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*Fort St George Public Letter
293 the 15th March 1811.*

*The construction of a Protestant Missionary Chapel at Madras by certain Individuals
at their own expense, authorized.*

Examiner's Office 1812

[Transcription of Letter]

To the Right Honorable

*Gilbert Lord Minto, Governor General in Council
etc., etc., etc.*

My Lord,

Being sensible how much you are occupied with the various and important concerns of Government, it would appear presumption in us to intrude on your valuable time were we not convinced of the propriety and importance of obtaining your sanction to the following humble request the nature of which we hope will plead our excuse.

In the month of June 1805 the Revd: W. C. Loveless, a Missionary from the London Society arrived at Madras, and soon after opened a room for public worship opposite the General Hospital. After a time finding, the place too small to contain the congregation we removed to a more commodious apartment belonging to the Deputy Sheriff in the black town where we have had the happiness to attend upon his Ministry.

The congregation having lately considerable increased and finding this room also too small and in many respects inconvenient, as well as expensive it has been judged prudent and necessary to enter into a subscription among ourselves for erecting a small building better adapted to the purpose of Devine worship as a sufficient space of ground can be procured without difficulty.

We the undersigned therefore take the liberty humbly to solicit your Lordship's permission to erect a Building in the black Town to be appropriated solely to the public Worship of God according to the pure principles of the Protestant faith.

In granting this humble request, so materially connected with our present and future happiness and we would hope with the moral and religious improvement of many of the Inhabitants of Madras you would confer a lasting favour on etc., etc.

Madras

March 16 1810

[followed by names of residents]