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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th June 1865.*

No. 674. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Ecclesiastical Department :—

Calling for an estimate for the repairs required to the Church at Tuticorin, Tinnevely District, and for an explanation as to the cause of the present unsafe condition of the building. (Here enter 20th June 1865, No. 160.)

No. 675. ORDER THEREON, 29th June 1865, No. 1,804.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 103.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, who will be requested to submit an estimate

for the repairs required to the Church at Tuticorin, and to explain the cause of the unsafe condition of the building.

2. The source from which the cost of the repairs is to be met should be reported for the information of Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department,
20th June 1865.

No. 30. Read the following letter from Venerable the T. DEALTRY, Archdeacon of Madras, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 13th June 1865, No. 150.

I have the honor to forward a letter from the Church Committee of Tuticorin, representing the urgent necessity of repairs to the Church at that station. The Church is an old Dutch building.

2. I would venture to recommend that the District Engineer should be directed to have an estimate prepared, and that the repairs should be efficiently carried out. Some few years ago sundry repairs to this Church were executed at the Government expense; but it has been represented to me that they were not by any means so effectual as the occasion required.

From the Reverend J. F. KEARNS, Officiating Chaplain, Tuticorin, to the Venerable the Archdeacon, Madras; dated Tuticorin, 29th May 1865.

I beg to call your attention to the state of the Tuticorin Church, with a view to its repair before the monsoon.

1. The roof leaks throughout, so much so that during rain the congregation could not assemble.

2. A large pillar on the north side is in a very dangerous condition; a considerable portion of the capital is so broken and parted, that it may come down at any moment.

3. Steps for the reading desk are absolutely required, those now in use being very dangerous from dry rot.

4. The pulpit requires to be lowered. It is now ascended to by a ladder or steps, so steep as to be dangerous from the constant liability to tread on my gown or surplice when ascending.

5. The Portico in front is in a dangerous state; the beams supporting the roof are bored in a most extraordinary manner by beetles, and they further appear to be affected by dry rot.

6. The timber work of the Church requires painting throughout. I think it is now more than 12 years since it was painted.

7. The screen of the vestry requires renewing; and instead of canvas, as at present, I would suggest a neat teak screen.

8. The palings round the Church compound require restoration in many places.

9. The entire building will require white-washing after the repairs.

In conclusion I will thank you to bring these circumstances to the notice of Government as speedily as possible. During the repairs, I shall arrange for Divine Service elsewhere in the town.

(Signed) J. F. KEARNS,

Officiating Chaplain.

(") G. PHIPPS,

Lay Trustee.

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, 20th June 1865, No. 160.

Forwarded to the Department Public Works, with a view to an estimate being called for of the repairs stated to be required to the Church at Tuticorin. As only three years have elapsed since this Church was repaired at a cost of Rupees 950, the District Engineer should be called upon to explain the cause of the present unsafe condition of the building.

(True Extract).

To the Department Public Works.
" Venerable the Archdeacon.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

G. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary to Government.

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Calling for an
estimate for the repairs
required to the lighthouse
at Tutuila, ^{for} immediately
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With an order
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