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No. 72. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Ecclesiastical Department dated the 1st April 1857, No. 147.

Read the following letter from the Venerable VINCENT SHORTLAND, Archdeacon of Madras; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 28th March 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to request you will submit for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the enclosed letter to my address from the Reverend T. Dealtry, Joint Chaplain of Bangalore, in charge of the new District of Mootoocherry.

I doubt not His Lordship in Council will concur with me that it is most inexpedient to build a Church, which, from the Reverend Chaplain's report, (and my own experience fully confirms his statement,) is already two small for the congregation for which it professes to provide.

The opportunity of lengthening the Church (should this be considered desirable) is now afforded, the western wall not being yet built.

I am bound to mention that admirable school rooms for *boys*, girls and *infants*, reading room for the adult Members of the congregation in connexion with this Church, have already been built by public subscription; and the interest taken in this good work is *further* manifested by donations amounting to Rupees 2,175 having been already made toward adding a *tower* or *spire* to the church (the Commissioner Sir Mark Cubbon) having marked his appreciation of the work by himself contributing the munificent sum of five hundred Rupees toward it.

I earnestly hope, under these circumstances, the sanction of His Lordship in Council will be given to the needful enlargement of the Church at an expense of Rupees 2,000.

Letter from THOMAS DEALTRY, Joint Chaplain of Bangalore; to the Venerable Archdeacon SHORTLAND, dated Bangalore 24th March 1857.

VENERABLE AND DEAR SIR,

I have the honor to request that you will be kind enough to bring under the favorable notice of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the following circumstances relative to the church now in the course of erection at Mootoocherry.

The church if completed according to the design on which it is now being constructed will accommodate barely three hundred people. Now the Protestant population of European pensioners and their families, for whose convenience the Church is being built already amounts to nearly four hundred souls, and is continually on the increase. Besides these persons, the Officers, the Farriers, and the trumpeters with their wives and children belonging to the Native Cavalry Regiments stationed in the immediate vicinity of the Church will form part of the congregation. It is very possible moreover that some of the other inhabitants of Bangalore in consequence of the difficulty frequently met with in obtaining seats at the two other Churches, may wish to attend the new Church. It is therefore more than probable that the Church would prove on its present scale inadequate to the requirements of the population.

I have consulted Colonel DeButts, the Engineer Officer under whose superintendence the church is being constructed, and I have his authority for stating that by lengthening the Church twenty (20 feet), one hundred and twenty (120) additional sittings would be obtained. This could be effected without much difficulty at an expense of Rupees 2,000. The wall at the western extremity is the only one of the side walls which is not completed, and it could be pulled down and built up again twenty feet further back.

Not only would this alteration prove a great boon to the District but it would materially improve the appearance and symmetry of the building, the length in comparison with the breadth (60 by 40 feet) being unusually small.

The Government has granted a sum of Rupees 6,322 for the erection of this Church exclusive of furniture and fittings and I venture to hope that when the great desirableness of enlarging the plan is represented to them they will graciously add to their grant the sum of Rupees 2,000.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 21st April 1857.

I may add that as the sum at first allowed was only sufficient to cover the expenses of building the body of the Church it has been proposed to add a Tower or spire by private subscription aided by a grant from the Diocesan Church Building Society. A considerable sum has been already promised towards this object.

After the building is finished and the Tower added, it would be impossible to enlarge the Church without great difficulty and expense, whereas at the present stage of the work, it would be comparatively easy and inexpensive.

Under these circumstances, I beg most respectfully to submit that you will have the goodness to represent to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the great benefit that an additional grant of Rupees 2,000 would prove to the people and district of Mootoocherry.

The foregoing letter and its enclosure will be referred through the Department of Public Works to the Chief Engineer for early report.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, No. 690; dated 16th April 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

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

Ecclesiastical Department

No 147

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

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(Signed) Vincent Shortland
Archdeacon

Bangalore March 24th 1857.

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[Signed] Thomas Dealtry
Joint Chaplain of Bangalore

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[Signed] T. Pycroft
Chief Secretary

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Extract from the Minutes of Cons: in the Ecclesiastical Department.

Dated 1st April 1857
Rec.d 6th

Referring this to the D.P.W. to the Chief Engr. for early report from the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras with its enclosure on the subject of the needful enlargement of a Church at Mootachurry near Bangalore.—

From Chief Engr. 22nd May 57 Oct. 1858
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Ex. from Ecclesiastical Depart. No. 279 June 57 & No. 1225 Encl.

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