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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	726.	Press
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307-308		
Dated	29-4-	1874.

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No. 307. Read the following letter from A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 16th April 1874, No. 60:—

With reference to the Order of Government, under date 24th ultimo, on Petition Nos. 2808 of 1873 and 676 of 1874, calling on me to expedite the report called for in G.O., No. 501, of 14th May 1873, Public Department, I have the

* To President, 29th May 1873, No. 384. honour to forward copies of the cor-
Do. 31st July „ No. 498. respondence* which passed between the
From do. 13th August 1873, No. 690. Collector and the President, Municipal

Commission, after the receipt of the Order, No. 501, of 14th May last, regarding the assignment of a fresh burial-ground for the use of the Mahomedan community referred to.

2. The President having in his reply stated that the decision of the Municipal Commissioners on the subject would be communicated direct to Government in accordance with their usual practice, Mr. Blair took no further action in the matter.

3. I am in some doubt as to the effect of the G.O. of 14th May 1873, No. 501. If Government in that order determined that a fresh burial-ground should be assigned, I will forward the subsequent petitions and papers received with the Under Secretary's docket of 24th ultimo to the President, Municipal Commission, and will request him to at once assign a site, or to apply to me to acquire one, and will report the result to Government. If, however, the Government Order only called for a report on the advisability of assigning a new burial-ground, Mr. Loch, from his letter and his speech at pages 1509 and 1510 of the *Fort St. George Gazette* of 30th September last, seems to have entirely mistaken the object of the Collector's reference, and, instead of stating his opinion whether a new burial-ground was required, discussed the question whether a burial-ground had been promised by him in his official capacity. If the latter was the object of the Government Order, I will request the opinion of the Commissioners as to the necessity for a new burial-ground, and if one is required will, in communication with the President, Municipal Commission, take steps for its formation.

4. To save time, I have, acting on the latter interpretation of the Government Order, addressed the President, Municipal Commission.

From B. HORSBRUGH, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to J. C. LOCH, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, dated Madras, 29th May 1873, No. 384.

With reference to G.O., No. 501, of 14th instant, Public Department, I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to let me know whether it is your intention to allow the Mahomedan community who have petitioned Government a burial-ground in lieu of the one recently enclosed within the railings of the Monegar Choultry, and, if so, what site you propose to assign.

From J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to J. C. LOCH, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, dated Madras, 31st July 1873, No. 498.

I have the honour to request the favour of an early reply to my predecessor's letter, No. 384, of 29th May last, desiring you, with reference to G.O., No. 501, of 14th idem, Public Department,

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
29th April 1874.*

to inform him whether it is intended to assign any additional burial-ground to the Mahomedan community of Black Town and Tondiarpet who had complained to Government of the insufficiency of their present burial-ground.

2. I observe that, in paragraph 6 of his letter of 6th idem, recorded in the above Government Order, Mr. Robinson states that the grievance complained of is a real one.

From J. C. LOCH, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, dated Madras, 13th August 1873, S. No. 690.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, and to inform you, in reply, that the subject of extending one of the Mahomedan burial-grounds to the north of Madras is still under the consideration of the Commissioners, and that the decision they may come to will be communicated direct to Government, in accordance with their usual practice, as forming part of the Proceedings of one of their general meetings.

2. With reference to Mr. Robinson's statement that the grievance complained of by the persons whose petition he was reporting on is a real one, I am at a loss to understand how, with only such assertions as those contained in that petition before him, he could have ventured to make it. The result of a most careful and lengthened inquiry has satisfied me that the signers of the petition have absolutely no grievance whatever to complain of in connexion with the burial-ground made over by them to the Monegar Choultry.

