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**G.O., No.** 672 M

**DATED** 18th April 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

Burial-grounds.

Passing orders on letter from the Sanitary Commissioner in regard to the closure of certain Muhammadan----in the Madras Municipality.

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No. 1707/3

Office of Sanitary Commissioner,
Fort St. George, 13 Septr. 189

From

Surgeon Lieut.-Col. W. G. King, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,
Ag. Sanitary Commissioner for Madras,

To

~~The~~ Surgn. Lieut. Col. Weir M.D
Municipal Commissioner
Bombay.

Enclosure.

Sir,

Having been directed by the Madra Government to ascertain in reference to matters affecting burial within the Town of Madras the methods pursued in Bombay, I have the honor to request that you will kindly favor me at an early date with a statement on the following points:-

(1) Is intra-mural burial recognized in Bombay?

(2) Presuming that any caste or creed be permitted to bury within municipal limits, what precautions are taken as to defining the minimum distanc from inhabited areas (a) in the case of private burial groun (b) in the case of public buri grounds?

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4) If only exceptional castes or reeds be allowed to bury within unicipal limits, please define them, and state general grounds n which the exceptions are made.

2. It has been asserted in a petition laid before the Madras Government by certain members of the Mahomedan community, that the Shiah sect of Mahomedans in Bombay having certain prejudices in regard to intramural burials, have been allowed this indulgence freely in Bombay, and bury without restriction within inhabited areas. Would you kindly state whether this is in part or whole true, and whether any rules limit the working of this concession.

3. Would you kindly state the ocalities in which Mahomedan urial grounds are situated in ombay, and afford some idea the distance from the habitations

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4. Presuming that intra-mura burials are forbidden, are exceptions made in the case o persons of special importance or in the case of families who have long enjoyed certain righ if so, are any special precautio demanded

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No. 30696 of 1894/5

Bombay 17th December 1894

To

The Municipal Commissioner

Subject
Disposal of the dead.

(1) Intra-mural burial within the walls of a place of worship is permitted only in exceptional cases and the sanction of the Commissioner is required in each case.

(2) All the burial grounds in Bombay are within municipal limits. Some of the burial grounds are within or close to, inhabited areas. There is no specified minimum distance. Measures have been taken to provide burial grounds at places distant from the inhabited areas of the city and yet not too distant to render them useless – for the customs of the people in carrying the dead has to be considered. Christian burial grounds are now in the outlying districts of Sewree and Matunga. Burial grounds for other classes of the Community are being provided in the suburbs.

(3) The precautions taken regarding burials within inhabited areas are in regard to the depth of graves & filling in. Vaults and tombs are permitted but are not demanded or required.

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(4) As already stated all burial grounds in Bombay are within municipal limits, for the Island of Bombay extends up to the municipal limits. A better definition for Bombay burial grounds would be - (a) within or near densely inhabited areas; (b) in the outlying or sparsely populated districts. There is no indulgence given to any race or creed, except that the Mahomedan or Hindu burial or cremation grounds that were in existence within the inhabited areas of the city long before the municipality was formed, are allowed to be used until other burial grounds in places at some distance from the populous part of the City are provided. As far as the Municipality is concerned the Shiah sect of Musalmin have no privileges or rights in connection with the disposal of the dead which the Sunni Community are deprived of.

Sd/ T. S. Weir
Health Officer

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No. 21734 of 1894/5

From
H. A. Acworth Esquire I.C.S.
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.

To

The Sanitary Commissioner
Madras

Municipal Commissioner's Office.
Bombay 20th Decr 1894

Sir,

With reference to your letter no. $\frac{1707}{5}$ of 13th September last, I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of the Municipal Health Officer's report on the subject.

I have the honor to
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Municipal Commissioner
B.R for the City of Bombay

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11th February 1895 from
the Sanitary Comr
for Madras

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No. 1706/S

OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Fort St. George, 13 Sept. 1894

From

SURGEON LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,
Ag. SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

~~THE~~ Dr W. J. Simpson
Health Officer
Calcutta.

Enclosure.

SIR,

Having been directed by the Madras Government to ascertain, in reference to ~~certain~~ matters affecting burials within the Town of Madras, the methods pursued in Calcutta I have the honor to request that you will kindly favor me at an early date with a statement on the following points:–

(1) Is intra-mural burial recognized in Calcutta?

(2) Presuming that any caste or creed be permitted to bury within municipal limits, what precautions are taken as to defining the minimum distance from inhabited areas (a) in the case of private burial grounds (b) in the case of public burial grounds?

(3) If burials be permitted within

inhabited areas, are any precautions as to the corpses, mode of burial, grave or tomb demanded.

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(4) If any exceptional castes or creeds be allowed to bury within municipal limits, please define them and state general grounds on which the exceptions are made.

2. Would you kindly state the localities in which Mahomedan burial grounds are situated in Calcutta, and afford some idea of the distance from the habitations of Mahomeds the grounds mentioned are supposed to serve.

3. Presuming that intra-mural burials are forbidden, are exceptions made in the case of persons of special importance or in the case of families who have long enjoyed certain rights: if so, are any special precautions demanded?

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Sd W. G. King.

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CALCUTTA MUNICIPALITY.

HEALTH OFFICER.

No. M/386

FROM

THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION,

TO Surgeon Lieutenant Col. W. G. King M.B. C.I.E. D.P.H.
Sanitary Commissioner Madras.

Dated Calcutta, 29th November 1894

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 1706/S dated 13th September 1894 and subsequent reminder I have the to reply to your questions seriatim as follows.-

(1) Yes, owing to the extension of the limits of the tow all the burial grounds are now included.

(2) The defining of minimum distance from inhabi areas both for private and public burial grounds is a the discretion of the Commissioners with the advice the Health Officer. There are no special rules.

(3) Rules of the Christian and Mahomedan B Boards and certain Sections of the Municip Act provide precautions. Copies are enclosed.

(4) No exceptional cases are usually made, each case is treated on its own merits.

2. The situations of the Mahomedan burial gro and the approximate distances of the habitation the Mahomedans making use of them are given

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Chopedar bagan } living within a distan

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| (b) | Manicktallah Canal side } | " | Used by Mahomedans living within a distance of about 2 miles. |  |  |
| (c). | Kessiabagan. | Ditto | Ditto | 2½ | miles. |
| (d). | Gobra. | Ditto | Ditto about | 1½ | miles. |
| (e). | Talbagan. | Ditto | Ditto | - | 2 miles. |
| (f). | Ekbalpore. | Ditto | Ditto | " | 1 mile. |

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obed^t Serv^t
W J Simpson M.D.
Health Officer

Enclo IV to No. 2655
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nitary Commissioner
Madras

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## Municipal Act II (B.C.) of 1888.

