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No. 14-

D. Martin, Thunders Vestry -
North Black Town. Madras.
4 May 1895

From the Rev. O. J. Brandon
Chaplain of North Black Town.
To the Rev. the Archdeacon of Madras.
Sir.

I have the honor to draw your attention to my
letter No. 51 dated 29 Aug 1894 and to request that early
arrangements may be made for providing additional
burial ground for the Church of England in Black Town
and the districts lying to its north.

The ground provided for the Church of England in the new
general cemetery in Washermanpettah will soon be full
of graves. I consider it absolutely necessary that (1)
new burial ground be provided, and that (2) it be
conveniently situated.

I request that if a new cemetery is provided for the
Church of England in the north of Madras it may not be
in a general cemetery. My reasons for making this
request are as follows.

* A general cemetery in
Madras City under the
sole charge of the Chaplain
would also be unworkable.

(1). The Chaplain is not in charge of the general
cemetery in any district of Madras City. The
present system of controlling a general cemetery by
divided authority has proved itself unworkable and
has been and is productive of evil results.

(2) Provision was made in the new general
cemetery in Washermanpettah for the Roman
Catholic Goanese Mission and the Non-conformists.
Neither of these parties require or have used this ground
reserved for them. They have still for some years to come
ample burial space in the old cemetery in Washor-
manpettah. It is unnecessary therefore to make a
still further provision for them.

(3) The Roman Catholic Irish Mission have used
their portion of the new general cemetery in Washor-
manpettah almost exclusively for the burial of the
poor class of Natives. It is therefore to be presumed
that a burial ground provided for this Mission in a
new general cemetery will be used almost exclusively
by the above class of people. It is said that this Mission
makes no distinction between the burials of Europeans
and Natives but I find a distinction is made in that
the rich and well-to-do are not buried in the general cemetery
but only the poor. I cannot too emphatically
bring to your notice & through you to the notice of Govt.

- (a) that the habits and customs in connection with some native burials are repulsive to Europeans, and
(b) that it is most harassing to our feelings while conducting a quiet and orderly burial of a European or Eurasian to have the solemnity of the occasion disturbed by drunken Pariahs engaged in the same cemetery at the burial of one of their caste.

I need scarcely remind you that the Anglican Catholic Church in India makes provision for the presence of a Priest or some authorized and responsible Church Officer at all funerals - not excepting the poorest. But that many funerals of Roman Catholics are conducted without the presence of a P. C. Priest or authorized and responsible P. C. Church Officer. It is the class of people who cannot afford to pay the P. C. Eccl. fees who give the annoyance I complain of and they are just the people who ought not to be allowed to use a general cemetery unless a P. C. Priest or other authorized and responsible P. C. Church Officer is present to see that everything is done decently and in order.

(4) The Church of England portions of the old and new cemeteries in Washermanpattah have been used exclusively for the burials of Europeans and Eurasians. Provision has been made for the burials of P. of C. Natives in other cemeteries.

(5) The servants in charge of the new general cemetery in Washermanpattah complain of the annoyance they receive from drunken Pariahs coming to visit the cemetery in the evening and at night. These men visit a portion of the cemetery not under my charge.

(6) Before the walls were rebuilt round the old general cemetery in Washermanpattah the whole cemetery was used by the Natives of the locality as a latrine, and although, at my own expense, I prosecuted successfully several persons for the offence, yet, even now, with the walls rebuilt I am not able entirely to stop the desecration of the cemetery. The Church of England portion of the cemetery is entered and the graves defiled by Natives who come from all parts through those portions of the cemetery not under my charge. I am satisfied in my

our mind, although I cannot prove it, that
the Native in charge of the Non-conformists
portion of the cemetery offends in this matter,
and that his family are also guilty.

(7) I can now find any one in charge of the
gate belonging to the Roman Catholics in the
general cemetery Washermanpattah.
The gate is unlocked. People and cattle
have free access to the cemetery at any
time.

(8) A vegetable garden is always under
cultivation in the Non-conformists portion
of the last named cemetery.

(9) No servant seems to be in charge of the
Non-conformists portion of the new
general cemetery in Washermanpattah.
That portion of the cemetery is more
like part of a jungle than of a cemetery.

(10) See the other reasons set forth in my
letter referred to above.

Have the honor to be
Yours truly.

Your most obed. servant

D. J. Brandon.

Thoslain of North Black Town.

Ecclerastical Department.

Warden of the
Cemetery.

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From the Rev. Dr. Beardon
Chaplain of North B. Town
To the Mr. J. W. L. Elphinstone
Archdeacon of Madras.

Dated 4th May
" 3rd " }

1895.

To
Subject.

Regarding provision of Burial
space for members of the
Church of England in N. Black
Town.

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Eccl. Dept.
Encl. No. 2
To
C. No. 203.

