellary, and other stations,
and are of no greater importance.

There are six books of letters and
four books of accounts.

I have the honour to request that
these ten volumes may be returned to
the custody of the Fort Chaplain, on
the ground that all other Chaplains
are permitted to have the custody of
similar records in their own stations.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your Obedient Servant
Frank Percy
Senior Chaplain

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

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Current No. 175 of 1898, dated 2.6.98, from Senior Chaplain, Fort St Geo.

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St. Mary's Church Records.

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Print

A grant of Rs (20) twenty from the St. Mary's Charity Fund to meet the cost of binding the volume referred to is sanctioned.

2. It is observed that the ten volumes alluded to in the concluding parts of the foregoing letter were sent to the Garrison Chaplain on the 25 March last on a demi-official requisition from him dated the 21st idem. The Govt. has no objection to their being ^{retained} kept in the custody of the Garrison Chaplain provided they are kept in an iron safe.

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11/7/98
Of these volumes an list in the custody of the Garrison Chaplain the 11th he required to put in a list for their safe custody.

To The Senior Chaplain } (9)
Fort St Geo

" Acctd. ul. (9)

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READ AGAIN G.O., No.
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