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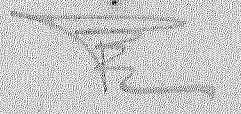
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Proceedings, dated 9 June 1882.
No. 49 A.

Subject.

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Copy letter from
Vicar General, submitting
an explanation as to
the cause of delay in
preparing claim for
Settlers in the D C
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

The Very Reverend J. Colgan,
Vicar General, dated Orcaud. 1st June
1882, N^o 17-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, 5th Circle, N^o 423, dated 6th May 1882, with the Government Order thereon, N^o 36, dated 19th May 1882, asking for a general order to be issued by Government for the guidance of the Roman Catholic Ecclesiastical Authorities, in forwarding claims for compensation for sittings in Roman Catholic Churches, and complaining of the very unnecessary delay with which these claims have been recently submitted.

In reference to the above complaints, I beg to state for the information of Government, that the Ecclesiastical Authorities are not to be blamed for the following reasons.

On the 1st July 1881, I wrote to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, asking for information as to the dates from which I could claim compensation for the sittings in the Catholic Cathedral

Cathedral, Madras, and in the Church of Saint Francis Xavier at Palaveram, as the orders of Government, hitherto issued, did not clearly specify the dates from which I was entitled to such compensation.

The Order of Government on my letter giving the precise dates from which I was entitled to such compensation is dated 25th July 1881, N^o 1816 W. On the 4th August 1881, I wrote to the Adjutant General, Fort Saint George, asking him to furnish me with a return shewing the number of Roman Catholic soldiers soldiers' wives, and children attending the Church at Palaveram, from May 1876 to January 1880, as I had not been furnished with returns previous to the latter date. Owing to the length of time that had elapsed, this information could not be easily, and, at once obtained. But immediately on the returns being furnished, I sent in my Bill of claims for sittings on the 21st October 1881 to the Controller, Military Accounts, Fort Saint George.

My bill of claims was returned for corrections, at the same time, calling upon me to furnish certificates from Officers Commanding the Stations. In my letter, dated 31st March last, I forwarded the Certificates to the Superintending Engineer, 5th Circle, leaving it to him to make such alterations

alterations in the Bills as he deemed necessary.

I could have made no claims for sittings in either church, before the 25th July 1881, and, under the circumstances above mentioned, I do not think I am to blame in the matter.

With reference to the Government Order I have only to state that as the Returns for sittings in both churches are forwarded monthly, by the Adjutant General to me, claims for compensation shall be made in accordance with the wishes of the Executive Engineer, 5th Circle, as expressed in the 4th para of his letter of the 6th May 1882. Trusting that this explanation will be deemed satisfactory by Government.

Order thereon 9th June 1882, N^o 49 A.

Communicated to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract)

G. H. Chapman
For as: Chief Secy

To

The Public Works Department ✓

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