## Part VIII – Of Burial Grounds.

373. ——— The Commiſsioners may, if they think fit, cause a survey and measurement to be made of every public burial ground, and every place used as such; and every burial ground and every place used as such shall be registered by the owner or the person having the control thereof, who, if it is not a public burial ground, shall, if required by the Commiſsioners so to do, deposit a plan thereof in the Municipal Office within three months. If there be no owner or person authorised to control the same, the registration may be made by order of the Commiſsioners in a book to be kept by them for that purpose.

Burial Grounds to be registered.}

374. ——— Whoever uses any such place as is mentioned in the last preceding Section without the same being registered or without a plan having been deposited, when required by the Commiſsioners within the period prescribed in the last preceding Section, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs 100/, and to a further fine, not exceeding Rs 50/-, for each day during which the offence is continued after he has been convicted of such offence.

Penalty.}

375. ——— Every person having the control of a burial ground shall keep a register of all burials therein, in which shall be entered the particulars required to be entered in the

Registers of burials to be kept.}

the certificate referred to in Section 190, and the Commissioners shall at all times have access to such register.

376. —— Whoever buries, or causes, procures, or suffers to be buried, any corpse in or on any ground not registered as a burial ground, or without registering the burial under the last preceding section, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs 100/-.

Penalty.

377. —— No burial ground, whether public or private, shall be made or used, or having fallen into disuse, shall be again used as such, otherwise than by, or under the authority of, the Local Government without a license, describing the extent and boundaries thereof, previously obtained from the Commissioners in Meeting, who may at their discretation, from time to time, grant such license.

Unauthorised places not to be used for burial.

378. —— The Commissioners in Meeting may from time to time, out of the General Fund, provide fitting places to be used as burial grounds, and may fix a scale of fees in respect of burials within such burial grounds.

Commissioners in Meeting may provide burial grounds, and fix fees.

379. —— No vault or grave shall be made within the walls of, or underneath, any Church, Chapel, or other place of public worship, without the permission of the Commissioners except by order of the Local Government.

No vault or burial place henceforth to be constructed without leave of the Commissioners.

380. —— Whoever buries or causes permits or suffers to be buried, any corpse in any vault, grave, or burial ground, opened, made or formed without such license, or contrary to the terms thereof, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs 500/-.

Penalty.

381. —— If the Commissioners in Meeting, with the sanction of the Local Government, shall certify, in manner hereinafter provided, that any burial ground or place of burial, is in such a state as to be dangerous to the health of persons living in the neighbourhood thereof;

Commissioners in Meeting to issue Certificates prohibiting the use of improper burial places.

or that any church or other place of public worship is dangerous to the health of persons frequenting the same, by reason of state of the vaults or graves within the walls of, or underneath, the same, or in any Churchyard or burial ground adjacent thereto;

and shall also certify that a fitting place for interment (as the case may be) exists within a convenient distance and is available, no person shall, after a time (not less than two months) to be named in such certificate, bury, or permit or suffer to be buried, any corpse in, upon, within or under the ground, church, or place of worship to which the certificate relates, except in so far as may be allowed by such certificate.

Every such certificate shall be published in the Calcutta Gazette, and a translation thereof in Bengaly shall, in the case of a burial ground, be affixed conspicuously on some part of the said ground.

382. ——— Whoever, after due publication of such certificate, buries, or causes, permits or suffers to be buried, any corpse contrary to the last preceding section, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs 200/-.

Penalty}

383. ——— Notwithstanding any certificate under section 381 where, by usage or otherwise, there is any right of interment in or under any church or chapel, or in any vault or such church or chapel, or of any churchyard, burial ground, or place of burial affected by such certificate, or where any exclusive right of interment, has been purchased or acquired, the Commissioners may, if on application made to them, they are satisfied that the excercise of such right or the use of such ground will not be injurious to health, grant a license for such excercise or use during such time and subject to such conditions and restriction as they may think fit.

Commissioners may, in certain cases, permit interment in Churches.}

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## Rules for the Mahomedan Burial Grounds

## Notification

No. 1332 M — The 10th April 1893. It is hereby notified for general information that in the exercise of the power vested in the Local Government by section 13 of Bengal Act IV of 1889 (An Act to provide for the appointment of a Mahomedan Burial Board in Calcutta and to make better provision for the interment of persons other than Christians and Mahomedans) the Lieutenant Governor confirms the rules set forth below which have been framed by the Mahomedan Burial Board under the said section of the Act:—

### (A) Meetings

(1) "A meeting of the Board shall ordinarily be held on the second Monday in each month. Three members of the Board (exclusive of the Chairman) shall form a quorum."

(2) "The Chairman may summon a special meeting when he thinks fit and shall do so when required by three members of the Board:—"

(3) In the absence of the Chairman at any meeting of the Board, the members present, being a quorum, shall choose one of their members to preside:—"

(4) "All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote:—"

(5) "Minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board shall be kept and shall be signed by the Chairman:—"

(6) Matters of emergency and matters not provided for by the rules shall be referred by the Secretary for

the orders of the Chairman. All such references with the orders passed thereon shall be laid before the next Meeting for Confirmation:-

## (b) Pucca Graves-

(1) "If any pucca grave falls into a ruinous condition, the Board may call upon the friends of the deceased to repair it, and if they neglect to do so, or if they cannot be traced, the Board at their discretion may repair or remove such pucca grave:-.

(2) "The Board will undertake to keep in repair any pucca grave for the repair of which the friends of the deceased may deposit with the Board such sum as the Board may consider to be sufficient:"

## (C) Fees and Charges

The following fees shall be payable to the Board in respect of any burial in a cemetery under of the Board:-

(1) For non masonry graves

| | Full size 7'x3' | Medium 5'x3' | Small 3'x2' |
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| For an ordinary funeral | Rs 2/ | Rs 1/ | -/8/- Annas. |
| For a pauper funeral | Nil | Nil | Nil |

"(The poverty of the deceased being duly certified by a respectable Mahomedan of the locality where the death occurs, a Medical practitioner, a Magistrate, or a Member of the Board)"

(2) "For Masonry graves"

"1 For each grave at the rate of Re 1/- per square foot of

of land enclosed."

(2) Monuments shall be charged for at 15 percent of cost subject to a minimum of Rs 10/- for each."

(3) All fees on account of Masonry graves shall be payable to the Secretary to the Board, and for non-masonry graves to the person in charge of the burial ground approved by the Board:".

(4) "All fees shall be payable in advance:"

## (d)

(1) "The time of interment shall be from 6 AM to 12 Midnight:-"

(2) Subject to these rules and under the general control of the Secretary or Officer in charge of the cemetery, a grave may be dug by any person who has paid the proper fees and charges:-"

(3) No non-masonry grave of full size shall be more than 7 feet by 3 feet; medium size 5 feet by 3 feet and small size 3 feet by 2 feet.-

(4) No grave shall be less than 5 feet in depth, nor more than 8 feet in length, nor 6 feet in breadth:-

(5) After interment, the grave shall be properly covered with a flat roof of bamboos, or planks and earth:-.

