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No. 8 of 1857.

Our Governor in Council at Fort Saint George.

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2. The additional seats required for the families of Public Servants are estimated at not more than 150, but it is considered that when the Railway reaches the Hills, the residents will become much more numerous. In anticipation of such increase and with the probability that the Lawrence Asylum will be located at Ootacamund and that Church accommodation will be required for the Children, you recommend that a Church be built containing accomodation for 500 persons. Considering that most of the residents at Ootacamund "are temporary visitors and many of them on reduced allowances," you are of opinion that if a new Church be sanctioned, the cost of its construction must be chiefly borne by the State. As however it appears that in the fullest calculation accommodation for 500 Sittings is all that is likely to be required for the servants of Government and their families, even when Ootacamund may be more resorted to than it now is, and as the existing Church contains 344 Sittings, we, as at present advised, consider that an enlargement of that building to the extent required would be the most convenient arrangement and we should be willing to sanction for that purpose an expenditure not exceeding Rupees 20,000.

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4. Your further proceedings on the subject should be reported in the Department of Public Works.

We are,
Your loving Friends,
(Signed) ROSS D. MANGLES,
(„) F. CURRIE,
and other Directors.

London,
22nd July 1857.

Ordered that this Despatch, and all the previous correspondence on the subject be transferred to the Department of Public Works, where the matter will, in future, be considered, in view to all further proceedings thereon being reported to the Honorable Court in that Department, as directed in the concluding paragraph.

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 20th October 1857.

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, No. 1911; dated 16th October 1857.

Ordered that the Honorable Court's Despatch No. 8 of 1857, relating to the Church at Ootacamund be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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(True Extract and Copy.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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From Lord Bishop of Madras
dated 26th March 57 № 813. with Corr.

Copy in a Letter to England
dated 25th June 1857 № 21.

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E. M. C. Ecl. Dept. 9th Sept. 1857
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Transferring the
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dated 16th January 1856, and all
the previous Correspondence
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new Church at Volaconda
in view to the matter being
in future considered,
all further Proceedings
thereon reported to the Court.
No. 1945. 16th Oct.
With an order

№ 1941

Ordered that the
Honorable Court's Despatch
№ 8 of 1857, relating to the
Church at Volaconda and
communicated to the Chief
Engineer.

Fort St. George
16th October 1857

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