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The Church having been built by private subscription, it occurs to me that the fastenings of the doors and windows may not have been as substantial as they should be at every place on the Coast, to resist the violence of the heavy gales which prevail at this season.

I have instructed the Church Committee how to proceed to procure the renewal of the furniture, books, &c.

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4. We have called the immediate attention of the Chief Engineer of the District to the present state of the Church with a view to the repair of the building, we would however request to be informed what measures should be adopted with regard to replacing the seats injured and destroyed, as also the books.

5. To convey some idea of the violence of the Storm, we would mention that the Harmonium near the entrance of the Church to the South was carried by the force of the wind to near the Pulpit at the opposite end, and the Reading Board attached to the Pulpit and some Wall Shade Brackets were broken off by the Seats or other Church furniture raised and blown against them; a small portion of Stained Glass Window was also broken out, and the Tiled Carriage Shed erected on Stone Pillars completely levelled to the ground.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer, who will be so good as to call for a report of the nature and extent of the injury stated to have been sustained by the Church at Nellore, and submit, through the Department of Public Works, an Estimate of the repairs required to the Building.

(True Extract and Copies.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 62. ORDER THEREON, No. 2268; dated 5th December 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
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Chief Secretary.

To the Department of Public Works.
„ Chief Engineer.
„ Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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