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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 8th March 1859.

No. 33. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Ecclesiastical Department, dated 3rd February 1859, No. 48.

Directing that through this Department a Plan and Estimate of the Punkahs required for the Church at Vellore, will be called for and orders for lowering the Pulpit, will be issued. } Vide Ecclesiastical Consultation, 8th February 1859, Nos. 5-6.)

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, No. 492; dated 3rd March 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer in view to the submission of an Estimate for lowering the Pulpit of the Church at Vellore two feet. Intimation will be given to the Ecclesiastical Department by Memorandum that Punkahs do not fall within the category on Public Works.

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

No. 48.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 3rd February 1859.

Read the following letter from the Venerable VINCENT SHORTLAND, Archdeacon of Madras; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 24th January 1859, No. 15.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward, for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, a letter to my address from the Church Committee of Vellore, under date the 20th Instant.

2. I beg to explain that the Church is placed in a recess, surrounded on 3 sides by a wall as high, or higher than the sacred edifice itself, and its ventilation therefore would require special consideration under any circumstances; but as the present insufficient, and unwieldy Punkahs were put up many years since by private Subscription, I believe that new and modern Punkahs may now be supplied throughout the Church under the former sanction of the Honorable the Court of Directors.

3. I would earnestly recommend that they may be authorized; with an Almirah for the Vestry room; and that the Pulpit may be lowered as proposed.

4. It is indeed much to be regretted that the Pulpit (and even the Prayer (or Reading) desk which need not be raised at all, or at most not more than a foot) is almost invariably made inconveniently high.

From the Church Committee, Vellore; to the Venerable VINCENT SHORTLAND, Archdeacon of Madras, dated 20th January 1859.

Venerable Sir,

We have the honor to bring to your notice the great need of Punkahs in the Church of this Station, with an earnest request that you will submit our application to Government for a due supply of the same.

We beg to state that the Church is so unfortunately situated, being not only in the Fort, but closely surrounded on three sides by buildings, that it is acknowledged to be one of the hottest places of Worship in the Presidency. Even in the cool weather, the atmosphere is most oppressive, and in the hot season must be barely tolerable, if not prejudicial to the health of the Congregation. Two heavy Punkahs of the old muster were some time ago erected by private Subscription in the centre of the Church, but they are too unwieldy to be of much service, and the Soldiers and others who occupy the side aisles derive no benefit from them.

We therefore respectfully propose that the heavy and almost impracticable Punkahs be removed, and proper ones of the new pattern, similar in size to those lately put up in Saint George's Cathedral, be substituted for the benefit of the whole Congregation.

We have had a conference with the Executive Engineer of the District, who will be ready, when called upon to supply a Plan and Estimate. We may mention that he proposes to have the Punkahs suspended similarly to those in Saint Thomas' Church, St. Thomé, *viz.*, two Punkahs length ways, over each set of benches in the centre of the Church, and those in the side aisles crossways.

There are Punkahs already provided for the Reading Desk and Pulpit, but there is none over the Communion Table, which is greatly needed not only for the Clergyman but for the Communicants.

We take this opportunity of requesting further through your kind advocacy the sanction of Government to the supply of an Almirah or Wardrobe for the Vestry of the Church, in which the Chaplain's robes may hang, and the Church linen may be deposited.

We believe that most Churches are provided with this convenient article of furniture, though it is not included among the articles ordinarily sanctioned.

Relying upon your favorable consideration of our suggestions for the improvement of the Church in which we are interested.

(Signed) JOHN GORTON, Chaplain,
(„) A. LOGAN, Brigadier,
(„) T. GILLILAN, Captain, } *Lay Trustees.*

P. S.—We would further suggest that the Pulpit be lowered, 2 feet at least. Its present height is most inconvenient, scarcely more than half the Congregation being visible to the Preacher.

Order.—A Plan and Estimate of the Punkahs required for the Church at Vellore will be called for, through the Department of Public Works, and orders will be issued in that Department for lowering the Pulpit two feet.

2. On application by indent on the Commissariat Department, an Almirah for the Vestry room will be supplied.

(True Extract and Copies.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Venerable the Archdeacon.
„ Department Public Works.
„ Commissary General.
„ Auditor of Commissariat Accounts.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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3rd March/59

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