(6) All the graves shall be in regular lines. No person shall build or dig or cause to be built or dug a grave in any burial ground in any other line than that marked out by the Secretary:

(7) In cases of new graves not less than 4 feet space shall be left between for future uses.

(8) Between two rows of graves there shall be a passage left not less than 3 feet in breadth.-

(9) The Board shall have powers to fix the number

of grave diggers for each cemetery:–

(10) The Secretary is authorized to delay any work in which he considers inferior materials are being used and report the matter to the Chairman for orders:–

(11) Except for the purpose of fitting up, no stone is to be cut or chipped within the cemeteries. All rubbish is to be cleared away immediately the work is completed:–

(12) The land used for a non masonry grave may be re used after a period of 10 years.

"Officers of the Board and their Duties"

(1) Officers drawing salaries of Rs 20/- and upwards per mensem shall be appointed by the Board at a meeting. Officers drawing salaries below Rs 20/- may be appointed by the Chairman. Any Officer may be suspended or removed by the authority by which he was appointed.–

(2) All Servants of the Board shall receive appointment orders signed by the Chairman.–

(3) The Secretary of the Board shall under the Chairman have control over all officers in charge of the cemeteries, clerks, grave diggers and other servants of the Board and shall report promptly to the Chairman cases in which any officer neglects his duties and shall be responsible for the due observance of the rules and for the maintenance of the cemeteries in proper condition.–

(4) The Secretary may suspend or fine any of his Subordinates for breach or neglect of duty, reporting his action for the approval of the Chairman, any officer of the Board who shall accept any fee, perquisite or

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or other gratuity than authorized salary for the performance of any duty under the Board shall be liable to immediate dismissal:–"

(5) The office of the Secretary shall be at N° 24 Laltolla Bazar Street or such other place as shall be from time to time notified by the Board by public advertisement. His office hours shall be from 10-30 A.M. to 4 P.M. except on Sunday and public holidays and from 10-30 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Saturday.

(6) All books and registers maintained by the Secretary shall be kept at the office. They may be inspected by any Member of the Board.–"

(7) The Secretary shall prepare and keep plans of all the cemeteries showing the position of existing grave on each and marking the position of new interments.–

(8) No materials for grave use will be allowed to enter the cemetery without the sanction of the Secretary. He shall report to the Chairman the arrival of any materials which may seem to be defective.–

(9) The officer in charge of the Cemetery shall be responsible for any irregularity or damage committed at night.–

(10) No coach or other vehicle except carts employed on work, no horse or other quadrupeds shall be allowed within the cemeteries.–

(11) No noise or other disturbance and no riotou or improper conduct shall be permitted within the cemeteries.–

(12) The Secretary, Overseer and the Sub Overseer shall see the rules enforced and carried out.–

## Accounts

(1) The Board shall submit to Government annually in the month of January the budget statement of the estimated receipts and expenditure of the ensuing financial year.—

(2) The Board shall submit to Govt. annually before the end of the month of June an account of the receipts and expenditure of the last financial year.—

(3) The Officer in charge of each cemetery shall maintain such records and accounts as shall be from time to time prescribed by the Board and shall submit monthly abstracts thereof to the Secretary. All such accounts and records shall be open to the inspection of the Board during office hours.—

(4) The Secretary shall submit at the monthly meeting of the Board a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the preceding month. He shall use vouchers with counterfoils in granting receipts for money received and keep a register in the forms prescribed at each cemetery.

(5) The Secretary shall maintain an account of all moneys paid to him by private individuals for the employments of extra mallies or for providing flowers, shrubs &c either for the grave yard generally or for the graves of deceased friends.

A separate account shall also be kept of expenditure incurred on repairs of any pucca grave under section (b) Rule 2."

## Miscellaneous

(1) The Commissioner of Police shall have power to order the exhumation of corpses whenever such

exhumation is deemed necessary by him for police purposes, informing the Burial Board of his order.

(2) In other cases exhumation can only be permitted by the written order of the Chairman of the Board"

Sd. J A Bordillon.
Offg: Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

# Rules for the Christian Burial Grounds

## Notification

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## II Meetings of the Board

(1) A meeting of the Board shall ordinarity be held on the first Monday in each month. Three members of the Board (exclusive of the Chairman) shall be a quorum. –

(2) The Chairman may summon a Special meeting when he thinks fit, and shall do so when required by three members of the Board.

(3) In the absence of the Chairman at any meeting of the Board, the members present (being a quorum) shall choose one of their member to preside.

(4) All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes. The Chairman of the meeting shall have a second, or casting vote.

(5) Minutes of the Proceedings of all meetings of the Board shall be kept, and shall be signed by the Chairm.

(6) Matters of emergency, and matters not provided for by the Rules, shall be referred by the Superintendent for the orders of the Chairman. All such references, with the orders passed thereon, shall be laid before the next months meeting for confirmation. –

## III Graves and Monuments

(1) All applications for the erection of monuments and alterations of the same, shall be made in duplica to the Chairman of the Board; and shall show the proposed design and inscription, and cost of the same.

Note: In these rules the term *monument* includes head-stones, slabs, and all other memorials of the dead; and grave enclosures.

(2) The size of graves is limited to 8'×4', and the area of ground to be enclosed must not exceed 10'×6', by external measurement. No monument must exceed 8'×4' at the base.

(3) No monument (except a simple head stone or cross, not exceeding 3½ feet in height), shall be placed over a grave not constructed of masonry, unless adequate masonry foundations are laid. The foundations in this case shall be not less than 5 feet in depth.

(4) The use of masonry, or of wood, or other perishable material, for monuments is not allowed. This does not apply to crosses, which may be made of wood.

(5) The enclosure round a grave must be by a metal railing or by chains, or bars of metal supported on iron or masonry pillars. Wooden or masonry enclosures are not permitted.

(6) All non masonry graves must be at least five feet in depth from the ordinary level of the ground.

(7) All masonry graves must be at least six feet in depth from the ordinary level of the ground, and no masonry grave constructed after the first January 1888; shall be used for a second interment therein, unless there is room to place at least five feet of earth between the top of the coffin and surface of the ground at its ordinary level.

(8) No burial shall be allowed in any masonry vault or family graves constructed before the first January 1888 unless there is room to place at least three feet of earth between the top of the coffin and the surface of the ground at its ordinary level.

(9) All masonry graves shall be constructed in accordance with plans and specifications, and with materials approved by the Board, and shall be arched in after the interment to the satisfaction of the Board.

