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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 620 M

DATED 2nd April 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Burial-grounds.

Sanctioning the closure of certain Muhammadan --- to the west of the Travancore road in the Palamcottah Municipality

Pol. dep file 220402.

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

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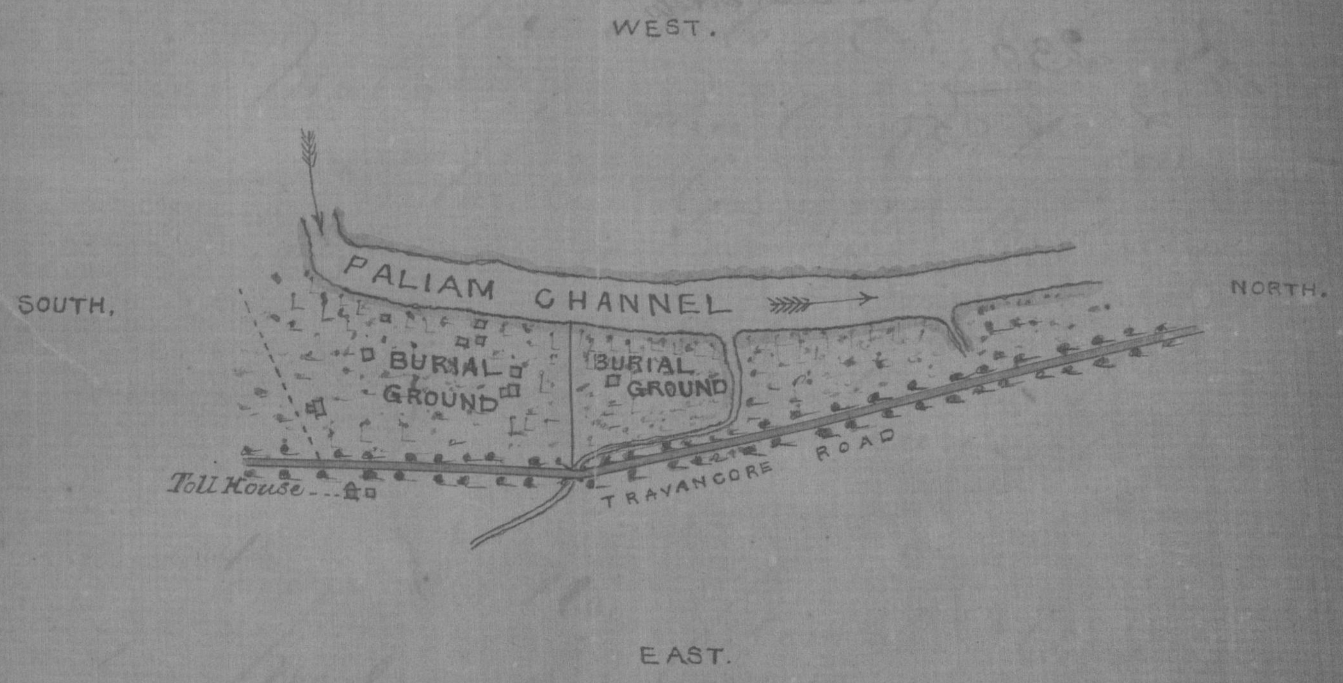
A sketch showing the position of the two Burial grounds
to the West of Travancore road within the limits of
the Palamcottah Municipality



Chairman
Palamcottah Municipality

Enclosure I
of letter from the
Chairman Mul.
Council Palamcottah
No 239 / 24-6-95

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Extract from the Proceedings
of the Municipal Council of
Palamcottah dated 15th June 1895.

Present

Balu S. Shreenivasa Esqr. Chairman
E. Winckler Esqr.
M. R. Ry. Paul Rauter avargal
" W. E. Ganapathi pillai avargal
" S. Krishnama Rajah avargal
" John S. Devasahaya nadar avargal

1 Letter from the District Medical and Sanitary officer Tinnevelly informing that it is objectionable to allow burials to continue in the two burial-grounds to the west of the Travancore road as they are situated too close to the channel.

The matter will be reported to Government and steps will be taken to have the objectionable burial-grounds closed as early as possible.

(True extract)

Balu S. Shreenivasa

Enclosure II
of letter from the
Chairman Mpl.
Council Palamcottah
No. 239
24-6-95

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No. 239 acottah Mpl. Office
24th June 1895

Local & Municipal Dept.
2/161 M
CURRENT No.

