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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 52 M

DATED 18-1-97

DESPATCHED

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Burial grounds [Despatch Abstract.]

Directing the Collector of South Arcot to take early steps for the selection of a new site for a burial ground to take the place of the cemeteries within the Chidambaram limits, and to report the result to Govt., and drawing his attention to pa of the Sanitary Commr's letter of 1 December 1896.

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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 3301/M

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT * LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT * 10. DEC. 1896

No. 52 Munl. of 18-1-97

C Nos 70 M of 1895 & 1239 M & 3301 M of 1896

Order

The ~~Collector's suggestion~~ Collector will take early steps in consultation with the Mohammedan ~~in paragraph 5 of his letter~~ community & the Chairman of the Muni. C. for the selection of a new site ~~dated the 19th April 1896 No 88~~ for a burial ground to take the place of the cemeteries within the Municipality, ~~is approved. The result should~~ which will be thereupon closed. The result should be reported to Govt ~~at an early date. His~~ The Collector's attention will be ~~2. The Chairman is requested to report on the suggest~~ directed to para 2 of ~~[illegible]~~ the Sanitary Commissioner's ~~in para 2 of his~~ letter of the 10th Decr. last.

P.R.
11/1/97

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From

The Sanitary Commissioner for Madras

No. 2326/S.

Dated 10th December 1896.

Received 10-12-96

Registered 10-12-96

Enclosures C. Nos 70 & 1239 Munl.

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SUBJECT.

Furnishing, with reference to endorsement of Govt. No. 550 dated 16-5-96 his definite recommendation regarding the closure of certain burial grounds in the Chidambaram Municipality.

To

The Collector of S. Arcot — Copy to 1st & 2nd [illegible]. P.H.C.

" Chairman M.C. Chidambaram.

" Sanitary Commissioner. P.H.C.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

No. 2926

Office of Sanitary Commissioner,
Fort St. George, 10th Dec 1896.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT
CURRENT No. 3301/M

From

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

To

The Secretary to Government,
Local & Munl Department.

Enclosure.

Sir,

With reference to your Endorsement No. 550 dated 16th May 1896, I have the honor to state that I have carefully inspected the following graveyards, and am of opinion that their continued use is liable to be inimical to the public health on account of their proximity to dwellings and water-supplies. I would therefore advise that they be closed:—

(1) The Lal Khan Musjid graveyard.
(2) The public graveyard in the immediate vicinity of No. 1.
(3) Aser Sheriff's graveyard.
(4) Kadar Khan's graveyard
(5) The Makhan of Michur Sahib.
(6) Nawab Musjid graveyard.

With reference to the nomenclature used by the Municipal Council, is possible these graveyards may be kn by other names, but it was represented to me that these are all the Mahammadan graveyards in the town of Chidambaram.

2. The new graveyard selected by the Municipality seemed, under the difficult circumstances of Chidambaram, as good as could be selected; but, I pointed out to the Chairman that it would be advisable to secure the slightly higher ground on the opposite side of the road in the same vicinity, and to abolish the group of huts found there.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt,
W. G. King
Surg Lt Col,
Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Councillors of Chidambaram passed at their meeting held on Saturday the 26th day of October 1895.

Present

M.R.Ry G. Ramaswamy Iyer Avergal
Chairman.
" Sommusamy Pillai Avergal.
" C. A. Streenivasa Iyer Avergal.
" V. Swaminada Jattavallabhar Avergal B.
Mr J. A. W. Vellons.
M.R.Ry Sommusami Moodalier Avergal
" M. C. Ramaswamy Iyer Avergal.
" M. Ramasamy Iyer Avergal.
Absent 8 Councillors.

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IV. Read Chairman's memorandum selecting sites f
Mahommadan burial ground.

The 1st site referred to in the memorandum is approved & the Government will be informed th
this selection will render the construction
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(signed) G. Ramaswamy
Chairman

(True Extract)

Municipal Office }
Chidambaram }
24th December 95. }

G. A. W. Vellons
for Chairman

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Councillors of Chidambaram passed at their meeting held on Saturday the 26th day of October 1895.

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" V. Swaminatha Pattar Avergal B.A.
Mr. Gauldelion
M.R.Ry. Somasundaram Mudaliar Avergal
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& about 8 Councillors.

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(Signed) A. Ramaswamy
Chairman

(True Extract)

Municipal Office
Chidambaram
24th December 95.

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2. A sketch showing the position of the new site is also herewith forwarded.

3. Though the Sanitary Commissioner & his deputy took objection to ~~close only~~ the burial grounds near bazaar street the council resolved to close all of them once for all.

4. A copy of the proceedings of the council approving the new site is also herewith submitted (Resolution No. $\frac{6}{26-10-95}$)

5. The delay in submitting this reply was unavoidable as 3 sites selected by the sub committee appointed for the purpose had to be abandoned on sanitary grounds & the present site was the only available ground found suited for the purpose.

With reference to G.O. No. 1236 Mis. dated 18th September 1894, I have the honor to forward herewith 3 sketches showing the position of Muhammadan burial ground in the heart of the town which the council has resolved to close. Persons who will be affected by the closure of these burial grounds were given an opportunity of stating their case and they were quite unwilling to have them closed.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

Gaw Vellaul
for Chairman

Local [illegible] Dept.

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The Chairman
Municipal Council
Chidambaram

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The Chief Secretary to Govt.

