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DECLARATION OF A NATIONAL MONUMENT

By virtue of powers vested in me by section 10 (1) of the National Monuments Act, 1969 (Act 28 of 1969), I, Johannes Petrus van der Spuy, Minister of National Education, hereby declare the Dutch Reformed Church in Cradock to be a national monument

Description

Certain piece of land, with the church building thereon, situate in the District of Cradock, Eastern Province, being the site of the church and churchyard, in the village of Cradock (now known as Erf 885, Cradock), measuring 279 Square rods 103 square feet and held under "Cradock Freeholds Volume 1 Folio 28", dated 28 September 1840.

Historical and Architectural Interest

This church building is situated on the same site where the first Dutch Reformed Church in Cradock was built between 1821 and 1824. Construction work on the present church commenced in January 1864 and it was consecrated on 10 September 1868. As regards its architecture, this particularly tall church shows a remarkable resemblance to the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields in London. The building is in the neo-classical style with tall Doric pillars and a beautiful pulpit.

J. P. VAN DER SPUY, Minister of National Education.