(10) The land used for a non masonry grave may be reused after a period of ten years.

(11) In the case of non masonry graves, no right is acquired to the exclusive use of the ground. But after the lapse of one year, and within a period of ten years a non masonry grave may be converted into a masonry grave on a written application to the Board, and on payment of the difference between the fee paid for the original grave and the fee leviable under the rules for a masonry grave.—

(12) The Commissioner of Police shall have power to order the exhumation of corpses whenever such exhumation is deemed necessary by him for police purposes; informing the Burial Board when the disinterment is in any cemetery under their control.

(13) In all other cases the sanction shall be given by the Burial Board, who before giving such sanction, shall obtain the concurrent permission of the Archdeacon of Calcutta, in cases arising within a Church of England cemetery, or portion of a cemetery, and of the Archbishop of Calcutta, in cases arising within a Roman Catholic cemetery, or portion of a cemetery. In regard to the Non Conformist portion of a cemetery, the Chairman of the Burial Board shall obtain, if possible, the sanction of the head of the denomination concerned.

In urgent cases the Superintendent may give leave for exhumation within 12 hours of the burial, notifying the fact at once to the Chairman.

(14) The Board alone, save as they may otherwise appoint, will construct or dig graves within the Cemeteries under their care.

(15) No person shall construct or dig, or cause to be constructed or dug, a grave in any burial-ground at a less distance than two feet from any other grave, nor in any other line than that marked out by the Superintendent.

(16) If any monument or masonry grave falls into a ruinous condition, the Board may call upon the friends of the deceased to repair it, and if they neglect to do so, or if they cannot be traced, the Board may deal with such monument or grave at their discretion.

Provided that, if any monument or masonry grave falls into a ruinous condition within five years of its construction, such condition being due to defective foundations, or to the defective materials of which such monument or grave is constructed, the Board may call upon the undertaker who was employed on the construction to repair it.

(17) The Board will undertake to keep in repair any monument, for the repair of which the friends of the deceased may deposit with the Board such sum as the Board shall consider to be sufficient.

(18) A correct plan of each Cemetery under the care of the Board shall be kept at the Board's Office.

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## IV – Fees and Charges.

(1) The following fees shall be payable to the Board in respect of any burial in a non-masonry grave in any Cemetery under the care of the Board:—

| | Full size.<br>7' × 2'<br>Rs | Medium size.<br>5' × 2'<br>Rs | Small size<br>3' × 2'<br>Rs |
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| For a funeral in which the coffin is carried on men's shoulders. . . . . . . . | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Where a hearse is employed, and there are no mourning coaches. . . . . . . . | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| Where a hearse and coach, or coaches, are employed . . . | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| The charge for a pauper funeral is . . | 1 | 1 | 1 |

The poverty of the deceased must be certified to by a minister of religion, medical practitioner, Magistrate, or other public officer, in cases not coming through the police.

(2) The following charges shall be payable to the Board in respect of any burial in a masonry grave in any Cemetery under the care of the Board:—

| | Rs |
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| Masonry grave, full size, 8' × 4' and 7' deep . . . . | 120 |
| " " medium size, 5' × 4' and 7' deep . . . . . . | 100 |
| " " Small size, 4' × 3' and 6' deep . . . | 60 |

These charges include the grave space fee and the cost of construction of the grave, and of the arching in.

Second interment. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 16

This charge does not include arching in nor any expenses connected with the opening or closing of the grave.

| | Rs |
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| For a grave space when the masonry grave is not constructed by the Board | 60 |

@Masonry grave construction, where the grave space has been previously acquired –

| | Rs |
|---|---|
| Full size | 60 |
| Medium size | 55 |
| Small Size | 40 |

(3) @Monuments and additions to monuments will be charged for at 20 per cent. of their cost under Rule V (4), subject to a minimum of Rs. 25/- for each monument (which minimum, however, does not apply to mere additions.) But the minimum fee for a headstone is Rs. 15/- –

(4). A copy of the Registration of Burial, under the signature of the Chairman shall be given on payment of Re. 1/- as searching fee, and Re 1/- as copying fee, plus As 8 for the stamp.

(5) Any person may acquire and appropriate for a grave for himself and his family a space of land not exceeding 10'×6', by external measurement, on payment of a fee of Rs 60/-. No fee shall be charged on the placing of a border not exceeding 6 inches in height delimiting a grave space by the person acquiring the same.

(6) A certificate securing a right of interment shall, if required, be granted by the Board to the purchaser of a grave space

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or a masonry grave.

(7) All fees and charges not paid to the Credit of the Board's account in the Bank of Bengal shall be payable to the Superintendent.

(8) The person or firm applying for permission for a burial, or for the erection of any monument or addition to a monument shall be responsible for the payment of all fees connected therewith, in advance.

to the Superintendent for the person officiating at the funeral as an authority for the burial.

In the event of no certificate of the cause of death being furnished, the Superintendent shall give notice to the nearest Police Station.

3.____Only such undertakers shall be allowed to carry on any work in the Cemeteries under the Board's charge as are licensed by the Board and have engaged to conform to the Board's Rules. Undertakers' licenses shall run from the 1st of April in one year to the 31st March in the year following. On the renewal of an undertaker's license, a fee of Rs 10/- must be paid to the Board. Licenses are renewable only at a meeting of the Board. Private individuals may have their graves or monuments repaired by their own men on application to the Superintendent.

4.____It shall be the duty of each licensed undertaker, at the time of applying for permission to erect a monument in any of the Cemeteries, to lodge in the Board's Office a correct copy of the estimate of the cost of the monument accepted by the person ordering the monument.

5.— Licensed undertakers shall attend personally at all funerals conducted by them, except in cases where they are represented by agents who have previously been authorised by the Board to act as such agents.

6.— A list of all such persons shall be kept at the Board's office, signed by the Chairman. Any undertaker or employe of an undertaker, violating the terms of the Board's Rules, or misconducting himself in the performance of his duties, either within the Cemetery, or in his dealings with any person by whom he may be so employed, shall be held liable to have his license suspended, revoked, or cancelled, or to forfeiture of any sum fixed by the Board, not exceeding Rs 25/- in any one particular case. Undertakers are liable to have their materials and their work inspected by the Public Works Department, and condemned if inferior.

In such a case fresh materials will have to be used and the work re-executed.

7.— The Superintendent is authorised to delay any work in which he considers inferior materials are being used, pending a reference to the Board.

8.— Except for the purpose of fitting up, no stone is to be cut or chipped within the Cemeteries. All rubbish to be cleared away immediately the work is completed.

9.— A period of four months is allowed for the completion of work connected with the erection of any monument.

10.— Morning notices for evening funerals shall be sent in before noon; and evening notices for a funeral the following morning, not later than 9 P.M.

