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No. 39. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Ecclesiastical Department, dated 29th July 1858, No. 247.

Referring to the Conservator of Forests for report an application from the Coimbatore Church Building Committee, for a supply of Timber for the proposed Church at that Station, and resolving to issue instructions through the Department of Public Works, to the Civil Engineer of that District to Superintend the construction of the Building. } (Vide Ecclesiastical Consultation, 27th July 1858, Nos. 7-8.)

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, No. 1546; dated 5th August 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Chief Engineer, for his information and guidance, with reference to para. 4 of the order in the Ecclesiastical Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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No. 247.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 26th July 1858.

Read the following letter from Venerable VINCENT SHORTLAND, Archdeacon of Madras; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th July 1858, No. 284.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose, for the favorable consideration of the Governor in Council, a letter from the Reverend H. Taylor, Chaplain of Coonoor and Jackatalla, under date the 11th Instant, relative to the proposed Church at Coimbatore in his District.

2. The plan for this Church has, it appears, been approved by the Lord Bishop; and also by the Committee of the Diocesan Church Building Society, by which a liberal grant has been made toward its construction.

3. In para: 3 of the enclosed letter, the intention is also stated of transferring the Church when completed, to the Government.

4. Under these circumstances, and in consideration of the increased liberality of the Residents at this Station with a view to the object they have long contemplated being *at once* carried into effect, I earnestly trust it will be in the power of the Governor in Council to sanction the necessary Timber being furnished from the Government Forests, and the work superintended by the Civil Engineer of the District.

From the Reverend HENRY TAYLOR, B. C. L., Chaplain of Coonoor; to the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, dated 11th July 1858.

VENERABLE AND DEAR SIR,

You will remember that several months ago, I brought to your notice the intention of the Residents at Coimbatore to erect a Church. The Committee appointed to carry on the work, have delayed their proceedings from a hope that the state of Public affairs might change sufficiently to justify their seeking pecuniary aid from the Government.

On the occasion of my recent pastoral visit to Coimbatore, I convened a General Meeting of the Residents, I having expressed my belief that we could not at present make the required Appeal to the Government, a resolution was adopted, (which will add great weight, I trust, to the importance of the case under consideration) to endeavor to supply the amount of assistance we originally hoped to obtain from the Government, by increased personal exertions.

2. There is one mode however in which the Government could in a measure assist us, and that is by making us a grant of such Timber as may be required for the proposed Building, and which with their sanction we might obtain from the neighbouring Forests.

3. I am therefore requested by the Committee to solicit the said grant of Timber from the Government, and also to request the favor of the work being executed under the superintendence of the Civil Engineer of the District.

4. The Plan of the Church about to be built has been approved of by the Church Building Society and by the Lord Bishop, and I am instructed to add that when completed, the Building will be placed at the disposal of the Government for Public Worship according to the rites of the Church of England.

With his letter of the 23rd March 1857, the Venerable the Archdeacon forwarded an application from the Church Building Committee at Coimbatore, for a grant of 2,000 Rupees in aid of the erection of a Church at that Station, when he was informed, in reply, that the Government would take the application into consideration on its being submitted in the prescribed form.

2. In lieu, however, of a pecuniary grant, the Committee now solicit a supply of Timber sufficient for their purpose.

3. This request will be referred, through the Revenue Department, to the Conservator of Forests, who will ascertain from the Committee how much Timber they want, reporting to Government what its value would be, and, also, giving his opinion on this application.

4. Orders will be issued from the Department of Public Works to the Civil Engineer of the District to superintend the construction of the Building, should the Committee hereafter be in a position to carry out their present project.

5. It is observed that the Plan of the Church has the approval of the Lord Bishop, and that the Committee are prepared to transfer the Building, when completed, to Government.

(True Extract and Copies.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Right Reverend the Officiating Metropolitan.
" Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras.
" Revenue Department.
" Department Public Works. 1/3117

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Public Works 1858 Dept.
Dy. to Cons. Buildings
No. 1724.

In Church Bldgs. Cons.
in the Ecclesiastical Dept.

Dated 29th July
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Ordered to be communicated
to the Colonial Chief Engr. for his
information and guidance and
a Copy to be sent to the Ordnance
in the Ecclesiastical Dept.

Fort St. George
5th August 1858

10 Copies to the Offg Chief Engr & Dupd 6th
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Referring to the Conservator of Forests for report
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Committee for a supply of
Timber for the proposed Church
at that Station and Reporting
to issue instructions this Office
Dept. of Pub. Works to the Civil
Engineer of that District to
Superintend the Construction
of the Building.

Signed an order
No. 1546. 5th August 1858.

No. 39040.