

Ecclesiastical (1895) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 29

DATED 27th Apr. 1895.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

ST. MATTHIAS PURUSAVAKAM CEMETERY

Declining to increase the grant already allowed for the -- .

11-12

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From The Rev:
A. L. B. Dutton M. D.
Chaplain of Veper
To The Hon:
H. Jackson Elwes M. A.
Archdeacon of Madras

Dated Nov. 9. }
Received " 10 } 1854

1854
Eccl. Dept.
Encls. No. 1
To
No. 337

Subject

Requesting that Government will be pleased to sanction a grant of 100 Rs toward the amount paid from Church Funds during the past 11 years as taxes to the Municipality - asking that Gov. will allow, in future, any amount paid to the Municipality as taxes to be deducted from Consecrated fees paid to the Chaplain for Government; & stating that all monies received for grave fees, funeral fees, sale of press & other articles in connection with the St. Matthew's Parsonage Consecrated have been paid to the credit of Gov.

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No. 1978

From

THE VENERABLE W. WESTON ELWES, M.A.,

Archdeacon of Madras.

To The Hon: the Chief Secretary

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the favorable consideration of Government an application from the Rev. A. L. B. Brittain, Joint Chaplain of Peperu for a grant of 100 Rupees, to meet a portion of the expenses the Chaplains of Peperu have incurred during several years past by the payment of Municipal taxes on the St. L. Matthias. Persewankum Cemetery.

Enclosure.

2. In a second letter, received on the same day as the letter enclosed, Mr. Brittain informs me that the 'Assessment tax' has been paid since 1870 & the 'water' & 'lighting' tax since 1885. By 'assessment' I conclude Mr. Brittain means what the Municipality terms as House Tax, as I find from one of the Municipality's receipts (that for the first half of 9/92) that there has been charged on the ground occupied by the Cemetery

- (1) "House Tax at 10 p. c. on the annual value"
- (2) "Water tax" at 4 p. c.
- (3) "Lighting tax at 1 1/4 p. c."

3. The payment of these taxes was first brought to my notice in 1893 & owing to my representations the taxes have at last been considerably reduced with effect from the second half of 1893/94 thus showing clearly that (apart from the question whether the taxes as a whole ought to be paid at all) the amount that the

Municipality had been charging was excessive.

4. From receipts that Mr. Brittain has supplied me with, I find that during the last 2 Financial years the following taxes have been paid to the Municipality on acct. of this Cemetery.

For 1 st 1/2 year of	No.	A.	P.
91/92	9	2	5
2 nd " " 92/93	9	4	5
1 st " " 93/94	11	1	8
2 nd " " 94/95	11	1	8

5. For the first 1/2 year of 93/94 the sum of Rs 11. 1. 8 was paid, but from the last 1/2 year of 93/94 the taxes have been reduced to Rs 4. 10. 8 for each 1/2 year.

6. The Municipality claims that it does not have the Cemetery, but a "commemorative garden". I was at a loss to know to what this expression referred, but I understand it refers to some cocoa-trees growing in the Cemetery. On inquiry of Mr. Brittain I found that the cocoa nuts from these trees had not been sold, but had been given to his school-boys. There pointed out that these cocoa-nut trees are a source of income to Government, & Mr. Brittain has since sold the cocoa-nuts & placed the proceeds to the credit of Govt, & in future this will be done.

7. I have the honor to ask whether Govt. under these circumstances Government will be pleased

(1) To sanction a grant from Cemetery receipts, of 100 Rs to the Jr. Chaplain of Vepery to meet a portion of the amounts paid to the Municipality, and,

(2) To sanction the amounts that may in future be paid to the Municipality, being deducted from the Cemetery fees paid to the Chaplain for Government.

8. I further have the honor to request that Govt. will be pleased to inform me whether a Municipality is justified in thus leaving a Cemetery.