## VI Officers of the Board and their duties

1.— The Members of the Burial Board shall be monthly Visitors of the Cemeteries in rotation, and shall record in a book any remarks on the state of the same. The Superintendent shall send a notice on the first day of each month to the Member whose turn it is to visit, reminding him of the fact, and on the last day of each month the Remark Book for any entries. The Visiting Members' remarks shall be read at the Monthly Meetings of the Board.

2.— The Superintendent has the general charge of the Cemeteries, and he is directly responsible for the due observance of the Rules and for the maintenance of the Cemeteries in a proper condition.

3.— Officers drawing salaries of Rs 20/- and upwards per mensem shall be appointed by the Board at a Meeting; Officers drawing salaries below Rs 20/- may be appointed by the Chairman. Any officer may be suspended or removed by the authority by which he was appointed.

4.— The Superintendent may suspend or fine any of his subordinates for breach or neglect of duty, reporting his action for the approval of the Chairman. Any officer of the Board who shall accept any fee, perquisite or gratuity, other than authorised salary, for the performance of any duty under the Board, shall be liable to immediate dismissal.

5.— The office of the Superintendent shall be at the Circular Road Cemetery, and his office hours 6 to 10 A.M. and 4 to 6-30 P.M., except on Sundays and public holidays. When absent on urgent business during these hours, he shall leave a notice with the Durwan as to where he has gone, and when he will probably return. From 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. the assistant overseer will be present to attend to all work.

6.—— All books and registers shall be kept at the office; they may be inspected by any Member of the Board.

7.—— The Superintendent shall keep the plans of the Cemeteries, and shall mark on each, at the time of interment, the grave so occupied, entering the particulars of names, &c., in a corresponding register.

8.—— No monuments, materials for graves, &c., will be allowed to enter the Cemetery without the sanction of the Superintendent. He should report the arrival of any materials which may seem to him defective to the Executive Engineer, who will inspect them.

9.—— No work, except the conduct of funerals, will ordinarily be allowed on Sundays.

10.—— All gates, except the main gate, shall be kept locked, and shall be opened only for funerals and on special occasions.

11.—— The main gate shall be shut at sunset.

12.—— The Durwan shall be held responsible for any irregularity or damage committed at night.

13.—— Mallies are not permitted to sell or give away any of the fruits or flowers. Any complaint against the neglect of, or damage to, graves or monuments shall be enquired into by the Superintendent and attended to. He shall keep a register of such

Complaints

complaints, and bring them to the notice of the Boar

14.—— The Durwan is authorised to keep all idlers out of the Cemetery.

15.—— No hearse, coach, or other vehicle, except carts employed on work, or horse or other quadruped shall be allowed within the Cemeteries. No noise or other disturbance, and no riotous or improper conduct, will be permitted within the Cemeteries

## VII Accounts.

1.—— The Board shall submit to the Governmen Annually in the month of March, a Budget statement of the estimated receipts and expenditur for the ensuing financial year.

2.—— The Board shall also submit to Governmen Annually, before the end of the month of June, an account of the receipts and expenditure of the last financial year.

3.—— The Superintendent shall submit at the monthl meeting of the Board, a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the preceding month. He shall use vouchers, with counter-foils, in granting receipts for money received, and keep a register in the form prescribed, at the Cemetery.

4.—— The Superintendent shall open an account of all monies paid to him by private individuals for the employment of extra Mallies, or for providing flowers, shrubs, &c., either for the graveyard generally or for the graves of deseased friends.

A separate account shall also be kept of expenditure incurred on repairs of monuments, under Chapter III, Rule 17.

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— The Standing Auditor shall supervise all the Board's accounts.

## VIII Miscellaneous.

1. — A Notice Board shall be put up at the main gate of each Cemetery, on which shall be given such information, as to names of officers, office hours, fees, &c, likely to be wanted by the public.

2. — It shall be competent to the Board to make special arrangements for the Honorary Supervision of any of the Cemeteries under their charge, and the Superintendent will be, for the time being, relieved of his duties in these, so far as the general care of them is concerned. In the case of funerals, however, or of any infringement of the Board's Rules being brought to his notice, the Superintendent will act as in the case of the other Cemeteries.

3. — All persons committing suicide who are Roman Catholics by denomination, shall in future be buried in the unconsecrated portion of the Cemetery allotted to that denomination, unless the funeral is attended by a priest, or unless a priest gives a written certificate that the interment may be made in the consecrated ground.

Sd/ C. E. Buckland
Secy: to the Govt. of Bengal.

No. 2642.

Copy forward to the Chairman of the Christian Burial Board for information, with reference to his letter No. 31-94 B.B., dated the 18th April 1894.

By order of the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal
Sd/ J. G. Cumming
Offg: Under Secy: to the Govt. of Benga

Calcutta
The 3rd August 1894

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Triplicane Jumma Musjid. Prince of Arcot's private Burial ground.

Area - (152' × 37') + (57 3/4' × 34 1/2') + (36' × 14') + (30' × 70').

No of graves - 90.

Square feet per grave - 113·6.

nd W. - Continuous habitations within 28' of nearest grave.

200 yards square open space.

- The Burial ground next described.

ecommendations - Should be closed, and special burials only be permitted under proposed new Section of the Ac

marks. Burials are rare.

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Burial Ground to the S.E of the umma Musjid owned by several parties

Area - (218' × 264') + (25' × 9').

No of graves - 1626, but many doubtful sites have been omitted from calculation.

Square feet per grave - 35.7.

W. - Continuous streets (vide photo No 1) 22' from nearest grave.

S. - Habitations (vide photo Nos 1 and 2)

N. - 200 yards square open space.

E. Habitations 20 1/2'.

Recommendations. This should certainly be closed absolutely. The small space

No 2

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space at disposal has been buried in over and over again. Being anxious to find at what level the sub-soil water was here, I, with the consent of one of the owners of the ground, commenced an excavation. Having regard to the Mahomedan religious requirement as to not disturbing graves, great care was taken to see that the excavation was made in a much frequented path - as no good Mussalman would walk over a grave; nevertheless, on digging 1-6", bones were found; trusting this was a mere accident, the excavation was made 6" further, but skull bones were now exposed, and I therefore ordered at once the excavation to be stopped. This patch of ground has probably been used since Triplicane was a little village adjoining Chinnapatnam, and is now greatly over-crowded with human bodies. There can be no grounds on which such a condition of affairs should be continued.

marks. The space for graves here are sold by the owners - large sums being given for positions near the Muspid.

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Prince of Arcots Gomez near Barrows Bridge Road.

Area - 43½' × 56'.
No. of graves - 8
Square feet per grave - 304·5
W - 183'
S - 53' to nearest habitation.
NE - 29'
N - 173'

3 Recommendations. Should be closed under proposed section of Municipal Act.

Remarks - Under control of Prince of Arcot; only very special interments are permitted.

