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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

31st March 1881, No. 882 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers :—

No. 98. From J. W. RUNDALL, Esq., Superintendent of Works, Kistna, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Masulipatam, 1st February 1881, No. 2,401.

I AM not quite clear as to what state the walls of the Fort Church at Masulipatam are to be left in, and shall feel obliged if you will favor me with more precise instructions.

2. G.O., No. 2,914, of the 20th December 1880, states that it is not intended that the walls should be entirely levelled. Acting on this, I would propose that the roof and roof-timbers be removed and that the walls be demolished no more than is sufficient to effect this; also that the doors, windows, and their frames be removed.

3. This would leave the Church standing as a ruin.

4. All useful materials removed would be sold, rubbish and small debris being spread over the ground.

5. Please inform me whether the above is in accordance with the intentions of Government, or otherwise what state I am to leave the building in.

6. I have received back, through the Examiner, the estimates forwarded with my letter of the 9th September, but the estimate of the cost of demolition has not been sanctioned, nor have any funds been allotted with which I can undertake the removal of the roof.

7. I forward herewith an estimate of the cost of removing the roof and all wood-work amounting to Rs. 300. If this is approved, please allot the necessary funds.

8. The value of the materials to be thus removed was estimated by Mr. Peters to be Rs. 970.

9. I await further instructions regarding the two mural tablets.

ESTIMATE of the Cost of Removal of the Roof and Wood-work, Fort Church, Masulipatam.

	RS.	A.	P.
21 squares, terrace-roofing removing, at Annas 10 each ...	13	2	0
23 „ removing tiles, reepers, and couples, at Annas 10 each	14	6	0
120 running feet, removing balustrade, at Pies 6 each	3	12	0
315 „ „ limestone cornice, at Annas 3 each	59	1	0
Removing stair-roof planking and beams of terrace	100	0	0
Removing doors and windows	30	0	0
Levelling ground, &c.	29	0	0
Total ...	300	0	0

MASULIPATAM,
1st February 1881.

(Signed) J. W. RUNDALL,
Superintendent of Works, Kistna.

No. 98-A. Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government in the Ecclesiastical Department, dated 3rd February 1881, No. 215.

From the Rev. S MORLEY, Domestic Chaplain to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 1st February 1881, No. 65.

WITH reference to your endorsement on G.O., 20th December 1880, No. 2,914 W., herewith returned, I am desired by the Bishop to request that you will be so good as to submit to His Excellency the Governor in Council the accompanying letter from the Registrar of the Diocese with enclosures, with a view to the further consideration of the subject of that order and the adoption of so much of the course proposed by the Registrar as may be also recommended by the Advocate-General, and with a view to the submission of the question, if found desirable, to the Government of India, as the Bishop understands that, when the Government sanction the consecration of a building, they consent to its being placed under the religious and statutory regulations attached to consecration. He apprehends that the execution of the 4th paragraph in the Government Order may prove to be a contravention of those regulations not contemplated by the Government of India when adopting the "Financial Rules." In placing churches under the Public Works Department, he presumes that the Government had no intention of exposing them to be deprived of their character as a sacred trust.

2. With regard to paragraph 3 of the Government Order, the Bishop is of opinion that the memorial tablet should be removed to the Pettah Church, and the tablet recording the date of the consecration be preserved on the site of the old church fixed in the face of one of the walls, which (as stated in the Government Order) it is not intended to level entirely.

From F. ROWLANDSON, Esq., B.A. and LL.B., Registrar of the Diocese, to the Domestic Chaplain to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Madras, dated Madras, 27th January 1881.

I RETURN the Government Order relating to the Fort Church at Masulipatam forwarded with yours of the 24th instant.

2. I am of opinion that the proper procedure will be for a petition to be presented to the Bishop on which his Lordship can grant a faculty for the taking down of the old Fort Church and the substitution for it of the Church in the Pettah. Such faculty, I find, would, by custom, contain a clause protecting the site of the Church to be taken down from desecration.

