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No. 378. Read the following Circular letter from Colonel W. A. CROMMELIN, R.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Military Works,) to the Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Punjab, in the Public Works Department; the Chief Commissioners of Oudh, Central Provinces, British Burmah, Mysore and Coorg, and Assam; the Resident at Hyderabad; the Agents of the Governor General for Central India and Rajpootana; the Superintendent of Port Blair and Chief Commissioner of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands; the Inspector-General of Military Works, dated Fort William, 9th March 1876, No. 16 P.W. :—

[IN SUPERSESSION OF P. W. CIRCULAR No. 22, DATED 2ND MARCH 1875.]

I AM directed to state, for information and guidance, that it has been ruled by the Government of India that, in every case in which any alteration in a Government Church affecting its structure or its permanent fittings may be desired by the Chaplain or other Clergy, the Executive Engineer must be consulted, and his consent obtained officially in writing, before the work can be set in hand. The work will be carried out under the professional control of the Executive Engineer, who will be guided by the rules of the Public Works Department Code in respect to referring to the higher authorities of the Department all cases relating to structural alterations which involve an expenditure beyond his powers to deal with finally.

2. It is also the desire of the Governor-General in Council that the same rule should be understood to apply to such church furniture as may have been supplied by, or may be the property of, Government. Executive Engineers need not, however, refer to higher authority cases relating to alterations of furniture which may have been procured from funds received by private subscription, unless they desire to do so.

3. On the other hand, the Officers of the Public Works Department should be careful that the rules of the Department which require all estimates, whether for additions, alterations, or repairs to be submitted for the countersignature of the Chaplain, are strictly attended to.

4. I am to explain that this Circular is not intended to interfere with the arrangement of furniture in churches, or to constitute the Executive Engineer an authority in matters which concern Ecclesiastical usage, or the proper disposition of a building for Public Worship. The object of the Government of India is only to protect public property from the loss or damage which might be caused by entrusting alterations to unskilful workmen or by undertaking them without due supervision.

No. 379. ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1876, No. 750.

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(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Ecclesiastical Department.
To District Engineers.
To the Consulting Architect.
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONERS OF OUDH, CENTRAL
PROVINCES, BRITISH BURMAH, MYSORE AND
COORG, AND ASSAM.

THE RESIDENT AT HYDERABAD.

THE AGENTS OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL FOR
CENTRAL INDIA AND RAJPOOTANA.

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