From M. R. Ry. Balu S. Shreenivasa Esq.
Chairman
Municipal Council
Palamcottah

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras
through the Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to state that there are two burial-grounds to the west of the Travancore Road within the limits of this Municipality as shown in the accompanying sketch, which were registered by the Council in the year 1888 in the names of Allapichai Rowter and Syed Kader Sahib under Section 235 of Act IV of 1884. As both these grounds are situated too close to the channel the water of which is used for drinking purposes

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1895

Office of the Mul Council
Palamcottah

Local & Municipal Dept
CURRENT No. 2161 M

From
Balu S. Shreenivasa
Esqre
Chairman
Municipal Council
Palamcottah

Regd. office a/

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras
through the Collector
of Tinnevelly

Dated 24th
Received 6 JUL 95 } June 1895

No. 239.

Enclosures two only.
Reference.

Requesting sanction
for the closure of
the two burial-grounds
to the west of the Travancore Road,
~~referred to in the letter~~
for the reasons stated.

(with an order)

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Collector
3.7.95

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DESPATCHED.
4 JUL. 95

Hm / misc.

Order

The closure of the burial grounds in question is sanctioned.

V.R.
19/7/95 — **Note**. Nothing is said as to the population that would be affected by closing these grounds, or as to the distance the grounds are from the new burial-place. Submitted that the Council may be asked to consult those affected by the proposal & report again.

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" Sanitary Co

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DEPARTMENT.

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W 24.7.95

(from orders)

Issue
W.

To,
The Chairman M.C. Palamcottah
Refd 31/7/95 thro' the Collr of Tinnevelly.

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Office of the Municipal Council
Palamcottah

Local & Municipal Dept
CURRENT No. 2161 M

From
Balu S. Shreenivasa Esqre
Chairman
Municipal Council
Palamcottah

Regd & pd
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To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras
through the Collector
of Tinnevelly

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Received 6 JUL 95 }

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Forwarded to Govt (L & M
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Collector
3.7.95

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4 - JUL. 95

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misc.

Order

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V.R.
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thro' the Collector of Tinnevelly.
" Sanitary Commissioner.

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(from orders)

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Issue
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To,
The Chairman M.C. Palamcottah
Despd. 31/7/95 thro' the Collr. of Tinnevelly.

Burial grounds Palamcottah

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Current No. 3414
Sent for translation

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 2161M

From

The Chairman, Munl. Council,
Palamcottah.

No. 239

Dated 24th June 1895.
Received 6th July 1895.
Enclosures 2.

SUBJECT

Requesting sanction for the closure of the two burial-grounds to the west of the Travancore road for the reasons stated.

(With a Reference)

REFERENCE.

No.1046.

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(By Order)

(Signed) W. Francis
Ag. ~~Asstt.~~ Under Secretary

Fort St.George,
31st.July 1895.

To

The Chairman, Municipal Council,
Palamcottah, thro. the Collector
of Tinnevelly.

(True copy)

Ag.Asstt.Secretary

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Trivandrum road

Petition to the Chairman of the Palamcottah Municipal Council from Sayyid Quadir Sahib residing in Trivandrum Road – 2 Septr 30th 1895.

" I am in receipt of the notice No 343 about the grave yard, sent to me by your honour. There are no other horses in the yard than the three owned by myself and two gruy relatives.

" 2. For about a hundred years past myself and my ancestors have been burying the deceased members of our family in the said grave yard. I have no other adjoining ground to be used for this purpose. I am very poor and helpless.

" 3 ~~The above~~ Other people also bury their dead here

" 4. I shall show your honour's notice to these men and stop them having access to the grave yard.

" I therefore pray that the occupants of the three horses in the grave yard may not be disturbed from burying their dead there."

3414

Enclosure I

of letter from the Chairman Mul Council Palamcottah

No 390 / 24-10-95

C.O.
6.XI.95.

Enclosure I to C no 3414 M.

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Enclosure II
of letter from the Chairman
Mul Council Pallamcottah
No 390
24-10-95

No 1365 of 95
Fr. Allapichai Rawther
Sivan Car Street West
&

3414 M

Enclosure II to Cro 3414 M.

Petition to the Chiarman of the Palamcottah Municipal Council from Alla Pichai Rauttar residing in Sivan Car Street West, and another - &

"I am in receipt of the Notice No 344/95 asking me if I have any objection to the issue of an order forbidding burial in the grave yard to the West of the Trivandrum Road.