3. From paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, it would appear as if it was not intended to remove the materials of the Fort Church, whereas paragraph 4 implies that they are to be sold. A desirable course would be to have the wood-work, &c., carefully destroyed by fire to prevent its application to other than religious uses and to have all the masonry work built into a solid mound into the side of which should be built the stone giving the date of the consecration of the building and also a second stone giving the date of the substitution of the Pettah Church for the building now destroyed. I think the proposal that the mound should be grown over with creepers is objectionable, as such a covering would tend to prevent people hereafter from discovering the special character of the mound. A simple iron and stone railing round the mound would cost little and would call attention to the sanctity of the spot.

4. I see no difficulty about the transfer of the memorial tablet to the Pettah Church.

5. I send for perusal (1) the Proceedings of Government and (2) a copy of the faculty when the monuments of Dr. Anderson and Mr. Lushington were moved from one part of St. George's Cathedral to another. Please return these documents.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 98-B. From the Rev. S. MORLEY, Domestic Chaplain to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Madras, to the Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Masulipatam, 19th March 1881, No. 74.

WITH reference to your letter, No. 305, of the 9th February, the Bishop desires me to say that he thinks none of the materials of the consecrated Church in the Fort at Masulipatam should be sold unless there is no other sacred use to which they can be applied, but that, if within a reasonable period no such use can be found, then they may be sold and the money assigned to church building and furnishing elsewhere.

2. The Government Church at Cocanada is about to be enlarged, a grant having already been sanctioned for the purpose. This would be a very suitable object on which to dispose of some of the wood of the Masulipatam Church.

3. The neighbouring Missionaries are about to build two substantial churches—one in the Ellore District at Polsanipsalle about 10 miles from the canal, the other about 30 miles west of Bezváda at Raghavapuram,—and would be very thankful for grants of wood.

4. Another church for Native Christians is contempleted in the Masulipatam District near the canal.

5. Thus it would appear that a good deal, at any rate, of the wood may be disposed of before long on purposes closely akin to that for which at consecration it was assigned in trust.

6. As it is possible that all the wood may not be disposed of for a few years, and, owing to changes in Public Works Officers, the intention regarding its use may be overlooked, the Bishop suggests that the Committee of the Pettah Church be associated with the Public Works Department Officer in the care of it and consider and determine applications for grants, and that, if the whole be disposed of in less than three years, the fact should be reported to Government, and if not, then, at the end of three years, a statement of the quantities disposed of and the quantity remaining shall be submitted to Government, and Government shall determine whether the remainder shall be sold and, if it be resolved that it be sold, the money received shall be spent in erecting, enlarging, or furnishing churches in the Presidency.

7. The Bishop desires me to add that the feeling of people at Masulipatam seems to be in favor of allowing as much of the fabric to stand as possible. He is informed that the roof must be taken down before long for fear of its falling in, but the walls and pillars might perhaps be allowed to remain. The south-west corner it would seem necessary to retain entire, as there is a mark on that part of the roof which is said to indicate one of the points of the trigonometrical survey.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1881, No. 882 W.

THE Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the proposals in letters from the Bishop's Chaplain, No. 65, dated 1st February 1881, paragraph 2, and No. 74, dated 19th March 1881, which will be communicated to the Superintendent of Works, Kistna, for guidance.

2. The site of the church will be marked as proposed in letter from the Registrar of the Diocese, dated 27th January 1881.

3. This order supersedes so much of G.O., No. 2,914 W., dated 20th December 1880, as relates to the Fort Church at Masulipatam.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent of Works, Kistna, with one enclosure.
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
„ Ecclesiastical Department, with two enclosures.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.
Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1881) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
KISTNA,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 31st.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 31st March 1881, No. 882 W.

MARCH.
Nos. 98-99.

Old Fort Church at Masulipatam.—Sanctions the proposals in letters from the Bishop's Chaplain regarding the disposal of the materials, &c., of the —.

