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Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 166 m

DATED 5th February 1895.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Burial and Burning Grounds.

Passing orders on the subject of the closure of the objectionable---in the Periyakulam Municipality.

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Saido Alaud du Schib, Chaudman.
M. P. Rajamurthy, Bangalore, Family
Dr. Muthuswami Chettyar Bangalore.
Dr. Subramanyam Chettyar Bangalore.
Dr. Ramaswami Chettyar Bangalore.
Dr. Subramanyam Chettyar Bangalore.
Dr. Venkataswami Chettyar Bangalore.

200. Read notes of the Sanitary Com-
mission on the inspection of the
Burial and Burping ground in this
municipality. Read also letter from the
Secretary to the Mahaganams, Mankar,
objecting to the closure of the present
Burial ground and re-
questing to be allowed to erect a
masonry wall of 20 feet high around
the ground. Read also Mahagan
from the Mahaganams and heard
their personal representations. Read
also resolutions of the Council no 200
dated 8th February 1898 and no 38
dated 13th June 1898.

Resolution

Resolution: — Proposed by Mr. P. V. P. Rajanir Sargal that the burning of Corpses on the ground should be totally be prohibited, as the Sanitary Commission thinks that the Sub-Commissioner thinks that the burning of water flows into the river, But the burning is objected on the ground that it is a source of nuisance to the Taluk Cutchery. Section 210 of the Act empowers the Council to interfere only in the case of ground which is or is likely to be dangerous to the health of the persons living in the neighbourhood thereof. Now in the present case the Complaint emanates from the Tahsildar and other officials who resort to office for work. Can they be said to live there? What is the meaning of the Act? I think they do not. In this view of the case I think the closure of the burning ground is not warranted. Seconded by Mr. P. J. P. Muthuswami Sargal and carried by majority.

(True Extract)

Chairman
Sargal
14.12.96

Received from the
 Secy to the Govt of Madras
 No 2782. Dated 14 Dec 1894
 From the Secy to the Govt of Madras
 Municipal Council
 Periyakulam
 To the Chief Secretary to Govt
 of Madras
 Local Board, Periyakulam
 Dated 14-12-94
 In reference to the letter of the
 Municipal Council, Periyakulam
 dated 14-12-94, regarding the
 closure of the grounds for the
 burial of the dead, is hereby
 forwarded to the Secy to the Govt
 of Madras for their consideration.
 Copy of resolution of the Council
 regarding the Burial
 ground is also forwarded.
 (True Extract)
 14-12-94

Proceedings of the Municipal Council
 Periyakulam dated 4th Dec 1894

Present:—
 Sairaj Mahadun Sahib, Chairman
 J. A. Lunnay Esq. Ex-officio Councillor
 Mr. V. P. Rajanur Sahib, Councillor
 " P. N. Subbaraj Sahib, Councillor
 " Vijaya Mahadevan Naidu Garu
 " Subbarajayatu Naidu Garu
 " K. Arumachandran Sahib, Councillor
 " Ramaswami Sahib Garu
 Rev. C. Willemans

229. Read inspection notes of the
 Sanitary Commission about Muhammadan
 burial-grounds. Read also Memoirs
 of the Muhammadans objecting to
 the closure of the grounds for the
 reasons stated.

Resolved that the existing Kerkara
 Muhammadan burial ground be
 closed after a suitable place
 for burial is selected.
 (True Extract)

J. A. Lunnay
 Chairman
 14-12-94

Enclosure No 2
In a letter dated 14th Dec 94
No 278

From
The Chairman
Municipal Council
Ponjikutam

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Local & Municipal Dept.

Local & Municipal Dept.

Dated 14th Dec 94

Copy of the resolution of the

General Assembly regarding the

Closure of the Muhammedan

burial grounds at Thekkarakai

No 278

Municipal Office
Ponjikutam
Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 3274

From
Sajid Alauddin Sahib,
Chairman, Municipal Council,
Ponjikutam

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
of Madras
Local & Municipal Department

That
The Subcollector and the Collector of
Madras

Sir,

As promised in my letter No
229 dated 17th October 1894, submitting
the inspection notes of the Sanitary Com-
missioners. I have the honor to submit
Copy of the resolution of the Council on
the subject of closing the present burial
and burning grounds and to report
that a site will shortly be selected
outside the town for the Muhammedan
burial grounds situated in the heart
of Thekkarakai. It seems advisable that
the other burial and burning grounds
objected to by the Sanitary Commissioners
may be closed gradually.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sajid Alauddin
Chairman

No 1852
3-12-94

Local & Municipal Dept
Local & Municipal Dept.

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From

The Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Poona

To the Chief Secretary to Government
of Madras
Local & Municipal Department

Through

The Sub Collector and
District Officer of Madras

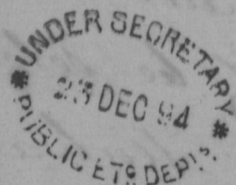


Dated 14th December 1894

Recd

No 278

Enclosure 2



Submitting copies of the
resolutions of the Council
on the Suspension Notes
of the Sanitary Commission
regarding the objectionable
burial and burning
grounds as promised in
letter no 229 dated 17-10-94

To be noted when it comes
back 9/1 (with aush)

Current No 278 of 100 L
Date 20.12.94

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EC 3424 18/12/94

Forwarded.

I do not think the
Council's arguments about
the Brahman burning
ground are weighty.

Yours faithfully
A. S. C. M.
17.12.94

E.C. no 278
subl of 1894.

Submitted.

2. The Council has had ample
time to select fresh ground
since the Sanitary Comm.
first raised this question,
it should not be allowed to
delay the matter any further.