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Bayapuram
Madras -
22 July 1895

From the Rev. Dr. Beardon
Chaplain of North Black Town -
To the Rev. Mr. Archdeacon of Madras -

Dear Sir - With reference to my letter N^o 14
dated 4 May 1895 I have the honor to
say that the average number of burials
for each year for the last five years, 1st
July 1890 to 30 June 1895, is as follows -
Adults 50 - Children 27. There
are vacant grave spaces for only 100 adults
and 200 children - The space required
for six graves of children will only accommodate
one adult - In Aug. Sep & Oct 1891, 41
adults and 19 children were buried - Should
a bad epidemic of cholera break out we
might be left without any place to bury
our dead -

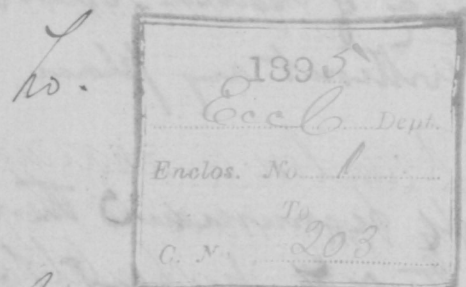
I strongly recommend that the land
lying to the North of the present Cemetery
be secured - It has excellent walls,
corresponding with those of our present
Cemetery, on the East & South - so that
only walls to the West & North would have to
be built - Some person is rapidly filling up
the large tanks lying in this land & bringing it
to a level with our Cemetery - Immediate
steps should therefore be taken to secure this
land before buildings are erected or even
foundations laid - This land is the only
suitable land for a Cemetery in our neighborhood
& could not be more suitable for our requirements
I have the honor to be Dear Sir -
Yours faithfully, Dr. Beardon Chaplain of North B. Town.

Ecclesiastical Department.

No 20.

From The Rev.
Dr. Brandon
Chaplain of L. Black Tom
To The Hon.
W. West's Elwes L.C.
Archdeacon of Madras

Dated 22 July } 1895
Received 23rd u }



Subject.

Burial of members of Church of
England connected with Black Tom
Madras. Stating that average no of
Burials during last 5 years is
Adults 50 Children 27
There are now vacant spaces
for 100 Adults & 200 children -
but the space required for
6 children can only be used
for 1 Adult. - & requesting that
a piece of land between of the
present Cemetery may be secured

CURRENT No. 203

Ecclesiastical Department
Kumbakonam
Madras Sept. 11. 1895

No 2273

From The Hon. W. West's Elwes L.C.
Archdeacon of Madras
To The Hon. The Chief Secretary

Sir,
I have the honor to forward for the
consideration & orders of Government 2 letters from
the Rev. Dr. Brandon Chaplain of L. Black Tom
dated 22nd July & 4th Aug 1895.

2. Dr. Brandon considers that the time has come
to take steps for providing more space for Burial of
Members of the Church of England in Black Tom.

3. The average no of Burials per year for the
last 5 years has been 50 Adults & 27 children
There are now vacant grave spaces for 100 Adults &
200 children. - owing to the peculiar nature of the
soil - the space required for 6 children is sufficient for
only 1 Adult.

4. The Rev. Dr. Brandon is anxious that a
large piece of ground lying near to the present
Cemetery & to the west of it should be secured.
I have visited the place & an extension in that
direction would be very convenient.

5. If Government will authorize me to do so I will
call upon the Gentlemen in charge of the General
Cemetery to inform me what space there is left there
for the burial of non-Christians - in order that Govt
may decide whether the blank space in the non-
Christian Cemetery should not be used by
the Church of England - as it is now used by the
non-Christians - before an extension is made of
the present Cemetery.

W. West's Elwes L.C.

CURRENT No. 203.
Ecclesiastical (1895) Department.

No 2273.

From The Ven. Mr. Weston Clarke
Archdeacon of Madras
To the Hon.
The Chief Secretary

Dated Sept. 11. 1895
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Forwarding 2 letters from the Rev.
Dr. Brandon in which he asks
that a piece of land to the West of
the new Washermenpett Cemetery
may be taken over & enclosed as a
burial space for burials of members
of the Church of England & stating
the average no. of burials during the
past 5 years. The amount of space
remaining.

2. Suggesting that you should authorize
the Archdeacon to call upon the Palladium
in charge of the general Cemetery to
state the average no. of burials during the
last 5 years. The space remaining in
the Cemetery. So that it may be
decided whether the unused portion
of the N. W. Cemetery should be
used by the Church before an
arrangement is made for

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The Ven. the Archdeacon
will be authorized to make
the enquiries he suggests
and will be requested to
report the result without
delay. It is observed that
the Rev. Mr. Brandon's
letters are dated 4th May
and 22nd July last respec-
tively.

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The Ven. the Archdeacon. 28/9/95
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