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(A true Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, No. 2077; dated 6th November 1857.

Referred to the Chief Engineer for report with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 16th October 1857, No. 1941.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
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E. Maltby

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Department of Public Works.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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No 3711

Transferring a letter from the Archdeacon of Madras suggesting that the Church at Cotacamund should afford accommodation for the entire community as is the case in all the Churches at the Presidency.

Written an Order
No 2077. 6th Nov.a

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Ft St George
6th Nov.a 1857

Copied to the Chief Engr Dep.t

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