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No 2431 Print Superintendent of Works Office Kistna
Masulipatam 1st February 1881
Desp'd 2nd Do.

From

The Superintendent of Works
Kistna &c.

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Sir,

I am not quite clear as to what state the walls of the Fort Church at Masulipatam are to be left in, and shall feel obliged if you will favor me with more precise instructions.

2. G.O. No 2914 of the 20th December 1880 states that it is not intended that the walls should be entirely levelled. Acting on this, I would propose, that the roof and roof timbers be removed and that the walls be demolished no more than is sufficient to effect this; also that the doors windows and their frames be removed.

3. This would leave the Church standing as a ruin

4. All useful materials removed

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would be sold, rubbish and small debris being spread over the ground.

5 Please inform me whether the above is in accordance with the intentions of Government, or otherwise, what state I am to leave the Building in.

6 I have received back, through the Examiner, the Estimates forwarded with my letter of the 9th September, but the Estimate of the Cost of demolition has not been sanctioned nor have any funds been allotted with which I can undertake the removal of the roof.

7 I forward herewith an Estimate of the Cost of removing the roof and all wood work amounting to Rs 300/. If this is approved please allot the necessary funds.

8 The value of the materials to be thus removed was estimated by Mr Peters to be Rs 970.

9 I await further instructions regarding the 2 mural Tablets.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servt
J. W. Rundall
Superintendent of Works
Kistna

Compd J.G.L.

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Estimate of the Cost of removal of the roof and wood work Fort Church Masulipatam

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21 Sqr. Terrace roofing removing at Rs 0-10-0	13-2-.
23 Sqr. Removing tiles reepers, and Couples, at Rs 0-10-0	14-6-.
120 Rg feet Removing Balustrade at Rs 0-0-6	3-12-.
315 . Limestone Cornice at Rs 0-3-0	59-1-.
Removing Stair Roof planking and beams of terrace	100-.-.
Removing doors and Windows	30-.-.
Levelling ground &c.	29-.-.
Total Rs	300-.-.

Supt of Works Office Kistna
Masulipatam 1st February 1881

J. W. Rundall
Superintendent of Works
Kistna

P. W. Ccl No 756

From

The Superintendent of Works
Kistna

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Dept

Cl. No 305 d/ 9th Feby /81

Dated 1st } Febry /81
Desp'd 2d }

No 2401

Masulipatam Fort Church at. Requesting instructions as to the state of walls of — to be left in.

+ Cho 904, C. 8/2/81

Await the Arch. assessment + letter in circulation.

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Read leading
Draft

Ecclesiastical Department

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No 65.

From Revd. S. Morley
Bishop's Chaplain

To

The Honorable R. Davidson, C. S. I.
Chief Secy. to Government,
Fort Saint George

Madras 1 Feby: 1881

Sir,

With reference to your Endorsement on G. O. 20th December 1880, No. 2914 W. herewith returned, I am desired by the Bishop to request that you will be so good as to submit to His Excellency the Governor in Council the accompanying letter from the Registrar of the Diocese with enclosures, with a view to the further consideration of the subject of that Order, and the adoption of so much of the course proposed by the Registrar as may be also recommended by the Advocate General, and with a view to the submission of the question if found desirable, to the Government of India; as the Bishop understands that when the Government sanction the Consecration of a building they consent to its being placed under the religious and statutory regulations attached

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2. With regard to para 3 of the Government Order, the Bishop is of opinion that the Memorial Tablet should be removed to the Pettah Church, and the Tablet recording the date of the Consecration be preserved on the site of the old Church, fixed in the face of one of the walls, which (as stated in the G.O.) it is not intended to level entirely.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

Bishop's Chaplain

P. W. C. No 704

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(Churches)

P.O. No. 2914 W. 20-12-80 (orig.)

