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No. 28. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort Saint George, 15th January 1870:—

Read the following letter from the Chaplain and Lay Trustees of St. John's Church, Trichinopoly, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Trichinopoly, 7th January 1870.

By Proceedings of Government, dated 3rd June 1869, No. 102, the repairs and alterations to the church of Trichinopoly were sanctioned, but unavoidably postponed owing to the absence of funds wherewith to carry out these avowedly necessary renovations. We are well aware that the present is no opportune occasion to apply for outlay upon a public building, and accordingly we most certainly should not trouble you with this solicitation were we not thoroughly convinced that Government would be most unwilling to allow the church at this large military station to remain any longer in its now forlorn and dilapidated state.

2. Matters have latterly gone on from bad to worse; the blinds are hanging in tatters; the floor is in large holes, having crumbled into dust; and the seats are so decayed in many places as to be unsafe and useless. In a word, the building is not in a fit and decent condition for the performance of Divine worship.

3. We have considered whether an emergent estimate might not be prepared to meet the most patent and imperative deficiencies. But we do not advocate this course: it would practically be throwing away some 700 or 800 rupees upon mere patch-work, which would have to be again thoroughly taken in hand when the already-sanctioned improvements are carried into effect.

4. We have, therefore, the honour respectfully to urge upon Government the necessity of considering whether funds cannot be procured for at once executing those renovations which have long since been deemed requisite, thereby rendering the edifice suitable for the high purpose for which it was erected, and preventing its any longer remaining in its now most condemnatory condition.

Transferred to the Public Works Department with referrence to the Proceedings in that department of the 12th June 1869, No. 2916.

(Signed) J. I. MINCHIN,
Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 29. Order thereon, 2nd February 1870, No. 390.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 6.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division in continuation of G. O., No. 1,916, dated 12th June 1869.

2. As the Government are at present unable to assign any funds for the work referred to, Captain Oakes will report what amount will be required for carrying out the most emergent repairs, and whether he can provide the requisite funds from his repair allotment.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
" Ecclesiastical Department.
Ext. A. S. Rodgers.

Trichinopoly 7th January 1870

To,

J. S. Minchin Esq.
Acting Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

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St. Johns church at Tuticorin

The Subscriptions to be requested to report what amount will be required for carrying out the St. Johns Cathedral Tuticorin most urgent repairs, and whether he can provide the requisite funds from his Repairs allotment.