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Syed Mohideen Casim Ali Lane.

Area. (340'×70') + (150'×80') + (243'×150). No. 3 in the [illegible]
No. of graves - 1,212
Square feet per grave - 59.6.
N and N.E - Continuous dwellings (vide photo No. 3).

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4 Recommendation. This place certainly should be closed being too near ~~the~~ dwellings, and there being no ground available for further extension.

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## Afsimal Khan Masjid.

Area - 72' × 19'
No. of graves - 20
Square feet per grave - 68·4
S. 200 yards square, being old closed graveyard and Elephant Tank;
E. Further graveyards.
N. Road.
Recommendations. Closure not urgent; owner might be permitted to fill in ground and cease further burials subsequently.
Remarks. No money is taken here by the owners for burial space.

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## Dolari Begum Durgah.

Area. 193' × 415'.
No. of graves. 281.
Square feet per grave. 285·04.
S.E. Scattered houses.
W. — do —
S - Open gardens
N - Open space occupied by close graveyards. Nearest dwelling 100 yards.
Recommendation. The closing of the block included under this title is not an urgent matter, but the portion owned by Kara Jam(?) should be closed being too near houses.

(Included in No. 16 in the Plo's revised list)

Remarks

Remarks. The owner of the ground is stated to receive money for the grave sites

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## Barber's Bridge Road close to Prince of Arcot's grave yards.

Area. (266' × 200') - (50' × 75').
No. of graves. 400.
Square feet per grave. 123·6
E - Continuous houses 37'
S - — do — do — 50'
N - Continuation of old graveyards.
W - 200 yards open ground.
Recommendation. There is but little available space left; this being filled, the graveyard should be permanently closed.

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## Fakeer Lubbie Masjid.

Area. 460' × 440'
No. of graves. 2246.
Square feet per grave - 90·1.
N - Nearest house 1'
W - 71'
E - Open space, and beyond this the Kistnampet sewage Farm.
Recommendation. One of Elliot's wel
is situated here, upon which yearly a certain sum of mone
is expended in cleansing; it
should

should be filled in. The grave yard should no longer be used in portions that have been already employed, but much extension might be allowed to the East.

Remarks. This grave yard is the property of the Prince of Arcot, who permits burial without charge.

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## Manja Koli (Kairunea Begum Sahiba)

Area. 794' x 383'
No. of graves. 2303.
Square feet per grave. 132.0.
N. Continuous houses. distant 3'
S. Scattered houses.
W. Public Road and other Burial grounds

(No. 21 on the [illegible] list)

Recommendations. There is a large portion to the West not yet used to which no urgent objection can be made; but, of the total area, burial grounds of the following persons being dangerously near houses should be closed:– Moulvee Baker Sahib, Nawab Rasul Ud dowlah Bahadur, Hajee Moulvee Bathrodin Sahib, Ahmed Ali Sahib, Rumeollah Sahib, and Amirodin Hoosain Ali Khan Bahadur.

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## Farshed Ali Shah

Area. 112' x 368'
No. of graves. 38
Square feet per grave. 1084.6. (Nos. 16, 18 on [illegible])
Nearest house 45'.
5 Recommendation. No extension is possible. It should be closed.

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## Yasam Begum

Area. 50' x 100'
No. of graves. 41.
Square feet per grave. 121.9
Nearest grave to houses 10'
E. Houses 22'.
S. 38' to houses
W. Road and grave yard.
6 Recommendation. Should be shut.

unregistered burial ground

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## China Meah and others

Area. 79' x 147'
No. of graves. 121
Square feet per grave. 96.0 (Nos. 5, 7, 10, 11, 16, 19, 28 [illegible])
S. Grave touching houses.
N. Houses within 16'.
E. Houses within 100 yards
W. Road and grave yard.
7 Recommendation. Should be closed
Remark. Sub-soil water level 8.5 ft

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Koorshad Ali Shah.

Area - 85' x 120'.
No. of graves - 97.
Square feet per grave - 105.1
Nearest house - 12 feet.
Recommendation. This should be closed. 8

(No. 15 on the [illegible] revised list)

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Abdul Gani Khan and others

Area - 143' x 106'.
No. of graves - 120.
Square feet per grave - 126.3
Nearest house. 49'.
Recommendation. This should be closed. 9

(No. 4 on the Presi[illegible] revised list)

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Syed Mahomed Moralla Sahib.

Area. 368' x 271'
No. of graves. 449.
Square feet per grave - 222.1.
E. Huts 200 yards distant.
S. Sewage Farm.
W. Canal with sewage in it.
N. Open ground.
Recommendation. Action not urgent, but huts within 35 feet should be removed.

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West side of Junction Canal near the Kistnampet Farm.

Area. 418' x 19'

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No. of graves. 6.
Square feet per grave. 1323.7
Nearest house. 46 feet.
Recommendation. It is not desirable that extension be permitted in this area.

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Mylapore Appu Moodalear Choultry Street

Area. 278' x 153'
No. of graves. 91.
Square feet per grave. 472.6.
E. Open.
S. Houses.
W. Continuous streets.
N. Houses.
Could extend safely to the East.
Recommendation. No further burial should be permitted on ground already used, but extension might be allowed to the East.

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St. Thome Jonagaris Lane. Hakeem Meer Mahomed Sahib Bahadur.

Area. 178' x 153'
No. of graves. 1.
Square feet per grave. 27,234.
E. Open.
W. Continuous houses.
N and S. Open.

Recommendation. It is probable judging by the building of a temporary shelter here, that it is the intention of the owner to convert this into the usual type of burial ground. This would not be desirable so near habitations.

(No. 17 in the P.H.'s revised list)

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## Syed Asadullah Sahib.

Area. 102' x 233'

No. of graves. 790

Square feet per grave. 30.1

E. Junction Canal

S. Public road.

N. Open road and habitations

Nearest grave to habitations. 70'

Recommendation. There is no further available space in this grave yard. It should be closed.

(No. 8 in the President's revised list)

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## Thousand Lights Musjid.

Area. (130' x 117') + (75' x 81').

No. of graves. 35.

Square feet per grave. 608.1

Surrounded by houses (vide photo)

Recommendation. This place is insanitarily objectionable; it should be closed and treated under the proposed new section referring to

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to permission of burial under special circumstances.

Remarks. This is said to be the only place used by Sheiks.

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Peters Road. Syed Durally Bakery

Area. 39½' × 33'.

No. of graves. 17.

Square feet per grave. 76.7

E. Nearest house to graves. 2'.

N. -do - do 36'.

W. -do - do 24'.

S. Open road.

(No 1 in the [illegible] list)

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Recommendations. This place should be closed.

