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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, for the month of December 1859.

No. 137. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Ecclesiastical Depatment, dated 13th December 1859, No. 379.

Requesting that the plans called for for the construction of certain churches at Jackatalla be modified according to the present orders of the Home Government for providing a suitable room or building for Divine worship. } (Vide Ecclesiastical Proceedings from 11th to 20th December 1859, Nos. 1-2.)

No. 138. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1859, No. 2944.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to the order of Government dated 24th June 1859 No. 1541. The estimates submitted by that officer with his letter dated 7th December 1859 No. 8048 will be returned to the Central office in due course.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated London, 20th October 1859, No. 13.

Paragraph 1. I have considered in Council your letter dated 29th July (No. 11) 1859, forwarding with your resolution and correspondence thereon a report by the Bishop of Madras, of his visitation of a portion of his diocese.

2. The only subject which calls for remark is the question of Church accommodation at the station of Jackatalla.

3. On this subject it was remarked in my predecessor's Despatch of the 29th September 1858, with reference to a request of the Bishop for the erection of a Church: "It appears to "be admitted that Jackatalla being strictly a Military station, Government is bound to provide "the means and opportunities of public worship at its own charge" * * * * * * * * "but at the same time your Government cannot be required to do more than provide a suitable "room or building to be set apart for the purposes of a Church, and if it is desired that a building "of a more strictly Ecclesiastical character should be constructed, the object can be accom-"plished by means of private contributions in aid of the same, which under any circumstances "you would devote to the provision of Church accommodation."

4. These observations are in full accordance with the rules regarding Church building laid down in the Despatch of the Court of Directors of the 28th April 1852, and have my entire concurrence. They distinctly point out the manner in which the wishes of the Bishop for the erection of a Church at Jackatalla should be met, and I have only to direct that they may be borne in mind in your further proceedings on the subject.

5. With regard to the provision of a place of worship for the Roman Catholics, your Government in common with the other Governments in India has authority, at stations where an European Regiment is quartered and in cases where you may be satisfied that a Chapel is required, to grant such a sum as will suffice for the erection of a plain building on condition of any decoration and ornamental detail desired by the congregation being left to be provided on the principle acted on in the case of Protestant Churches. In any measures which you may think necessary for providing the means of public worship for Roman Catholics at Jackatalla, the rule here referred to, which was laid down by the Government of India under the authority of the Court's Despatch of the 30th July (No. 15) 1856, should be strictly observed.

ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1859, No. 379.

A copy of this Despatch will be furnished to the Department Public Works, in view to the plans called for in the Orders of Government, 13th June last, No. 228, paragraph 8, for the construction at Jackatalla, of two Churches, one for Protestants and one for Roman Catholics, being now modified in accordance with the present Orders of the Home Government, for providing a suitable room or building for Divine Worship, according to the Protestant and Roman Catholic ritual respectively. The plans should, however, be so designed as to admit of an Ecclesiastical appearance being imparted to the buildings, should funds sufficient for this purpose be raised from private sources.

2. A reference will, meanwhile, be made on this point to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop and to the Right Reverend Dr. J. Fennelly, to whom a copy of the present Despatch will be furnished, and they will be requested to state what amount of private aid may be expected towards the erection of the proposed places of worship for their respective communions.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Department Public Works.
" Right Reverend the Lord Bishop.
" Right Reverend Doctor J. Fennelly,
(with copy of Order of Government, 13th June 1859, No. 228.)

Exd. F. Cartledge.

P.W. 24th June/59 No. 72-7:

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