

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., Collector of Kistna, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Masulipatam, 20th April 1895, Dis. No. 481—Eng.

Referring to my letter, Disposal 1243 English, dated 16th December 1893, submitted in reply to G.O., No. 27, Ecclesiastical, dated 29th March 1893, I have the honour to recommend that, among the tombs of historical interest to be maintained from public funds, be included the monument at Masulipatam Fort known as the Cyclone Monument. The following *verbatim* copy of the inscription on the monument will explain its origin:—

This monument commemorates the melancholy fate of Anthony and Mary Fruvall, their sons, Joseph, Michael Peter, Manuel and Daniel, their daughters, Mary Ann, Honey and her children, Joseph and Georgiana, and about 30,000 souls, who were all unexpectedly swept into eternity by the ocean wave which desolated this town on the night of the cyclone of 1st November 1864. Manuel Fruvall, anxious to pay a tribute of affection to the memory of his brother and family to express his cordial sympathy with his surviving fellow-citizens, has caused this pillar to be erected on the very spot where his relatives perished (which for years had been their happy home) to perpetuate the remembrance of this awful event and to serve at the same time as a lasting memorial of the grateful feelings with which he and the entire population recognize the unceasing and noble-hearted exertions of their worthy Chief Magistrate, G. Thornhill, Esquire, to console the survivors and relieve as far as human succour could avail the distress of the inhabitants.

O ye seas and rivers bless ye the Lord, praise and exalt him above all for ever.—Dan. III, 78.

2. Owing to atmospheric influences the monument is now in a dilapidated condition, and will soon fall into ruins unless repaired. I have had various estimates prepared for the repairs absolutely necessary and the smallest amounts to Rs. 350.

3. If the monument be treated as a tomb pure and simple, I must follow the usual course of advertising for the relatives of the deceased to undertake the repairs, and as they are not likely now to be found, the monument will have to be demolished.

4. I venture, however, to appeal to Government to preserve this memorial of one of the most stupendous calamities that has ever befallen this or any country and to undertake the upkeep of the monument as one of historical interest.

ORDER—dated 21st May 1895, No. 33, Ecclesiastical.

The monument will be added to the list appended to G.O., dated 16th February 1895, No. 13, Ecclesiastical, and the Collector's letter communicated to the Public Works Department with reference to Note (1) to Rule XX in Appendix K of the Public Works Code.

[Here enter No. 34, dated 21st May 1895].

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Kistna.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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Tombs and Monuments of Archæo-
logical or Historical Interest.

Directing that the monument at the Masulipatam Fort known as the "Cyclone Monument" be added to the list of —, and requesting the Government of India to include the same in the list forwarded to that Government.

No 1524W of 21 June 1895
Communicated to the
Superintending Engineer
H. C. C. (Ss) JP
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