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25TH MAY 1883, No. 1492 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers :—

G.O., dated 16th September 1882, No. 127, Ecclesiastical.

From the Venerable G. WARLOW, M.A., Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 6th April 1883, No. 669.

In G.O., 16th September 1882, No. 127, Ecclesiastical, the Governor in Council was pleased to sanction certain improvements to the church at Cochin. Among these improvements was the removal of a number of ancient tombstones from the floor of the church.

2. The Church Committee now write as follows :—

“Feeling that the removal of the tombstones from the floor to the walls of the church is an undertaking which requires professional skill, lest any injury should be done to the structure of the walls of the church, which are very old, we have the honor to request that Government will allow and direct a Government Engineer to superintend this part of the work.”

3. This request seems reasonable, and I have the honor to ask that Government may be pleased to direct the local Engineer to give such professional aid as may be necessary.

No. 737, Ecclesiastical.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for the issue of the necessary orders, with copy of G.O., 16th September 1882, No. 127.

OOTACAMUND,
11th April 1883.

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

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 14th May 1883, No. 201 W.

In reply to your endorsement, No. 12 E., of 12th ultimo, on the letter of the Venerable the Archdeacon regarding the Cochin Church, I have the honor to inform you that I arranged with the Executive Engineer that the Sub-divisional Officer, Conductor Nicholson, should take the earliest opportunity of consulting with the Church Committee and giving them all the assistance in his power in the removal of tombstones in the Cochin Church from the floor to the walls. The Overseer, Mr. Pereira, could not be constantly on the work while it is in progress, but would inspect it from time to time, which is probably all that would be necessary.

ORDER—dated 25th May 1883, No. 1492 W., Public Works.

The arrangements proposed by the Superintending Engineer are approved and sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle,
with copy of G.O., No. 127, dated 16th September 1882
(Ecclesiastical).
„ Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 25th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 25th May 1883, No. 1492 W.

MAY.

Government Church at Cochin

The arrangements of the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, for removing tombstones from the floor of the —, approved.

16TH SEPTEMBER 1882, No. 127, ECCLESIASTICAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Venerable G. WARLOW, M.A., Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 10th August 1882, No. 523.

I have the honor to submit, for the favorable consideration of Government, the enclosed application from the Church Committee of the Government Church at Cochin.

2. It appears that there are in the floor of the Church a number of "very handsome old Portuguese and Dutch tombstones of the highest archaeological interest." They are probably not in position over their respective graves, and they are being damaged and effaced by being constantly walked over by the congregation. It is now proposed to take up these tombstones and to erect them along the walls of the Church and porch to preserve them. The cost of doing this and substituting a pavement of granite or tiles will be Rs. 555 (*vide* enclosed estimate, B).

3. At the same time it is proposed to make some further improvements in the Church, the congregation bearing the chief part of the cost, but to which it is hoped Government may be pleased to give a small subsidy.

4. These improvements are—

- (i) To raise the floor of the chancel (now level with the nave) three steps higher, and the floor of the sanctuary one step more, in order that the service may be better heard by the congregation. For this is solicited a grant of Rs. 138.
- (ii) To lay down a pathway of Minton tiles in the nave and chancel, also to pave the sanctuary in the same manner. This will cost Rs. 648, towards which a grant of Rs. 248 is asked.

5. Several large gifts have been made, or promised, by the congregation amounting to Rs. 2,000 (*vide* Enclosure A), and they hope that Government will assist them, as above, to the extent of a subsidy of Rs. 941 in total.

6. With respect to the several projects put forward, I would remark that the removal of the ancient tombstones appears to be desirable, and it seems to be contemplated in Rule XII of the Cemetery Regulations of the Government of India that the cost of such works should be borne by the State. The present proposal was approved by His Grace the Duke of Buckingham (*vide* Enclosures C and D). The estimated cost of the work, Rs. 555, does not appear to be excessive, and I venture to recommend the outlay on archaeological grounds.

7. As to the grant of Rs. 386 towards placing Minton tiles in chancel and nave, I may remark that it is not usual for Government to supply funds for ornamental purposes. As, however, the Church at Cochin is a building of considerable historical interest, and the congregation have come forward in a liberal spirit to improve and adorn it, Government may perhaps be pleased to encourage local effort and contribute the above sum as a special case.

16TH SEPTEMBER 1882, No. 127, ECCLESIASTICAL.

ORDER—dated 16th September 1882, No. 127, Ecclesiastical.

The arguments put forward by the Venerable the Archdeacon are sound. The claim for Government assistance is amply justified by the historical and archaeological importance of the building, and His Excellency the Governor in Council has pleasure in sanctioning a grant of Rs. 1,000 from Provincial Funds in aid of the proposed improvements.

