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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

9th April 1879, No. 1,113 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 118. Endorsement of the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Ecclesiastical Department, dated Fort St. George, 27th March 1879, No. 751.

From the Venerable C. R. DRURY, M.A., Archdeacon of Madras, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 4th March 1879, No. 21.

I HAVE the honor to forward to Government two letters from the Reverend S. Percival, Officiating Minister at Negapatam, dated 19th and 28th February 1879, respectively.

2. In the letter, dated 19th February, Mr. Percival calls attention to the state of the church situated in the Native part of the town with only a temporary roof made of cocoanut leaf matting, which renders it liable to injury from stray rockets, and also from the weather if a new roof is not put on before the south-west monsoon sets in.

3. In the letter, dated 28th February 1879, Mr. Percival reports that a large plank fell from the portion of the ceiling "considered safe." Had this happened during divine service, the consequences might have been very serious.

4. Under these circumstances I respectfully submit that it is most desirable that the new roof should be put on the building with as little delay as possible.

From Rev. S. PERCIVAL, M.A., to the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, dated Negapatam, 19th February 1879.

I FEEL it my duty respectfully to call your attention to the condition of the churches under my charge.

1st.—St. Peter's Church, Negapatam, is without a roof and temporarily covered with cocoanut leaf matting which has now been up for several months. Apart from the danger to which this interesting monumental relic is exposed from stray rockets, the church, being in the native part of the town, unless it is roofed before the south-west monsoon begins, I am at a loss to know how divine service is to be conducted, as we have neither school-room nor other suitable place to assemble in, and the heavy clouds of dust raised by the land wind and the rains which follow will not only seriously damage the interior of the structure but make it impossible to worship in. Certainly, in its present condition, the restoration of the roof is an emergent work.

2ndly.—Zion Church at Tranquebar has hitherto had nothing done to it although there are Church funds in Messrs. Arbutnot's hands for its upkeep, and repairs which Rupees 300 would now honestly meet, will, if left unlooked to, prove serious.

From Rev. S. PERCIVAL, M.A., to the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, dated Negapatam, 28th February 1879.

I FEEL it my duty at once to call your attention to what has just happened in St. Peter's Church. A large plank fell from the portion of the ceiling considered safe, and had this occurred during morning service when the Clergyman was on duty in the church, he would in all probability have been killed. Surely when the lives of a congregation are endangered by the perilous state of the fabric, immediate repairs is a necessary and emergent work.

From the Venerable C. R. DRURY, M.A., Archdeacon of Madras, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 26th March 1879, No. 30.

In reply to official memorandum, Ecclesiastical Department, No. 554, dated 5th March 1879, inquiring whether the churches of Tranquebar and Negapatam come within the category of "the revised rules" for churches which form an enclosure to Public Works Department Circular No. 65 P.W. of 1877, I have the honor to state that both the above-named churches are Government property, and both are placed in the third-class in G.O., 21st April 1877, No. 93, Ecclesiastical Department, and are each allowed Rupees 7 monthly by Government for a church servant, and therefore I consider they do come within "the revised rules."

2. I beg however to point out that the relation of Zion Church, Tranquebar, to Government is exceptional, inasmuch as it was made over by the Danish Government by Treaty to the British Government together with a sum of Rupees 6,000 for its up-keep.

3. The following Minutes of Consultation and letters show this to be the case, viz., 22nd February 1845, 1st December 1845, 30th December 1845, 3rd January 1846, and 20th October 1847.

4. I presume that Government have a considerable portion of this Rupees 6,000 and interest still in hand to meet the present urgent demand for repairs.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

No. 119. ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1879, No. 1,113 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, who will at once arrange for carrying out the emergent repairs to the Government Churches at Tranquebar and Negapatam. Estimates should be prepared and submitted for sanction in due course.

2. The Accountant-General will be instructed in the Ecclesiastical Department to report on the state of the funds originally made over to the British Government for the upkeep of Zion Church at Tranquebar.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of (1879) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS

To
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FIFTH CIRCLE,
E.C., C.C., &c.

Dated April 9th.

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G. O. No. April 1879, No. 1,113 W.

APRIL

Nos. 118-119.

Government Churches at Tranquebar and
Negapatam. The Superintending Engineer
to arrange for carrying out the emergent
repairs to the —

Madras March 26. 1879

To C. F. Macleod Esq.
Actg. Chief Secy to Govt.
Fort St. George.

No 30

Sr.

In reply to official Memorandum
Eccl. Dept. No 554 dated March 5
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the category of the Revised Rules
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to the Public Works Department. W. J. Chief Clerk

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" 6-2-46 to 35th Dec. 1874
" 1874-1875 to 5th Dec. 1875
" 1875-1876 to 9th Dec. 1876
" 1876-1877 to 17th Dec. 1877
" 1877-1878 to 21st Dec. 1878

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Madras. March 4. 1879.
No. 21.
J. C. Master Secy.
Act. Chief Secy to Govt.
Fort. S. George.

Sir. I have the honor to forward to you
two letters from the Rev. S. Perceval,
officially Minister at Negapatnam,
dated Feb. 19th and Feb. 28th 1879 respectively.

In the letter dated Feb. 19th Mr Perceval
calls attention to the state, situated in
the native part of the town with only a
temporary roof made of Cocoa Nut leaf
matting, which renders it liable to injury
from stray Rocketts, and also from
the weather if a new roof is not put on
before the S. W. Monsoon sets in.

In the letter dated 28th Feb. 1879, Mr
Perceval reports that a large plank
fell from the portion of the ceiling
considered safe. Had this happened
during Divine Service the consequences
might have been very serious.

Under these circumstances I respectfully
submit that it is most desirable that
the new roof should be put on the
building as soon as possible with as little delay
as possible. I remain Sir

Yours obedient servant
C. R. Dwyer.

Archdeacon

I feel it my duty res-
pectfully to call your attention
to the condition of the Churches
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ducted, as we have neither School
Room, nor other suitable

Wm. F. S. George
From the
Archdeacon of Melton
dated March 14, 1879
No 25.
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Forwarding letters from
Rev. S. Percival Dated
19 Feb^y - 25th Feb^y respecting
reporting on the
condition of the
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that a new roof should be
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2ndly, Sir, Church at Tangueba has hitherto had nothing done to it although there are £100 funds in Miss Robinson's hands for its repairs; and repairs which £300 would now honestly meet, will if left unlooked to, prove serious.

I have the honor
to remain
Yours & Dear Sir
Most respectfully
P. Percival M.A.

I feel sorry for the state of the church

Kegapitani
February 28th 1879

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To
The Venerable the Archdeacon
of Madras.

Venerable and Dear Sir,

I feel it my duty at once to call your attention to what has just happened in St Peter's Church. A large plank fell from the Portion of the ceiling considerably safe, and had this occurred during Morning Service when the Organist was on duty in the Church, he would in all probability have been killed. Surely when the lives of a congregation are endangered by the perilous state of the fabric, immediate repairs is a necessary & urgent work.

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No. 1113 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 9th April/79
Read the following:—

Indt. in the reel: Dept. (N.R. No 751 d/27-Mar/79)

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Ad. W. H. H. H.

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