3. I would likewise take advantage of this opportunity to inform you that the second paragraph of the Mahomedan petition is inaccurate from beginning to end. The Municipal Commissioners had nothing whatever to do with the acquisition and enclosure of the disused burial-ground by the Monegar Choultry, nor had I in my capacity as Officiating President of the Municipal Commission. No promise was ever made, or expectation held out either by them or by me, that a piece of land adjoining the burial-ground or anywhere else would be made over to the petitioners in exchange for it.

No. 308. ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1874, No. 726.

The Order of Government, dated the 14th May 1873, No. 501, distinctly called for a report "on the subject of the assignment of a burial-ground" for the Mahomedan inhabitants of Black Town, who seem, at present, to be without one in a convenient position.

(True Extract.

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Madras.

„ President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

N^o. 384

Madras Collectors Office
29th May 1874

From

B. Horsburgh Esq^{re}
As Collector of Madras

To

J. C. Loch Esq^{re}
President Municipal
Commission Madras

Sir,

With reference to Government Order
N^o. 501 of 14th instant, Public Department
I have the honor to request that you
will be good enough to let me know
whether it is your intention to allow the
Mahomedan community who have
petitioned Government a burial ground
in lieu of the one recently enclosed within
the railings of the Monegar Choultry,
and if so, what site you propose to assign.

I have &c.

/Sigs of B Horsburgh
As Collector of Madras.

/True copy/

A. W. J. Webster

As Collector of Madras.

[Signature]

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Original

Subt. of 1874 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To
THE ACTING COLLECTOR OF MADRAS,
AC.,
AC.,
AC.

Dated April, 29th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 29th April 1874, No. 726.

APRIL.
Nos. 307-308.

Burial-ground for Mahomedans in Black
Town.—The Acting Collector of Madras informed,
in reply to his further reference on the subject,
that the Order of Government of the 14th May
1873 distinctly called for a report "on the
subject of the assignment of a burial-ground" for
the Mahomedan inhabitants of Black Town,
who seem at present to be without one in a
convenient position.



N^o. 498.

Madras Collectors Office

31st July 1873.

From

J. Hunter Blair Esq^r
Collector of Madras

To

J. C. Loch Esq^r
President Municipal
Commission Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to request the favor of an early reply to my predecessor's letter N^o. 384 of 29th May last desiring you with reference to Government order N^o. 501 of 14th idem Public Department, to inform him whether it is intended to assign any additional burial ground to the Mahomedan community of Black Town and Tondiarpet who had complained to Government of the insufficiency of their present Burial ground.

2. I observe that, in para b of his letter of 6th idem recorded in the above Government order, Mr. Robinson states that the grievance complained of is a real one.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
/Sgt/ J. Hunter Blair
Collector of Madras.
/True copy/

M. W. M. M. M.
As Collector of Madras.

S. No. 690

Municipal Commissioners office
Madras 13th August 1873

From

John C. Lock Esq^r
President Municipal Commission
Madras,

To

J. Hunter Blair Esq^r
Collector of Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, and to inform you in reply that the subject of extending one of the Mahomedan burial grounds to the north of Madras is still under the consideration of the Commissioners, and that the decision they may come to will be communicated direct to Government in accordance with their usual practice, as forming part of the Proceedings of one of their General Meetings.

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as those contained in that Petition before
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enquiry has satisfied me that the signers
of the Petition have absolutely no
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Petition is inaccurate from beginning to
end. The Municipal Commissioners had
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and enclosure of the disused burial
ground by the Monegar Choultry, nor
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mise was ever made, or expectation held
out either by them or by me that a piece
of land adjoining the burial ground or
anywhere else would be made over to
the Petitioners in exchange for it.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servt.

Wm J. Loch
President Municipal
Commission

/True copy/

Wm J. Loch
As Collector of Madras.

No. 60

Madras collectors office
16th April 1874

From

A Mr. C. Webster Esq.
As Collector of Madras

To

The Honorable D. F. Carmichael
As Chief Secretary to Government
Pootacamund.