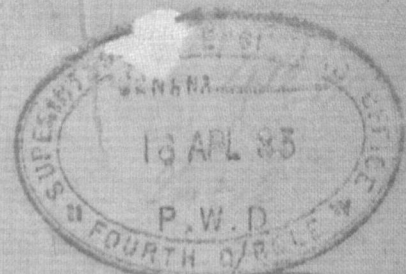
(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Venerable the Archdeacon, with enclosure.
" Accountant-General.
" Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of (1882) Madras.
ECCLESIASTICAL.



Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 16th September 1882, No. 127.

SEPTEMBER.

Churches.

Sanctioning a grant of Rs. 1,000 from Provincial Funds in aid of the proposed improvements in Cochin Church.

To be returned

Madras 6th April 1883.

No. 669.

To The Honorable
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George

Sir,

In G.O. 16th September 1882, No. 127, Ecclesiastical, the Governor in Council was pleased to sanction certain improvements to the Church at Cochin. Among these improvements was the removal of a number of ancient Tomb Stones from the floor of the Church.
2. The Church Committee now write as follows:—

"Feeling that the removal of the Tomb Stones from the floor to the walls of the Church is an undertaking which requires professional skill, lest any injury should be done to the structure of the walls of the Church which are very old we have the honor to request that Government will allow and direct a Government Engineer to superintend this part of the work."

3. This request seems reasonable and I have the honor to ask that Government may be pleased to direct

the local Engineer to give such
professional aid as may be necessary.

I have the honor to be,

^{Sir,}
Your Most Obedt^t Servant,

L. Warburton.

Archdeacon of Madras.

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Controlled for P.W. No. 3220/
Eccles. (1883) Deptt.
(Cochin Church)

From The Venerable
The Archdeacon of Madras

To
The Hon.
The Chief Secy. to Govt.
Fort St. George

Transferred to the Public
Works Department for the issue
of the necessary orders. with
copy of G.O. 16 Sep 82 No 127.

Chief Secretary
P.O. Secy.
11/4/83

No 12 E of 12 April 83

Copy of the above for-
warded to the Dypty. Engr.
Fourth Circle who will re-
port what arrangements
he can make for super-
-vising the work in
question.

Sy. R. H. S. Col. R. S.
Secy. to Govt. Mad.

The S.E. Fourth Circle
with copy of letter quoted
above. 4 G.O. 127 of 16-9-82
Eccles.
Depd. 13/83

Dated 6th April 1883
Rec^d April 1883
No 12 E of 12 April 83
No 669

Requests that Govt.
may be pleased to direct
the Local Engineer of Cochin
to give such professional
aid as the removal of
tombstones from the floor
to the walls of Cochin
Church. -

Copy
Transferred

No. 201
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Supg. Engineer's Office, 4th Circle.
Camp Cotacaimund, 15 May 83
Depd. 17-83

From
The Supg. Engineer,
Fourth Circle, D.P.W.

To
The Chief Engineer,
D. P.W.

Sir,
In reply to your endorsement N^o
Enclosure 1
G.O. (returned) 12 E of 12th ultimo on the letter of the
No. 127 of 16-9-82
Venerable the Archdeacon regarding the
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his power in the removal of tombstones
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while it is in progress, but would inspect
it from time to time which is probably
all that would be necessary.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant.

L. Beditz - Colonel, R.E.,
Supg. Engineer, 4th Arty.

From, J.W.C.W. 4185

The Supg. Engineer
4th Circle.

Dated 14th

Ad. 18 } May 1883.

No. 201

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Government Church
at Cochin - Reports
that Arrangements
have been made for
supervising the removal
of tomb stones in the

Oct 20/83
only 10/5 Recd 25/5

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No. 1492 Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 25th May/83

Read the following

Pres. Ecclesiastical Sept. 127 of 16 September/83
Letter from the Venerable } 669 of 6 April/83
the Archdeacon of Madras
Endorsement thereon by
the Ecclesiastical Sept. 757 of 11 do
Letter from the Suptg.
Engr. Fourth Circle - 201 of 14 May/83

The arrangements
proposed by the Suptg.
Engineer are approved
and sanctioned.

P.H.H.

22/5/83

Suptg. Engr. Fourth Circle with copy 19 sent 26/5/83
of 127 of 16 Sep. 81/5
Ecclesiastical Sept. 757 of 11 May/83

22/5/83

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Govt. of Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

Date

Read

G.O. 25 May 1883, No. 1492 W

Nos.

Government Church at Cochin

The arrangements of the
St. 4th Circle for removing
limestone from the floor of
the — approved

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