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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th April 1859.

No. 60. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Ecclesiastical Department, dated 11th April 1859, No. 134.

Observing that Trimsherry being purely a Military Station }
no Church can be erected there under the orders of the }
H.M. Government, and calling for a Plan and Estimate for }
the erection of two large rooms in connection with the }
Barracks at that place and also near the Artillery lines in }
the Cantonment, for the performance of Divine Service to }
the Troops. } (Vide Ecclesiastical Consultation 12th April
1859, Nos. 9-10.)

No. 61. ORDER THEREON, No. 959; dated 21st April 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer who will be good enough to submit the Plan and Estimate called for in the above order.

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

No. 131.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 11th April 1859.

Read the following letter from the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Madras.

Forwarded on account of his Lordship's visit to the
Chaplaincies in the North West Districts of
this Presidency and on the Western Coast. (Dated 9th March 1859, No. 98.)

10. Referring to Secunderabad, the Bishop brings to notice the want of a suitable place of worship at Trimulgherry where Troops to the number of 1,300, besides women and children, are stationed, and where Divine Service is held in the barracks; also, a second Church in the Cantonment near the Artillery Lines, the present building being insufficient to hold even half the number requiring Church accommodation.

3. "The arrangement for future guidance suggested by Lord Hardinge, and approved of by the Court, is that two large rooms be built in connection with the barracks for the performance of Divine Service to the Soldiers of the Protestant and Roman Catholic persuasions; the larger of the two rooms to be used on week days, as the Regimental School, in which, as is at present regulated, the Protestant and Roman Catholic children would be taught together, and the other room to be used as the Regimental Library, in which the Protestant and Roman Catholic Soldiers would associate and read together. "The Court of Directors," it is stated in the same letter, "have prohibited the erection of Churches for the exclusive accommodation of Protestant Soldiers at isolated Military stations, where there is no Civil Congregation."

11. Trimulgherry being purely a Military station, no Church can be there erected under the orders of the Home Government. The provision to be made for the performance of Divine Service at that place should rather be of the kind indicated by the Government of India in their letter of 22nd July 1848, No. 566, and quoted in the margin. Similar accommodation might be provided near the Artillery Lines.

16. In lieu of a second Church, as suggested, at Bellary, near the barracks, for the use of the Troops, the course indicated above (para. 11) would seem the more proper one. A plan and estimate of the requisite building will, accordingly, be called for in the Department of Public Works.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Department Public Works.

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