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30. 10 — 2731 W

From, Revd S. Morley
Bishop's Chaplain

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To, The Chief Secy: to Govt.
Fort S. George

Ch. No 305 d/9th Feby/81

Dated 1
Recd 2 } February 1881

T.R. No: 3 returned

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No. 65

Replies to Endorsement of G.O. 20th Decr. 1880, No. 2914, W; and forwards letter from the Registrar of the Diocese with Enclos. with a view to the further consideration of the G.O.

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Transferred to the Public Works Dept. for disposal.

R. Davidson
Chief Secy.

3rd Feb /81
2/2/81

C. 5-2. R-9-2.

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On tour

No 9

Madras, 27th January 1881.

FROM
THE REGISTRAR OF THE DIOCESE,

TO
The Reverend S. Morley
Domestic Chaplain to the
Lord Bishop of Madras
Madras

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My dear Sir,

I return the G.O. relating to the Fort Church at Masulipatam forwarded with yours of the 24th instant.

2. I am of opinion that the proper procedure will be for a petition to be presented to the Bishop on which his Lordship can grant a faculty for the taking down of the old Fort Church and the substitution for it of the church in the pettah. Such faculty I find would by custom contain a clause protecting the site of the church to be taken down from desecration.

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I remain
My dear Sir
Yours very faithfully
F. Rowlandson
Registrar

the Public Works
for disposal

Chief

3 Feb /81
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3. The [illegible] Missionaries are about to build two substantial Churches; one in the Ellore district at Polsanipalle about 10 miles from the Canal; the other about 30 miles west of Bezwada

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3rd Feb /81
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On tour
Masulipatam
19 March 1881

No 74

From
The Domestic Chaplain
to the Rt. Revd. the Lord Bishop of Madras

To The Under Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

No 305

I write referring to your letter of the 9th Feb. His Lordship desires me to say that the timber work of the materials of the Consecrated Church in the Fort at Masulipatam should be sold unless there is no other sacred use to which they can be applied: but that, if within a reasonable period such use can be found, then they may be sold & the money assigned to Church building & repairing elsewhere.

2. The Government Church at Cocanada is about to be enlarged, a grant having already been sanctioned for the purpose. This would be a very suitable object on which to dispose of some of the wood of the Masulipatam Church.

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5. Thus it would appear that a good deal, at all rates, of the wood may be disposed of before long for purposes ~~chiefly~~ closely akin to that for which in connection it was assigned in trust.

6. As it is possible that all the wood may not be disposed of for a few years, & owing to changes in Public Works officers the intention regarding its use may be overlooked, the Bishop suggests that the Committee of the Pettah Church be ~~appointed~~ associated with the P.W.D. officer in the case of it, to consider & determine applications for grants, & that if the whole be disposed of in less than three years the fact should be reported to Government; and if not, then, at the end of three years a statement of the quantities disposed of & the quantity remaining shall be submitted to Government & Government shall determine whether the remainder shall be sold;

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and if it be resolved that it be sold, the money received shall be spent in erecting, enlarging, or furnishing, Churches in the Presidency.

7. The Bishop desires me to add that the feeling of people at Mandapatam seems to be in favour of allowing as much of the fabric to stand as possible. He is informed that the roof must be taken down before long for fear of its falling in; but the walls & pillars might perhaps be allowed to remain. The ~~South~~ South West corner it would seem necessary to retain entire, as there is a mark on that part of the roof which is said to indicate one of the points of the Trigonometrical Survey.

I have the honor &c,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
G. Knowley
Bishop's Chaplain.

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M.W.C. No 1826.

