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No. 90. Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 4th May 1861, No. 21.

With reference to the enclosed correspondence, I would solicit the aid of Government for the destroyed Temple. The Burghers' strong impression is, that it was done by some Soldiers, who were seen near the spot at the time. It may have been accident, and the enquiry at Wellington, (though there seems to have been suspicion,) has elicited no proof. I would suggest that Government grant all or half the funds necessary to rebuild the Temple.

From E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to Colonel H. BINGHAM, Commanding Wellington, dated Ootacamund, 26th April 1861, No. 115.

Not wishing to trouble you till any enquiry you thought fit had been completed, I have delayed addressing you on the matter of the Burgher Temple lately destroyed by fire, whether purposely or accidentally, there is I believe no doubt it originated with some of the Soldiers, and I beg the favor of your informing me whether any compensation will be made by your order for the loss sustained by the Burghers.

2. If you are convinced it was accident, (of which there was I fear some doubt), the compensation would probably be borne by Government. On full and careful enquiry, I believe the building was fairly worth about 50 Rupees and the jewels and furniture of the Temple, about 55 more—or total 105 Rupees.

From Lieutenant Colonel H. BINGHAM, Commanding 3rd Battalion 60th Rifles, to E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated Wellington, 29th April 1861, No. 200.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. 115 of the 26th instant, I have the honor to inform you that at the time the Burgher Temple was burnt, there was some slight suspicion attached to some men of the 60th Rifles, but after a most lengthened and minute investigation, the suspicion was proved to be groundless, every possible means was taken to trace the origin of the fire to the Soldiers, but without success. Three men were in confinement for some time, but were ordered to be released from confinement by the Major General Commanding the Division, there being no evidence to prove that they had any thing to do with the fire.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) E. B. THOMAS,
Collector.

No. 91. ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1861, No. 639.

His Excellency the Governor in Council authorizes half the expense of re-building the Burgher Temple referred to in the above letter, or Rupees 52-8, being borne by Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Order thereon 15th May 1861. No 639.

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~~The Govt~~ authorizes half the expence of rebuilding the Bungha Temple expended in the above letter or Rs 52.8 being borne by Govt

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Collector of Coimbatore } J.P.O.
Asst General
Cant Paymaster } Dr/d 15-5-61.