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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th January 1868.*

No. 50. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Ecclesiastical Department:—

Sanctioning the erection of a belfry for the }
Palghaut Church (Malabar District) at a cost } (Here enter 19th December 1867, No. 302.)
of Rupees 150, &c.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1868, No. 27.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 6.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 7th Division for
information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, with Plan and Estimate.
„ Accountant General.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department,
19th December 1867.*

No. 32. Read the following letter from the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 17th December 1867, No. 388.

I have been requested by the Reverend J. McKee, Chaplain of Coonoor, and its out-station, Palghaut, to forward the accompanying papers from Mr Tomlinson, Lay-Trustee of Palghaut, for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

2 The object desired by Mr. Tomlinson and other residents of Palghaut is two-fold—1st, to be allowed to bury their dead in the plot of ground surrounding the Church, and to give up the disused Cemetery for the burial of Native Christians of the Basle Mission; and, 2ndly, to obtain sanction for the erection of a small belfry to the Church.

3 As regards the former object, I had the honor to lay a correspondence before the Government last year, and orders on it were passed—(Vide G O, No. 74, 11th April 1866, No 123, 18th June 1866, and No 179, 5th September 1866) It was then desired to enlarge the ground near the Church, but the enlargement was represented by the Superintending Engineer as needless (vide G O, No 179, 5th September 1866), and as there were no funds available the project was abandoned, but the plan now submitted would incur no expenditure, and as there does not appear to be any objection on sanitary grounds I would recommend its adoption.

4. The old burial ground, which I believe is unconsecrated, might be used by the Basle Mission, till it is completely full, on condition of their keeping it clean, but there does not appear to be any necessity for transferring it to them

5 The arguments used by Mr. Tomlinson for the erection of a belfry are very forcible, and I trust that they may induce the Government to sanction the sum of Rupees 150 for the purpose.

6. Both the objects applied for have the hearty support of the Chaplain.

From the Reverend J. McKEE, Chaplain of Coonoor, to the Venerable the Archdeacon; dated Coonoor, 29th November 1867.

I have received the enclosed letter from Mr Tomlinson, the Lay-Trustee of the Government Church at Palghaut, in which he has expressed a desire, on behalf of himself and the Church community of Palghaut, to obtain from Government permission (1) to use the Government church-yard as a burial ground for Europeans and East Indians in future, (2) to employ the chaplaincy Lascar exclusively in taking care of the Church and church-yard burial ground; (3) to transfer the old burial ground or Cemetery, as it is called, to the Missionaries of the Basle Evangelical Mission, who would be glad to take charge of it, as their brother Missionaries have charge of one of the two Government Cemeteries at Calcut; and (4) to obtain the sanction of Government for the erection of a belfry, at an expense not exceeding Rupees (150) one hundred and fifty.

2 I enclose, herewith, a plan and estimate of the proposed new belfry, as well as a plan of the church yard, all of which Mr Tomlinson wishes to be returned.

3 I fully concur with Mr. Tomlinson in his application, and trust you will kindly lay it before Government, and at the same time give it your support, as I believe the application to be most reasonable.

From Captain J. J. TOMLINSON, Lay-Trustee of the Chaplaincy Church of Palghaut, to the Reverend J. McKEE, Chaplain of Coonoor, dated Palghaut, 26th November 1867.

Having made many fruitless applications for the allotment of land for a new Cemetery in Palghaut, the present one having but little space for further interments, and in appearance the most disreputable, I should imagine, throughout the Madras Presidency, nor would any outlay of money improve its appearance inside. The tombs, which are most unwieldy in dimensions, have been built without any attention to regularity, so that it is not possible to form walks around it

2. The present spare ground for interments will not suffice for more than about ten or twelve, without tombs. On this head I consulted with you on your late pastoral visit.

3 The Reverend Messrs Bull and Rhenius urged most strongly the necessity of immediate steps being taken for the formation of a new Cemetery; those gentlemen having failed, I now make my last suggestion and request, as compliance with the same will not be attended by any expense on the part of Government.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department,
19th December 1867.*

4. The compound around our little Church, measuring agreeably to the accompanying plan, (to be returned), would amply suffice as our Cemetery, as the interments of Europeans or East Indians are but few; and as I have only one Lascar under my orders, who is borne upon the records as "Lascar of the Cemetery," it is not possible for him to attend at the present Cemetery and the Church, the nearest distance being 2950 feet between; in fact, the Lascar, if his whole time was given up to the Cemetery, would not suffice to keep it clean; at the present time I am indebted to the courtesy of the Head Assistant Collector for the aid of convicts occasionally, and this aid, in all probability, will be removed so soon as the Jail at Coimbatore is completed. If the only Lascar I have at command is to give up all his time to the present Cemetery, the Church and compound must of necessity be neglected. I would very respectfully suggest that the present Cemetery should be made over to the Reverend gentlemen of the Basle Evangelical Mission for the interment of their dead, so long as there is space for that purpose, who should be held answerable for its cleanliness, as they would be glad to have it.

5. The ground allotted as a new Cemetery could be consecrated by His Lordship, the Bishop, at any time it might be convenient for His Lordship to visit Palghaut.

6. Under these circumstances one Lascar would be sufficient, as the new Cemetery would be laid out in gravel walks, and would only require to be kept clean of grass, and as this would be within the Church compound, the Lascar could attend to it, as well as the Church.

7. While thus addressing you, I would also point out to you the urgent necessity which exists for having a belfry erected for the security of the bell, which is a very valuable one, the property of Government. It is suspended from a cross beam, and this from long exposure has become quite unsafe. The loss will be great should the beam give way, as the bell would be seriously damaged. I do not ask for an expensive one, and as the original expense was not charged to Government, I trust my request will be complied with. Under that impression, I take the liberty of forwarding a plan and estimate (to be also returned), amounting to Rupees 130 only, to which it would be advisable to add, say Rupees 20 to form a screen from the heavy rain of the monsoons during the time the Lascar is exposed ringing the bell for service, total Rupees 150.

8. I beg you will, without delay, submit this my request to the favorable consideration of the Venerable the Archdeacon, with your recommendation.

9. Having been informed that new Rules for the guidance of Lay-Trustees have been prepared, I should be glad to be furnished with a copy.

No 33 ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1867, No. 302.

The Governor in Council sanctions the use of the ground surrounding the Church at Palghaut as a Cemetery for the residents at Palghaut, it being understood that the enclosed area surrounding the Church affords ample space for this purpose. The old Cemetery may, as proposed, be made over to the Basle Mission for the use of the Native Christians.

2. The Governor in Council is also pleased to sanction the erection of a small Belfry for the Palghaut Church, at the estimated cost of Rupees (150) one hundred and fifty.

(True Extract.)

P. M. M.

Chief Secretary.

To the Venerable the Archdeacon, with enclosures returned.
" Public Works Department, with plan and estimate.
" Collector of Malabar, with sketch.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

*Spent 8th Dec 1867
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at the 18th Dec 1867
at the 18th Dec 1867*

W. J. Tulloch

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to the
Surgeon of the
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Sanctioning
the erection of a
chapel for the
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(Malabar Dt) at a
cost of Rs 150 — Dec
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With an Order

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[Signature]

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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