Remark. A well in the middle of these graves is still in use; it should be closed.

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Dustagiri Sahib Durga

Area. 800' × 583'

No. of graves. 3589.

Square feet per grave. 129.9.

E. Public road and scattered houses

W. Open plain extending to Kistnampet sewage Farm.

N. Scattered houses.

Nearest grave to houses. 1/2 feet.

Recommendation. Could extend this graveyard

given

graveyard freely to the west, but advise no further burial in already occupied portion.

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## Syed Meah Burial Ground.

Area. 125' x 50'
No. of graves. 62.
Square feet per grave. 100.8
W. Open plain
E. Road and continuous houses
N. Road and grave yard.
Recommendation. Action not urgently required here; permission should be given to use up existing space and then finally close it.

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## Rama Rao's Burial Ground, Peter's Road.

Area. 526' x 523'
No. of graves. 3689.
Square feet per grave. 76.6.
S. Open plain
N. Public road and continuous houses; distant 79'.
E. A few scattered houses - one being within 17'.
W. Open plain
Recommendation. Extension to the South might be allowed, but burials on already used area should be stopped

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## Thandavaraya Moodelly Street Graveyard.

Area = 452' x 152'
No. of graves = 319.
Square feet per grave = 215.5
S. One hut.
N. Open ground
E. One house.
W. Continuous habitations.
Recommendation. This case is not urgent; the question of closing should be entertained after filling the available space.
Remarks. The London Mission maintains a grave yard here objectionably close to dwellings. It should be closed in the same manner as that of the Mahomedans.

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## Prasanna Vynayagar Covil Street.

Area = 51' x 62'.
No. of graves - 42.
Square feet per grave. 75.3
N. Single house.
W. - Do -
E. - Do -
S. Night soil cart depot.
Recommendation. Urgent action is not requisite in this case.

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## Pidariar Covil Street

Area = 110' x 98'.
No. of graves. 120

Square feet per grave. 89·8

S. Mr. Elliots' house.

E. Open plain.

W. Open.

N. Musjid and manager's house.

Recommendation. The space already buried in should not be again used; but extension might be permitted to the east.

Mylapore Bazaar and Cutchery road grave-yards.

(No 6, 9, 12 & 13 in the Pto revised list)

Area = (57'×71') + (123'×270').

Surrounded by house at distances of 5', 36' and 4'.

No of graves. 413.

Square feet per grave. 80·4.

Recommendation. Both should be closed.

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Arundel Street Musjid.

Area = 157'×126'.

No of graves. 244.

Square feet per grave. 81·1

Nearest house. 1½'.

W. Open garden ground. 100 yds.

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Recommendation. This should be closed under proposed section, and special cases be permitted only on owner extending available ground so as to occupy existing garden.

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No. 265/S

OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Fort St. George, 11th February 1895.

Local & Municipal Dept
CURRENT No. 508 M

From

SURGEON LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,
Ag SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Depᵗ

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SIR,

With reference to G.O. No. 1229½ dated 7th September 1894, Local and Municipal, I have the honour to submit herewith a Memorandum giving the information required as to area of graveyards &c. I have appended my opinion in each case as to the question of sanitary urgency.

2. I forward for information of Government copies of letters received from the Health Officers of Calcutta and Bombay as to the practice pursued in those cities. It will be seen that the Health Officer of Bombay denies that any special privilege is permitted the Shiah sect of Mahomedans, that is not allowed the Sunis. It is evident from the context that

matters in Bombay are in the transitional stage now eliciting attention in Madras, and that provision is about to be made by the Municipality for abolition of intra-mural burial of Mahomedans - this having already been enforced for "Christians and other classes of the Community". In Calcutta, no burials of Mahomedans have been permitted within the City for the last 35 years. Certain burial grounds are however still within the Municipal limits; on account of the area having been extended of late so as to include the portion now described as Suburban Calcutta. These will be closed as from time to time found injurious to health by the Health Officer.

3. I would respectfully commend to the attention of Government the rules* under which Burial Boards are worked in Calcutta. They seem to me as likely to be of utility in the Municipality of Madras.

*Enclos: V

4. A provision in the City of Madras Municipal Act similar to that of 383 of the Municipal Act II of 1888, would

would, I think, prove a useful extension of the Ex
provisions under section 387:—

"Sec: 383. Notwithstanding any certificate in
section 381 where, by usage or otherwise, there is a
right of interment in or under any Church, or Ch
or in any vault ~~or~~ such Church or Chapel, or of a
Churchyard, burial ground, or place of burial
affected by such certificate, or where any exclus
right of interment, has been purchased or acqu
the Commissioners may, if on application made
them, they are satisfied that the exercise of suc
right or the use of such ground will not be injur
to health, grant a license for such exercise or use
during such time and subject to such conditions
and restriction as they may think fit."

5. The following will afford some idea of the distances of burial grounds from areas inhabited by Mahomedans in Calcutta:—

(a). Manicktallah Chopedarbagan.— Used by Mahomedan
living within a distance of 2 miles.

(b). Manicktallah Canal side.— Used by Mahomedan
living within a distance of about 2 mi

(C). Kessiabagan.— Do - Do - Do - 2½ m

(d). Gobra - Do - Do - about 1½ m

(e). Jalbagan. Do - Do - Do 2 mil

(f). Ekbalpore. Do - Do - Do 1 mil

I have the honor to be, S
Your most obedient Servan

Surgeon-Lieut-
Ag: Sanitary Commissioner,

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From,
rgeon Lt Col: W. G. King
M.B., C.M., D.P.H.
Ag Sanitary Commissr.
for Madras

12 FEB 1895

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Local & Municipal Dept

Dated 11th }
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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 506 + 490 M in compt. cover

From the Sanitary Commissioner.

I think the Santy. Commr. hardly goes as far as the note makes, but in regard to the Prince of Arcot's two burial grounds. In regard to the first, in which there is one ascertainable grave to every 114 s.f., and which is the Prince's own special burial ground, he recommends that it be closed, but that special burials be still permitted under an addition which he proposes to make to the law. This addn. is a section of the Calcutta Munl. Act which would in effect be an extension of S. 387 of the Madras City Munl. Act (I of 1884), which is identical in principle. I think this addn. would be a reasonable [illegible] one & I should be prepared to make it if by so doing I could secure the more willing assent of the Mussalman or any other community to the necessary closing of burial grounds in thickly populated localities. It would be more satisfactory, I consider, ~~to do so~~ take this course than ~~[illegible]~~ that proposed, which virtually [illegible] that the Prince of Arcot's other crowded burial grounds be allowed still to be used, on the informal condition that if

FOR ORDERS.

Please see the notes & orders in P.D. dt 7th Sep. 94 No. 1229 M.