Required 14th March 81

C.E. 2229. 15-8-79.
" 416. 17.10.79.
" 460W. 14-2-79.
A.O. 2974W. 20.12.80.
C.E. 2080 [illegible] 1881
" [illegible] 81

C. 24.3. R. 24.3.

Estimate for 1881-82 of the Cost of Construction and Repairs of Public Buildings through Departmental Agency

St. Bartholomew's Church Mysore

Department.	Description of Work.	Actuals 1879-80	Estimates 1880-81	Estimates 1881-82	Remarks.
Ecclesiastical	1. Rebuilding and Chunam plastering the portions of the Compound wall which have fallen down during the rains and also plastering the other portions of Compound wall where necessary to prevent further damage which may occur in the event of heavy rain.	Not known	None Sanctioned	182 " "	The Church Committee beg to state that this Estimate was sent in to Government in July 1880 by the Executive Engineer of Mysore; but, returned to him by Government, as the Estimated Cost of the repairs was under Rupees 1000. The necessity of the repairs now mentioned, and the advisability of not postponing them, will be evident from the dilapidated state of the Compound wall and Gates, and also from the leakages in the roof of the Church, and the injuries to the walls therefrom.
	2. Providing for the proper draining of the Compound and repairing the approaches to the Church.			25 " "	
	3. Petty repairs to the Interior, and interior of the Church, and Church buildings, the Entrance Gates and paling in front.			48 " "	
	Total Rupees			255 " "	

J. Mortle.
Lay Trustee.

Feby. 5th 1881.

Chaplain

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Endorsement in the Ecclesiastical Deptt. No. 215, dated 3rd February 1881 on letter from the Bishop's Chaplain, No. 65, dated 1st February 1881.

FOR ORDERS.

The Registrar of the Diocese seems to object to sale of materials. The Bishop seems to endorse his letter — but let the Diocese to receive sale proceeds or at least to have a voice therein.

The Church has been ordered to be pulled down with the consent of the Bishop, who also approved of the sale of the materials, suggesting only that the proceeds should be applied to some religious purpose - vide letter from the Bishop's Chaplain No. 955 dated 20th October 1879.

2. There seems no

objection to the site
of the church being
marked as now proposed.

3. The fourth paragraph
of G. O. No. 2914 W of 20th
December 1880 is in accordance
with rule; it is for
Government to decide
whether they will make
a grant for religious
purposes equal in
amount to the proceeds
of the sale.

J. Penny Major R.E.

for Secy: to Govt.
P. W. D.

FOR ORDERS.

Hon W Huddleston

Ask [illegible] H.L.
intends to object
to the sale of
the [illegible]. The
[illegible] [illegible]
is [illegible]
[illegible]
that be sold

W.S. C.5-2 R.7-2

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From the Domestic Chaplain to the
Right Reverend the Lord Bishop
of Madras, No. 78, dated 19th March
1881.

FOR ORDERS.

J. Penny Major R.E.

for Secy: to Govt.
P. W. D.

Sanction the
proposals
[illegible]

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A/ No 882 W. P.W. B. of Works

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 31st March /81.

Read the following :—

882/14

From the Supt. of W. Kistna H.S. No 2401 d/ 1st Feby 1881.
Endt from the Eccles Dept " " 215 d/ 3rd " " ——
From the Bishop's Chaplain " " 74 d/ 19th March 1881.

The Rt. Hon. the Govr in Council sanctions the proposals in letters from the Bishop's Chaplain No 65 d/ 1st Feby 81, para 2 & No 74 d/ 19th March 1881, which will be communicated to the Supt. of Works Kistna for guidance.

2. The site of the Church will be marked as proposed in letter from the Registrar of the Diocese dated 27th

No. 19

27th January 1881.

3. This order supersedes so much of G.O. No 2914 W of 20 Decr 1880 as relates to the Fort Church at Masulipatam.

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To The Supt. of W. Works
with 1 enclo

" Secy P. W. Dept.

" Eccles. Dept.
with 2 enclos — 8 Feb

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Govt. of (1881) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To 1/4

Dated

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G.O., 31 Mar 1881, No. 882 W.

Nos. 98 to 99

Old Fort Church at Vizagapatam — Sanction the proposals in letter from the Bishop's Chaplain regarding the disposal of the materials &c of the —

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