3. As regards the Brahman
burial ground I am not
sure whether the San. Comm.
with object to burning if there
is no burying and if a
high wall is raised to prevent
the smoke nuisance. If he does
I think the ground must be
permanently closed by order
of Govt. The Council will never
close it so long as it is given
any option.

Madras }
20.12.94 }

Yours faithfully
A. S. C. M.

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Local & Municipal Dept.

CURRENT No. 3274 M.

From

The Chairman, M.C.,
Periyakulam.

M.C.

Referred to the Sanitary Com-
missioner for remarks with reference
to para. 3 of the Collector's endorse-
ment.

(By order)

Ag. Assistant Secretary

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10/1/95

Fort St. George

January 1895

No. 278.

Dated 14th December 1894.Received 23rd Decr 1894.
7th January

Enclosures 2.

SUBJECT.

Submitting copies of the resolutions
passed on the Inspection
by the Sanitary Commissioner
on certain burning & burial
of the
regu
burn
ground
letter to

The Sanitary Commissioner.

(with an order)

C. No. 3274 M.

From

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

In his "Inspection" Notes in G.O. ^{369/M.} 18.2.88
the San. Commr. said the people complained
of a Brahmin burning ground "at the en-
trance to Thenkasi", recommended that
all the burial & burning grounds on
the banks of the river should be closed.
The order thereon directed that steps should
be taken to close the objectionable burial
& burning grounds.

2. In his notes in G.O. ^{145. M.} 6.2.89
the San. Commr. also remarked that
"nearly all the burning and burial
grounds are much too near dwellings
& the drinking-water supply". The
order thereon was again that they
should be closed & that the Council
should report what they intended to do. The
a Brahmin burning ground "in the middle
of the river" was specially referred to by
the San. Commr.

3. In his notes in G.O. ^{456. M.} 17.3.90
the San. Commr. again referred to these
nuisances. He said there were eight
burial & three cremation grounds
within Municipal limits: many of
these were too near water-supplies &
houses & should be closed. The Brahmin
burning ground was in the same
unsanitary condition. The order di-
rected the Council to particularly note
these remarks and to at once close
the Brahmin burning ground in

the bed of the river - The Chair-
man was directed to report.

4. In G.O. ^{677 M.}_{1.5.90} and ^{1105 M.}_{28.7.90}
the closure of this last ground &
2 others was sanctioned.

5. In his notes in G.O. ^{1827 M.}_{7.11.92}
the D.S. Commr. said that
there were still some objectionable
grounds & the order directed the
Chairman to report what action it was
proposed to take with them.

6. The notes of the San. Commr. in
the subsequent year (in G.O. ^{1480 M.}_{27.10.93})
again referred to objectionable grounds.
A resolution of the Council in the same
G.O. recorded its opinion that the
Brahman ground "north of the taluk
Catching" need not be closed as a burning
ground but it be closed to burials as
soon as ^{another} site could be found, &
promised to close one other ground.

This ~~former~~ is apparently the
place referred to in the present current.
Its closure ^{to burials} was sanctioned in
G.O. ^{311 M.}_{14.2.94}

7. In his last notes the San. Commr.
& referred specifically to three grounds
which required to be closed: - ①
"the chief burial ground", ② the ground
"near the catching" & ③ the "Muhamma-
dan burial ground." The Council
promised to hear objections to the closing
of these & report.

The present current is the report. It
only deals with two of the grounds, &
proposes to close No. 2 when a fresh
site is found, and to permit only
burnings in No. 2.

The Tahsildar has said that the
stench from burnings in No. 2 is
so great that his clerks cannot

DEPARTMENT.

No.

From

Dated

189

FOR ORDERS.

Back when they are going on, &
the San. Commr. has already said
that it should be abolished. It is
submitted that the reference to the
San. Commr. on the point suggested
by para 3 of the Collector's order on
the current is unnecessary, that
Govt. shd. now order the Council to
find ~~other~~ sites for all three
grounds within 2 months at latest, &
then close them both to burnings
& burials, that the San. Commr.
be asked to report specifically with a
map in his next notes about the any
other grounds that he considers to be
objectionable.

W.C. 12.1.95
This is an instance of the helpful way in which
Councils delay to carry out the instructions of
Govt. when it does not suit them to obey.

28/1/95

3274 In ✓
 Closure of burial & burning
 grounds in Periyakulam

HM
 (for orders)

Order 5-2-95 No. 166 mmms
 The danger to which the population of Periyakulam is subjected by the objectionable situations of the burial & burning grounds within Municipal limits has been commented upon by successive Sanitary Commissioners since 1888 & the Council has ^{never yet} ~~done~~ ^{adequate} ~~inadequate~~ action in the matter. ~~that~~ Further dilatoriness & evasion cannot be permitted, & the Council ^{will} ~~is~~ ^{be} now directed to select sites outside Municipal limits & in positions to be approved by the District Medical & San. Officer for each of the three burial & burning grounds referred to in para 5 of the San Commr's notes ^{1882/4} ~~referred~~ ^{3.12.94} recorded in G.O.
 2) The sites must be selected within 2 months of the receipt of this order by the Council Chairman, and as soon as they have been rendered suitable for the purpose ^{in question} the three grounds above referred to shd. be definitely closed to further burials or burnings.
 3. The San. Commr. will be requested to specify in his next Inspection Notes on the town and other grounds that are in his opinion dangerous to the public health & to forward a map showing accurately their position.

To C.M.C. Periyakulam. (Hro. C.M.C.)
 San Commr. ^{and}
 Surg. General. ^{London}
 Dupt. 7/2/95

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

ENCLOSURES TO G. No. _____

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT A A A A A A A

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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