[illegible] 21/2/95

The San. Commr. was asked to report which of the larger of the burial grounds in the list in the Prests. letter ~~were~~ in G.O. 437 M / 3.4.94 were most dangerous to public health.

That list mentioned 110 grounds which it was proposed to close.

The San. Commr. after inspection recommends that 15 grounds be closed altogether, & that eleven shd. be only allowed to be used under certain restrictions. Among the former are the Prince of Arcot's private burial-ground, another Ground under his charge and the Mosque at the Thousand Lights.

His replies to the questions asked in G.O. 1229 M. dated 7.9.94 as to the policy which has been adopted in this matter in Calcutta & Bombay may best be ascertained by reading his letter. He ~~repeats~~ says that it is reported by the Bombay Health officer that no privileges are allowed to Shiahs which are denied to Sunnis. It does not appear that burial rules are required, or that there is any necessity to adopt the amendment in the Act proposed by Dr. King. The question at issue is whether these grounds should be dealt with as he proposes.

It is submitted that the Prest. of the Madras Commisn. may now be asked to report how far the people that use the grounds that are proposed to be closed ~~are~~ live from the nearest ground outside Municipal

Many burials are effected in them they will be closed - I still contend that s. 387 of the Madras City Act cannot help the Mussalmans because they do not, & cannot, use vaults for burials.

[ I agree to the proposed reference to the Prest. of Munl. Commn., but think we should go further. In the first place, I would deal with the Prince of Arcot direct through the Pol. Dept. & would, after pointing out to him that his own special burial ground ~~[illegible]~~ will be left free for the burial of himself & his successors & their near relatives (say ~~of~~ wives & children only), ask him to exert his influence for the promotion of the sanitary reform which is necessary. Second, I would consult him & the other leading Mussalmans as to whether their objections cannot be met by the proposed addition to the law. ] Thirdly I would inquire of the Prest. of the Munl. Commn. how far care had been taken to make the newly provided burial grounds such as will satisfy the ~~[illegible]~~ feelings of Mussalmans - From the paper in the confidential cover (which, by the way, I found open) it appears that the proper fencing of burial grounds & the provision of a musjid & of pathways are matters to which they attach importance - I do not know how far these points have been attended to. If they have not been I think they should be. Under s. 392 of the City Munl. Act the Commrs. have to provide "convenient and fitting" places - But are they convenient or fitting if they do not meet the requirements of the particular religion for the followers of which they are intended? I doubt it. I imagine if a parish or borough in England provides a new cemetery it also provides such buildings as are necessary for the decent conduct of the religious ceremonies usually conducted in connection with the burial of the dead; & I think the same rule should prevail here.

Govt. need not give any compensation to the proprietors of burial grounds to be closed on sanitary grounds.

The matters here dealt with are of great importance both socially & politically & the action now taken will no doubt in future be cited as a precedent in other cases occurring in other towns. The papers should therefore be circulated

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15/3/95

I agree with the Hon. Mr. Bliss on all these points except that I think the order to close the burial ground S.E. of the Jumma Masjid shd be issued at once. "The small space at disposal has been [illegible] in over & over again".

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limits, & to hear the objections if any of those in charge of each of them to their being treated as Dr. King suggests, & report with his remarks to Govt.

If any of the owners afterwards decline to follow out any orders limiting burials while not closing the ground etc. they can probably be ~~over~~ kept in order by threats of absolute closure.

It is submitted that the proposal made in Dr. King's letter in the sealed cover that compensation should be paid to those who now make a ~~living~~ profit out of ~~by~~ selling burial plots should not be approved. Opposition based only upon this dread of pecuniary loss is perhaps not greatly to be feared.

5.3.95
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It ought certainly to be closed - but I think it would be more politic to approach the leaders of the Mahomedan community first - as proposed by the Hon. Mr. Bliss - with whose note I quite agree. I think it would not do to close any burying grounds vi et armis, until we have used every endeavour to get the consent of the Mn. community. It is unfortunate that proximity of habitations to burial grounds is a part of their religious tenets - but in Calcutta at all events - this is not observed. I rather fancy that the present conditions of ~~present~~ society are obliging them to accept the inevitable - & that the Koran is made elastic at times.

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Again G.O., dated 7. 9. 94 ~~189~~, No. 1229 M.

Current No. of 189 , dated from

Current No 506 M of 1894, dated 11.2.95 from Sanitary Commr.

Copy the enclosures also, except the two lots of burial rules.

Is this correct? I think not. My recollection is that the burial grounds newly provided by the Munt. for the use of Mussalmen are within Munl. limits. Please look this point up. W.S. 3/4/95

In his letter in G.O. 437 M. / 3.4.94 Col. Moore says that the Commrs. have established two new burial grounds, one at Yellapattu Madah Covil beyond Mylapur, & the other at Amanji-Kerai beyond Kilpauk. On reference to the map it appears that the former though outside the thickly inhabited areas is still within Municipal limits. The latter is outside them. It is much regretted that the draft should have been inaccurate on this point. It is now revised & resubmitted.

M. 4.4.95

I don't think there is any occasion [illegible]

**ORDER.** dd 18.4.95 No. 672 M. [illegible]

The Sanitary Commr.'s letter read above will be communicated to the President, Madras Municipal Commn., who will be requested to report at what distance from the nearest burial-ground of their sect outside Municipal limits or from the new ground beyond Mylapore the communities who use the burial grounds proposed by the San. Commr. to be closed at present reside, & to hear & forward to Govt. with his remarks any objections that may be made by those in charge of these & the other grounds mentioned ~~referred to~~ by the San. Commr. to their being treated in the manner proposed by that off

2. The President will also be requested to consult the leading Muhammadan gentlemen of the City and to ascertain from them whether any obj to the closure of certain of these bu grounds would not be met by the insertion in Act I of 1884 of the se from the Bengal Municipal Act II 1888 referred to by the San. Commr. which burials in them would still b permitted under special circumstances

3. The views of the Prince (Arcot) on this latter question will be

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As certained through the Political Dept. while he will be informed that the two burial grounds belonging to him which are mentioned by the San. Commr. will be permitted to be used by himself & his successors and their near relatives such as wives & children, he will be requested to exert his influence to promote the general reform in the burial grounds of his co-religionists which is so necessary on sanitary grounds.

4. Section 392 of Act I of 84 quires the Commissioners to provide convenient & fitting "places for burial and burning grounds. The President will be requested to report how far those Care has been taken that which have been provided from Munici unds are such as will satisfy the religions feelings of Mussulmans. It cheved that they consider it a matter importance that their burial grounds ould be properly fenced, that walks ould be provided in them so that sitors may not step upon the graves, that a masjid should be built in . Such points as these should be ded to in all burial-grounds provided Municipality.

W.C. 26.3.95

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