"The grave yard in question has been in use even from before the establishment of the British Govt. The Municipal Council from the date of its constitution in 1866 until recently has never objected to the use of the yard on sanitary grounds; nor can there really be any objection of this kind as burials take place at long intervals, the yard being as it is a family burial place. The Same Act under which the Council now seeks to close the burial ground was strictly in force when it was registered as a family grave yard

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"It is an ancient burial place and all our ancestors have been laid in it; which fact necessitates the burial of our dead ~~the~~ in the same place according to the usages of our sect. There can be no real harm to any by continuing the burial of our dead in the place since the number of the dead in the two families using it will be very limited. Under the circumstances I pray that orders to close the grave yard in question may not be issued"

(a full translation)

C. Venkatasubba
8. XI. 95.

No. 390

Palamcottah Mul. Office
24th October 1895.

LOC
CURRENT No. 3414 M

From
Babu S. Shreenivasa Esqr.
Chairman
Municipal Council
Palamcottah

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras.
through the Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir

With reference to memorandum from the Ag. Under Secretary to Government Madras dated 31st July 1895, No. 1046, I have the honor to report that the distance of the burial grounds proposed to be closed from the burial ground provided for the Mahomedans of Palamcottah is 1,966 yards and 2 feet. The burial ground provided by the Municipality is nearer to the habitations of the Mahomedan Community of this town than the burial grounds condemned by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer Tinnevelly. As directed by Government, the persons who would be affected by the propos closure were given notice to show cause why the proposal of the Council should not be carried out. It appears from the petitions put in by them (herewith forwarded in original) that the material objection raised by them is that they have to bury their dead in the spot where their ancestors are laid according to their existing usages and that they therefore pray that they should be permitted to bury their relatives in the said places. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer at this station is of opinion that no burials should be allowed to take place in the said burial grounds on sanitary grounds as they are on the bank of the Palagem channel, the water of which is used by the townspeople for drinking purposes. The Council thereupon resolved that the burial grounds should be closed. With these remarks I leave the matter for the disposal of Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt. servt.
Balu. S. Thimmiappa
Chairman

Municipal Dept.

1895

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TINNEVELLY TREASURY DEPUTY COLL. CO.

Office of the Municipal Council
Palamcottah.

Current No. 1987 REV. of 1895.

From Balu. S. Shreenivasa
Clerk
Cy. to
Chairman
Municipal Council
Palamcottah.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras
through the Collector
of Tinnevelly

Dated 24th } October 1895
Received }

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No. 390

Enclosures two only
Reference Memorandum
from the Asst. Under Secretary
to Government dated 31st
July 1895, No. 1816

CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
2 NOV. 1895

Furnishing the
information called
for regarding the burial
grounds proposed to be
closed.

Translator, Public dept.
Senr
7/11

Translation attached

(with an order).

No. 1676 of 22-11-95

Returned to the Collector of
Tinnevelly to be resubmitted with
an expression of his opinion on
the subject

W. W. Phillips
19/11/95

Desp 22/11/95

Forwarded

Tinnevelly } Collector
31-10-95 }

30/10/95

G.O. Nos. 2161 & 3414 M/95

Hm.
misc.

Order

The closure of the two burial
grounds in question is sanctioned.

16/11/95

V. R.
13/11/95

W. W. P.
16/11/95

If the objections taken
are to be accepted there must
be an end to closing Muhammadan
burial grounds. There seems
no reason for accepting them

16/11/95

In a matter of this sort, which may
give rise to difficulties of various kinds
the Collr. should give his opinion & not
merely forward the papers – Ask for his
opinion

18/11/95

To,

The Chairman, M.C., Palamcottah
through the Collector of Tinnevelly.
" Sanitary Commissioner.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 3414 M

Current No. 948 of 1895

COLLECTOR & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
25 NOV. 95
TINNEVELLY.

From

The Chairman, Municipal Council,
Palamcottah.

No. 1676

Returned to the Collector of Tinnevelly to be resubmitted with an expression of his opinion on the subject.

(By Order)

W. W. Phillips
Ag. Asstt. Secretary.

Fort St. George,
22nd November 1895

No. 390.

Dated 24" October 1895.

Received 2" November 1895.

Enclosures 2.

SUBJECT

Furnishing information called for regarding the burial-grounds proposed to be closed.

To,

The Collector of Tinnevelly.

(with Encl.)

Local & Municipal
CURRENT No. 3623 M

CHIEF SECRETARY
22 NOV 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To
His Excellency
The Right Honorable the Governor
in Council
Fort St. George

The humble memorial of M. Abba:pichai Rowther, Swantovil west street, Palamcottah. Tinnevelly District.

May it please your Excellency

That the memorialist most humbly and submissively begs to submit the following few lines for your Excellency's benign and favorable consideration.