There the honor to be

Yr. most obedient servant
W. Weston Elmes
Archdeacon of Madras

337
ECCLES. (1894) DEPARTMENT.

No. 1970

From
THE VENERABLE W. WESTON ELWES, M.A.,
Archdeacon of Madras.

To The Hon: the Chief Secd.

CHIEF SECRETARY
16 NOV. 1894
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dated Nov: 15
Received 16/11
Encl: one

No.

SUBJECT.

Forwarding a letter from the Rev: G. H. D. Dittain dated Nov: 9. 94 asking whether Govt. will be pleased to make a grant of 100 Rs towards the sum which the Jami Chepplams of Veper have had to pay for gear presentances to the Municipality of Madras as the St. Thallurus Church Cemetery - asking whether the J. Chepplams of Veper may in future deduct from Cemetery fees or if ever they have to pay as taxes to the Municipality & enquiring whether the Municipality is justified in thus doing Cemetery.

N 2336 d/26 November 94
Referred to the Accountant-General for favor of remarks.

Edmund White
Chief Secretary

Health Genl Office
27 NOV. 1894

TO BE RETURNED
WITH REPLY.

355
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 3133 M
THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,
MADRAS,

To THE Chief Secy to Govt Encl 10/11/94

No. 3656

Dated 3 }
Received 4 }
Rep 4 }
Encl. 337 & 15
Encl. ref. 10
CHIEF SECRETARY
-4 DEC. 1894
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
No.

Subject.

stating that the Municipal taxes of the kind referred to if sanctioned by the Govt can be paid from public revenues but the proposal of the Venerable the Archdeacon is objectionable

Please put up act I of 1894

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 3133 M
Encl: 2450 d/10-12-94
Referred to the Local and Municipal dept for remarks with advertisement to para 8 of the Archdeacon's letter.

25/11
6/12

25/11
8/12/94

No. 1493 d/17-12-94

Referred to the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, for remarks.

Encl: 1
19/12/94

1 By order

W Francis

Assistant Secretary

For 15/12/94 }
15 Dec: 1894

14/12

To The President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

with endorsement 14/12

Presidency Audit DEPARTMENT.

FORT ST. GEORGE,

Accountant-General's Office,

3^d December 1894.

No. 3656

From

J. W. Rawlins Esquire,
ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government
Ecclesiastical Dept^t

SIR,

In returning the papers received with your endorsement No 2336 dated 26th November 1894 referring to me for report an application from the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras for the grant of a Compensation of Rs 100/- towards Municipal assessments paid on the Pursewakkam Cemetery during the past 11 years and for the deduction of such taxes payable in future from the Cemetery Receipts, I have the honour to observe that there is no audit or account objection to the payment, from Public Revenues, of such Municipal taxes, should Government deem fit to sanction it; but as ~~their~~ adjustment by deduction from the Cemetery Receipts as proposed by the Venerable the archdeacon is opposed to Rule VII of the "Rules regarding churches and cemeteries throughout India and to Rule 4 of Appendix A embodied in Government

2. With reference to the question raised by the archdeacon regarding the propriety of taxing the cemetery, I beg to state that in the absence of any definite information as to the circumstances of the assessment, I can only point out that the assessment of a cemetery as such is opposed to Section 119 of the Madras act I of 1884.

WJ
3-X11

10/11. 20/11.

R. No. 151.
300.

R. No. 6017.

CURRENT No. 23
REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

Municipal Office,

Madras, 21st December 1894.

From

Lt. Col. G. M. J. Moore, C. S. I.
President, Local & Municipal Dept.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government, Local & Municipal
Dept.

Sir,

Fort St. George.

Enclosure.

With reference to your endorsement No. 1493
dated 17th December 1894 on current No. 3133 (here-
with returned) I have the honor to state that
it is not the cemetery that is taxed but the
Cocoanut garden attached to it.

2 This garden was assessed since 1882
at Rs 120 under the provisions of Section 123 of
the City of Madras Municipal Act. It was
raised to Rs 144 in 1892-93.

