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For Mr. ...

Subd. Recpt Register

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Total	..	..	..	71	4	0

(Signed) A. C. TAYLOR,
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5th September 1881.

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S. & J.
Grand P.W. Accts

with order

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Sanctioned.

6th September 1881.

(Signed) G. WARLOW,
Acting Archdeacon.

Received Payment.

(Signed) A. C. TAYLOR,
Chaplain of Vepery.

No. 1378.

Referred to the Public Works Department for inquiry.

2. It is not stated why the Executive Engineer declined to pass the bill.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
19th July 1883. *Acting Chief Secretary.*

To the Public Works Department.

From the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 25th July 1883, No. 1605.

In returning the enclosures sent with your Memorandum, No. 234-E, dated the 20th instant, I have the honor to report that the Executive Engineer asked me whether it was intended by the Government that the Public Works Department should pay for, or purchase, for the Ecclesiastical Department, such sundry articles as shades, chimneys, towels, &c. The bill of Rs. 77 was at the same time sent to me, and I replied that contingent charges, such as those entered in the bill, should be paid by the Chaplain; as only construction and repairs can be paid for by the Public Works Department, I considered that the purchase of lamp shades and ropes and trifling repairs were such as do not require professional skill, and for which the action of an Engineer would be of no sensible value—Code, paragraph 1575.

2. But on looking again into the rules, I find that by Code, paragraph 1259 (i), lighting apparatus is supplied by the Public Works Department, and by paragraph 1278 the maintenance of church furniture, including lighting apparatus, is provided for by estimates made by the Executive Engineer and the Chaplain.

Hence I am of opinion that an estimate should have been prepared for such articles as properly belong to church furniture, and that the cost of the other articles should have been adjusted separately in a contingent bill.

3. The specimen bill enclosed is headed as a contingent bill. This bill is dated * G.O., No. 2834 W., dated 27th October 1882. 5th September 1881, or previous to the orders * for petty construction and repair works at Madras being again taken up by the Public Works Department. I consider that the first item in this bill, viz., Rs. 45, for lamp shades would be now admissible in the Public Works Department, but that the other three items, to the amount of Rs. 26-4-0, for the purchase of ropes and petty repairs, should be treated as contingent charges in the Ecclesiastical Department.

I beg that orders may be given on this point so that there may be no misunderstanding in future.

No. 250-E.

Retransferred to the Ecclesiastical Department with the accompanying copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle. There is no objection in the Public Works Department to the admission of the charges debitable to the Public Works Department under Code rules, but it would be convenient if, in future, proper

estimates of these charges were prepared in advance of the financial year as laid down in paragraph 1278 of the Public Works Code.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Major-General, R.E.,
30th July 1883. *Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.*To the Chief Secretary to Government, Ecclesiastical Department,
with papers in original.

PUBLIC WORKS CODE.

Para. 1278.—Joint estimates * of expenditure should be framed annually by the under-mentioned officers:—

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| (a) In the case of all expenditure connected with establishments, <i>e.g.</i> , pay of servants, alterations in their pay or number, &c., also all expenditure by Government connected with the provision of articles of church furniture supplied by the Civil Department. | } By the Chief Magistrate of the District and by the Chaplain. |
| (b) In the case of all expenditure connected with repairs and additions to church fabric, to church compound or cemetery walls, to cemetery gates, walks, wells, watchmen or other church servants' houses, provision of necessary appliances for graves, or for the repair of tombs, or for the planting of trees and shrubs in cemeteries and keeping the same in decent order; also all expenditure by Government connected with the provision of articles of church furniture supplied by the department. | |

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The estimates of expenditure to be prepared by the Executive Engineer and the Chaplain should show distinctly the probable charge under each of the following heads:—

- I.—New works connected with additions to existing churches and improvements to church compounds.
- II.—New supplies of furniture for churches and sanctioned articles of church use.
- III.—New works connected with additions to existing burial-grounds.
- IV.—Repairs to churches and church furniture and maintenance of church compounds.
- V.—Repairs to burial-grounds to be executed by Public Works Officers.
- VI.—Repairs to burial-grounds, including planting and cleaning, to be entrusted to the Chaplain or Chief Civil or Military Officer of the Station or Cantonment.

It would be convenient if distinct estimates were prepared for each of these classes of expenditure. The provision of funds to meet the charges above enumerated will be made in the Provincial Budget Estimate of the department. The estimates for the same will be subject to the scrutiny of, and be passed by, the Superintending or Chief Engineer or Government according to the rules in force in the department. The charges debitable to the department will be provided for in the Provincial Budget Estimate—see paragraph 1272

* NOTE.—The estimates should be for the financial year, and should be prepared in advance as is prescribed for other Budget Estimates.

ORDER—dated 3rd August 1883, No. 157, Ecclesiastical.

Communicated to the Venerable the Archdeacon.

2. Those charges which are not properly debitable to Public Works are admitted against Contingencies.

3. The attention of Government Chaplains should be called to paragraph 1278 of the Public Works Code, which is printed above for ready reference.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
*Acting Chief Secretary.*To the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras.
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" Accountant-General.

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