That there is a burial ground to the west of Travancore road at the outskirt of Palamcottah municipality. In the year 1887 when Mr. Locke was the Chairman of this municipality the burial ground was registered under the Act IV of 1884 as the memorialist's family burial ground and is continued as such without any objection.

That on the 26" September last the memorialist was served by the municipality to his greatest surprise with a notice asking him to show cause why the family burial ground should not be closed, and in obedience to the notice he has submitted two petitions one in Tamil and another in English. He now learns that the Chairman has solicited the Government's sanction for its closure.

That the memorialist begs to state that the burial ground in question is being used as a family burial ground for over a century without objection by anybody in any respect.

When the burial ground was registered as family burial ground the very reason on which its existence is now considered objectionable was found invalid and disallowed after full discussion in the meeting. The fact that it is being used unobjectionably till now is in itself sufficient to say that it is not injurious to public health in any way. While so the memorialist is at a loss to know what induced the Council at present to suggest the closure of the ancient family burial ground.

That the body of the Saint whom our forefathers followed and venerated was intered there and in consequence their bodies were being intered in the same place; and

it is considered under the tenets of the Muhammadanism as highly desirable and expedient that the bodies of their posterity also should be buried there. In consideration of these facts a mosque which is absolutely necessary for the performance of religious ceremonies before interment has been built in that locality at a cost of about Rs 400.

The proposal to close it, the memorialist begs to submit will not only deprive him and his family of their right over the property but also interfere with religious principles of Muhammadanism.

That the burial ground in question having been registered as one of a single family it is very rarely that a death occurs and buried there.

The distance between the burial ground provided for the Muhammadans of Palamcottah and that of the memorialist is more than a mile, and the latter is not situated on the bund of the channel but far away from it.

Considering that a public burial ground will not & cannot be used agreeably by one & all of a community the Government was pleased

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to lay down a provision in the Act as regards family burial grounds. It is only a selected number of persons that have secured suitable places ~~for themselves~~ as family burial grounds.

It will be very inconvenient and undesirable for the family to resort to a public one.

In the above circumstances of the case the memorialist most submissively craves your Excellency may be graciously pleased to allow the burial ground as usual and thus protect.

For which act of Charity and benevolence he shall as in duty bound ever pray for your Excellency's long life.

Palamcottah
18th November 1858

[9] LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 3623 M

Refer No 1676 of 22-11-95

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COLLECTOR & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, TINNEVELLY.
5 DEC. 95

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TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

1st clerk

From
M. Allapichai Rowther,
Palamcottah.

No.

Dated 18-11-95

Received 23-11-95

Enclosures

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SUBJECT

Praying that in the circumstances stated the closure of the petitioner's family burial ground in Palamcottah may not be sanctioned.

(with an endorsement)

No. 1709

Referred to the Collector of Tinnevelly in continuation of endorsement No. 1676 dated 22nd November 1895.

(By order)

W W D Phillips
Assistant Secretary

P.R.
2/12/95

Fort St. George
3rd December 1895

To
The Collector of Tinnevelly

28/11 / 2/12

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Tinnevelly Collector's office
Camp Veerakeralampudur, Dated 10-3-96.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 908 M
DESPATCHED.
12 MAR. 96

From

A. W. B. Higgens Esquire,
Collector of
Tinnevelly.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal department,
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return the endorsements of Government Nos. 1676/22-11-95 and 1709/3-12-96 with the following report.

2. The question is, whether two small Mohomedan burial grounds, which lie adjacent to one another, on the bank of the Palayan channel within the limits of the Palamcotta Municipality, are to be closed, and the people who use them forced to bury their dead in the new cemetery recently provided by the Council.

3. Alla Pichai Rowther, the person

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~~Local & Munp.~~ Department.

Local [illegible] Dept.

P.R. Wbs 908 M

TINNEVELLY Collector's OFFICE.

From

The Collector

Tinnevelly

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government
Fort St. George.

CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
14 MAR 1896

Dated 10 } March 189 6
Received }

Dis No. 406 of 96
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ENCLOSURES. ~~2 files~~ C. Nos. 2161, 3414 & 3623 M of 1895 retd.

SUBJECT.

Reporting on the closure of certain Mahomedan burial grounds in the Muni=cipal town of Palamcottah

(with order)

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908. M. of '96

H. M.

Misc.

Order

No. 620 Mis dt 2-4-96

The closure of the two burial grounds in question is sanctioned.

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V.R. 24/3/96 WWS 25.3.96 31/3/96

To The Chairman, M.C. Palamcottah
thro' the Collr. of Tinnevelly
& Sanitary Commissioner.

Desp. 7/4/96

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Burial grounds

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