Sir,

With reference to the order of Govern-
ment under date 24th Ultimo on Petition
Nos 2808 of 1873 and 676 of 1874 calling
on me to expedite the report called for
in Government Order No. 501 of 14th May
1873, Public Department, I have the
honor to forward copies of the correspondence
which passed between the collector and
the President, Municipal Commission,
after the receipt of the order No. 501 of 14th
May last, regarding the assignment of
a fresh burial ground for the use of
the Mahomedan community referred to.
2. The President having in his reply
stated that the decision of the Municipal
Commissioners

x To President 27th May
1873 No 384.

To 31st July 1873
No 498.

From Do 13th August
1873 No 690.

S. O. No. 726 of 29th April 1874. P. W. L.

Enclosure in a letter
from the As Collector
to the As Secretary to
Government dated 16th
April 1874 No 60.

Three copies of this letter
sent 908/74.

Commissioners on the subject, would be communicated direct to Government in accordance with their usual practice, - Mr. Blain took no further action in the matter.

3. I am in some doubt as to the effect of the Government Order of 14th May 1873 No. 501. If Government in that order determined that a fresh burial ground should be assigned, I will forward the subsequent petitions and papers received with the Under Secretary's docket of 24th Ultimo to the President Municipal Commission, and will request him to at once assign a site or to apply to me to acquire one, and will report the result to Government. If, however, the Government order only called for a report on the advisability of assigning a new burial ground, Mr. Loch from his letter and his speech at pages 1509 and 1510 of Fort Saint George Gazette of 30th September last, seems to have entirely mistaken the object of the Collector's reference, and instead of stating his opinion whether

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whether a new burial ground was required, discussed the question whether a burial ground had been promised by him in his official capacity. If the latter was the object of the Government Order, I will request the opinion of the Commissioners as to the necessity for a new burial ground and if one is required will in communication with the President Municipal Commission, take steps for its formation.

4. To save time I have, acting on the latter interpretation of the Government Order, addressed the President Municipal Commission.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

M. J. McWater

Collector of Madras.

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Acting Collector of Madras,
dated 16th April 1874, No. 60.

Order thereon, Coimbatore, 29 April 1874, No. 726.

The Order of Govt. dated
the 14th May 1873, No. 501, dis-
tinctly called for a report "on
the subject of the apportionment
of a burial ground" for the
Mahomedan inhabitants of
Black Town, Coimbatore, as the
papers recorded show, of the
ground which was enclosed
by the Directors of the Madras
Government, and the Acting
Collector should not have
had any doubts in the matter.

I would not have
on the ground that
has been dis-used
& closed! & say
that, when the
ones, in a convenient
position.

The Ag. Collector of Madras }
Presd of the Madras }
Mun. Commission. }
25/4 Madras }
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17th April 1874
The Ag. Collector of
Madras
To the Secy Secretary
to Government
Coimbatore.
Dated 16th April 1874
No. 60.
Enclosure 21
Submits, with reference to
the order of Government of
24th March on Government
Order No. 2808 of 1873 & 676
of 1874, the correspondence which
passed between the Collector and
Municipal President regarding
the apportionment of a burial ground
for the use of the Maho-
medan Community of the
borough of B. O. No. 501 of 14th May
last, and requests certain information
as to the effect of the Govern-
ment order.

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 Wm. L. Brown
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Out. of 1874 } M. Adams.

Financial

To
 Wm. L. Brown of N. York.
 per.

Dated April 29 } 1874, No.
 Recd. } 20.

Nos. 298-299.

Annual Report for the year ending in
 1874. Wm. L. Brown of
 N. York. informed in reply to
 his further req. on the subject
 that the order of Gov. of the
 14 May 1873 distinctly called
 for a report on the subject of
 the advertisement of a burial
 ground for the Maltese in
 N. York. The Maltese
 inhabitants of the Black
 Court who seem to pretend to
 be well known in a considerable
 portion -

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Dated *29-4-* 1874

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