3. Having taken the opinion of the
Commissioners who were sitting on appeal,
I reduced it last year to Rs 60 under the
provisions of Section 131.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
G. M. J. Moore Lt. Col.

President, L. & M. Dept.

It is submitted
that no grant need
be made. The necessity
for it has not been
established. In the
event of the trees not
yielding sufficient
revenue to pay even
the tases they shd:
be cut down. This,
however, is not likely.

As the choir boys have
had the cocoanuts the
choir school should
pay their value to the
cemetery account.

38B.
22/1.

There seems no ground
for making any grant.
As for ^{the suggestion of} the choir school
pay for the cocoanuts. The matter
is a petty one and ~~no~~ should
I submit be dropped.

20
23/1/95

No sufficient cause for
a grant has been shown. It
wd be useless to order the
value of the cocoan nuts to
be paid by the choir school,
as I suppose supported
to some extent by church
funds. Whether the
cocoanut trees yield sufficient
revenue to pay the taxes
or not does not matter as
the receipts by cemetery
receipts have to be paid to
Govt. We might increase our
grant by the amount we
get for the cocoanuts. Ask
what that amount is?

28
24/1

22. 3. 1905

Municipal Tax, Purse.
Wankam Cemetery.

Don. J. Grose.

C 24/1 / 25/1
R 25/1

Memorandum No. 170
30-1-95

Copest

With ref. to the
28/1/95
concluding sentence
of para. 6 of his letter
No. 1978 of the 15th Nov.
last, the Ven. the Arch-
deacon is requested to
state the average
amount credited to
Govt per mensem on
account of the sale of
coconuts from the
Pursewankam
Cemetery garden.

3.5.13.
for C.S.
28/1/95

To

The Ven. the Archdeacon. dated
30.1.95

With the Archdeacon.

Copest

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT,
NUNGUMBAKUM,

Madras, April 9 1895.

No. 2093

From

THE VENERABLE W. WESTON ELWES, M.A.,

Archdeacon of Madras.

To

The Hon.
The Chief Secretary

Sir,

I have the honor to state with reference to
my No 1978 No: 15.54 & Gov. Memorandum No 170
to Gen. 1895 that up to the present date the Rev.
A. H. B. Brittain has received only 4 Rs for the sale
of Cocoa nuts which was credited to Gov. in Sept. 1894-

2 In a letter however dated Feb. 4 Mr. Brittain
says "no other nuts have been sold following the
example of my Predecessors I have allowed some nuts
to be given to the children of an Choir school"

3. If, as is apparent in the case, these gifts were
continued after (as mentioned in para 6 of my letter
of No: 15.54), I had drawn the attention of Mr. Brittain
to the necessity of selling the cocoa nuts for the benefit
of Gen. I do not think Mr. Brittain should have
continued these gifts

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most obedt. Servant

W. Weston Elwes
Archdeacon of Madras.

ECCLES. (1895) DEPARTMENT.

No. 2093

From

THE VENERABLE W. WESTON ELWES, M.A.,
Archdeacon of Madras.

To

The Hon:
The Chief Secretary



Dated Apr 5

Received 11/5

Recd 12/5

1895.

No. 2093

SUBJECT.

Letter, with reference to his No 1978
15th Nov. 1894. The up to the
present date of No for the sale
of coconuts has been received
of the Rev. A. R. D. Dutton &
credited to him

mu.

Submitted with ref. to
the Hon's note of the
24th Jan. Mr Brittain
has proceeded on furlough.
Subd. that it will be
sufficient to say that no
increased grant can
be given.

35/3.
21-4-95

22/4/95.

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24/4

Currents 337, 355, 23 & 87

Order 27 April 1895, No 29.

The Govt: sees no
sufficient reason for
increasing its grant.
from orders

49/3.
26-4-5.

26/4/95

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READ AGAIN G.O., No.
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CURRENT No.

ENCLOSURES TO O. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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