

Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1829/m

DATED 4th November 1895.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Burial-ground.

Approving the recommendation of the Collector of Malabar regarding the selection of site for the Mappila--- at Cannanore, and stating that the Municipal Council should draw up estimates for acquiring and fencing it, &c., and forward them to Government as soon as possible.

BACK PAPERS.

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Malabar Collector's office
Calicut, 30 September 1895

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From

J. Hawatson Esquire,
A. Collector of Malabar,
Calicut.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. dated 15 August 1895 No. 1326 M. Mis, I have the honour to state that Mr. Moberly held a meeting of the members of the Moppilah Community at Cannanore on the 7th Idam, but as the Proceedings of the Meeting have not been recorded, I do not know what was then decided. I understand however that the Tahsildar was directed by Mr. Moberly to select a site other than the Maidanapatti burial ground (called B in Mr. Moberly's letter No. 1344 dated 29.7.95).

2 The Tahsildar has accordingly selected a site named Saitharaparamba, measuring 3.4 acres; it is about a furlong from the present Jammath Palli burial ground and has 4 houses (one of which is tiled) 73 bearing Coconut trees and some young Coconut plants on it.

The Sub Collector reports that this site is not in any way more suitable than the Maidanapalli Site, except ^{in its proximity} to the present burial ground and that it is open to the following objections:-

(a) It is within Cantonment limits

(b) It is cultivated ground now cultivated with Sugar cane in parts and the rest as paramba with houses and it would therefore be very expensive to acquire.

(c) The Moppilaks are no more willing to use it than any of the sites selected. They object in principle to moving at all and nothing but Compulsion will make them. They say that any new burial ground must be bought with "pure money" and Municipal funds do not come within the definition in their opinion. With regard to (c) I think that the objection is frivolous especially as the Moppilaks of Calicut have raised no objection to using sites acquired with municipal funds.

3. I am of opinion that the Maidanapalli Site should be acquired by the Municipality for use as a public Moppilak burial ground; it should also be enclosed and a prayer-shed built upon it. A notice may then be published in the District Gazette stating that

that the existing burial ground will be closed after a specified date and that all persons contravening the order will be liable to Criminal prosecution. If the Moppilaks object to using the site so acquired, they must be left to acquire another site for themselves.

I regret that it has been found impossible to arrange the matter amicably, but the Moppilaks have taken up an attitude of resistance to all proposals for a change of site.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

J. H. Jackson

Asst. Collector

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From

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The Collector of Malabar
Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 3002 M

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The Chief Secretary to
Government, Local
and Municipal Dept.

Dated 30th September

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.
189, No.
30th September from the Collector of Malabar.
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FOR ORDERS.

... para 2 of G.O. N. 312 M
of 5th March 1891. The Chairman, Municipal
Council, Cannanore was called upon to report
what action the Council proposed to take
to close the Mahammadan burial grounds in
the old town. The Chairman in his reply
stated that his efforts to get the Mappilas to
assist in the selection of a suitable site were
unsuccessful, and that the Council had of
its fixed upon a piece of land belonging to the
Sultan Ali Raja near the beach, called the
Maidan pathi mosque, which was already
being used as a burial ground. The Council
accordingly recommended that the two existing
public burial grounds should be closed under
Section 240 of the Dist. Municipalities Act, and
this recommendation was sanctioned G.O. N.
1927 in D. 4th Nov. 95. In May 1892, Mr. Zunge, the
Sub-Collector in charge of the office of Chairman
reported that the Arakkal Raja claimed that
the maidan burial ground was his private property.

property and objected to its being used as a public burial ground. Mr. Triggs doubted the Rajah's right to object, but thought the Council had done right in not contesting it & selecting another site for acquisition under the Act.

This site he said had not yet been approved of by the Civil Surgeon & it would take some time before the new ground could be started, he suggested that the order sanctioning the closure of the existing burial grounds should be held in abeyance. This was approved of in G.O. N. 9052a of 26th May 1892.

3. In his inspection notes recorded in G.O. N. 1507 in of 31st Oct 93, Dr. Dyball, the District Commissioner, remarked that there was a piece of Government land to the east of the European cemetery, which, if handed over to the Municipality, would make a good place for the interment of Mappilas, and the Government called upon the Collector to report on this suggestion.

4. In March 1894, Mr. Bradley reported that the site recommended by Dr. Dyball was objectionable on the grounds that (1) it was just inside the present cemetery, which was used by the Europeans, & the Roman Catholics & former Mission Christians; (2) it contained the Nizli's daughter's house & cattle shed belonging to Government; (3) the location of a Mappila burial ground in such close proximity to the Christian cemeteries

may lead to disturbances; (4) the only road to the Mappila part of the town led past the Protestant Church, & (5) it was doubtful whether the Mappilas would consent to go so far from their part of the town to bury their dead. Mr. Bradley, however, pointed out that an alternative suggestion had been made with the approval of the leading members of the Mappila community, and the Civil Surgeon, and that a third site had been pointed out by the Sub-Collector, and that these suggestions should be placed before the Sanitary Commission before final orders are passed. [G.O. N. 244 in of 29th March 1894].

5. In his inspection notes dated in G.O. N. 1032 in of 29th Nov. 1894, the District Sanitary Commissioner pointed out that the Tamar-Pala burial ground was extensive & crowded with graves & should be closed at once, and the Government called upon the Collector to report whether a less objectionable site could not be procured first. The Collector (Mr. Motley) in his reply said that the piece of land belonging to the Ali Raja which was now used as a burial ground would probably suit; but he proposed that the matter should lie over until he visited Channarayana & saw the Ali Raja & some of the principal Mappila residents. [G.O. N. 132 in of 15.2.95]

6. The account read above is the further report on the subject submitted by the Collector (Mr. Hurst). It will be seen that Mr. Motley

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To CS.

For personal of H.M.'s & H.E.'s orders. The draft order suggested in the note for orders may now, it is submitted, be used.

W. C. C.

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