(Through the Head asst Collector and Collector of ~~South Arcot~~)

dated 23rd December 1895
Received 24th

Forwarded
All [illegible]
Enclosures 5
26-12-95
No 432

Soliciting sanction of Government to close certain Mahammedan Burial grounds in the centre of the Town and forwarding sketches of the objectionable ones + that of the newly proposed one

Forwarded.
[illegible] Head Assistant [illegible]

DESPATCHED [illegible] JAN. 96

MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS' OFFICE
CHIDAMBARAM

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From,
THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
CHIDAMBARAM.

To,
The Chief Secretary to the Government, Fort Saint George.
(Through the Head Assistant Collector & Collector of South Arcot)

Dated 23rd December 1895.
Received 26

No. 432
Enclosures (5)

REFERENCE
This / Your office letter No.

DEPUTY COLLECTOR 26 DEC 95 SOUTH ARCOT

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE 9 JAN. 1896 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 1286 no mis. dated 18th September 1894, I have the honor to forward herewith 3 sketches showing the position of Muhammadan burial grounds in the heart of the Town which the council has resolved to close. Persons who will be affected by the closure of these burial grounds were given an opportunity of stating their case and they were quite unwilling to have them closed.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 70 M.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
22 JAN 96
SOUTH ARCOT

From

The Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Chidambaram

No. 432

Dated 23rd December 1895.
Received 9th January 1896.
Enclosures (5)

SUBJECT.

Soliciting the sanction of Government to close certain Muhammadan burial grounds in the centre of the town.

(With an Enclosure)

Recd 12/3 (88/82) 7/96

No. 62

Returned to the Collector of South Arcot for resubmission with an expression of his opinion on the Council's proposals, as required in para. 1 of G.O. No. 1286 M. dated 18th September 1894.

1 By order

W. W. Phillips
Ag: Assistant Secy.

V.R.
10/1/96

Fort St. George —
21st January 1896.

To The Collector of South Arcot.

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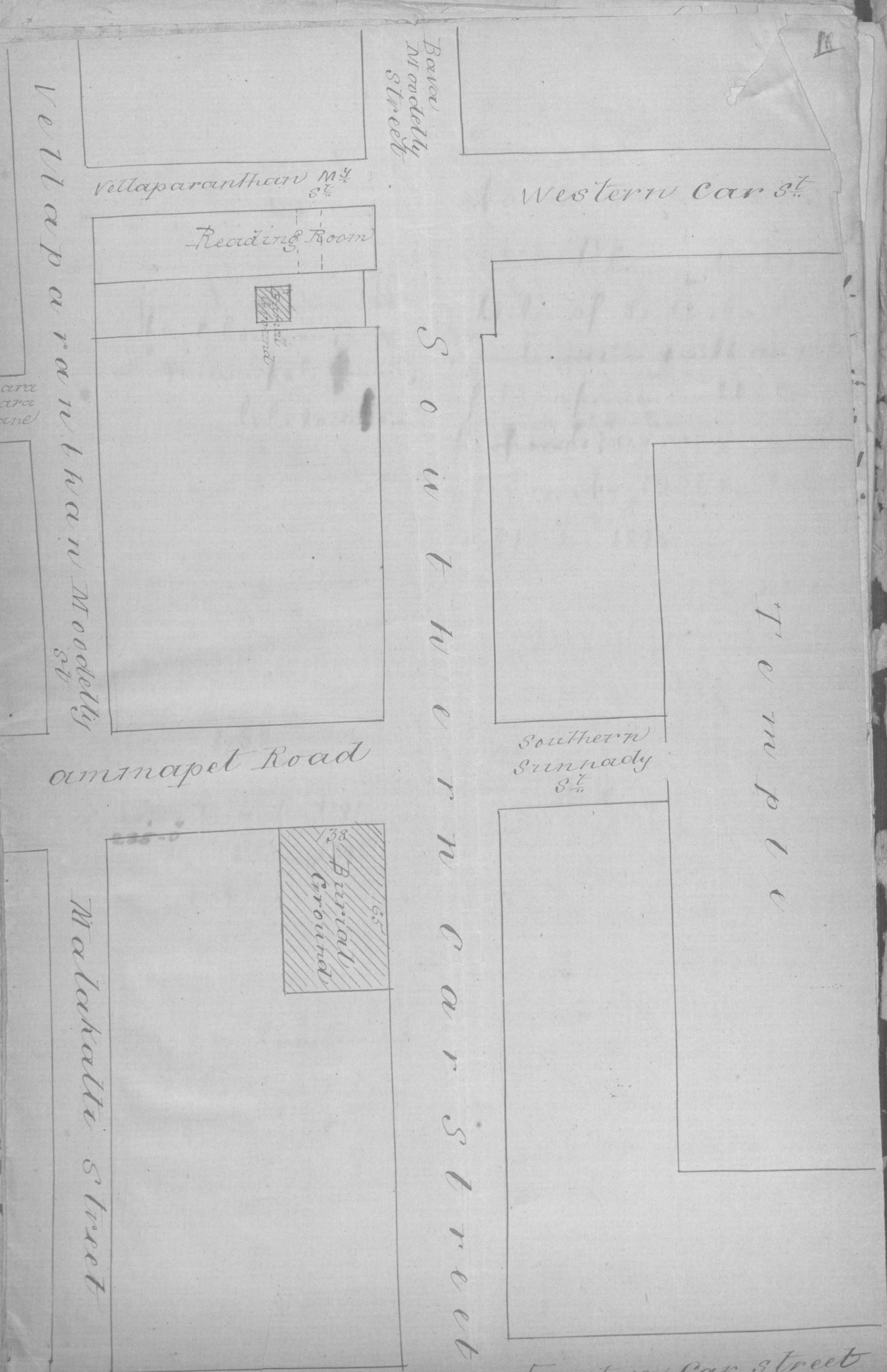
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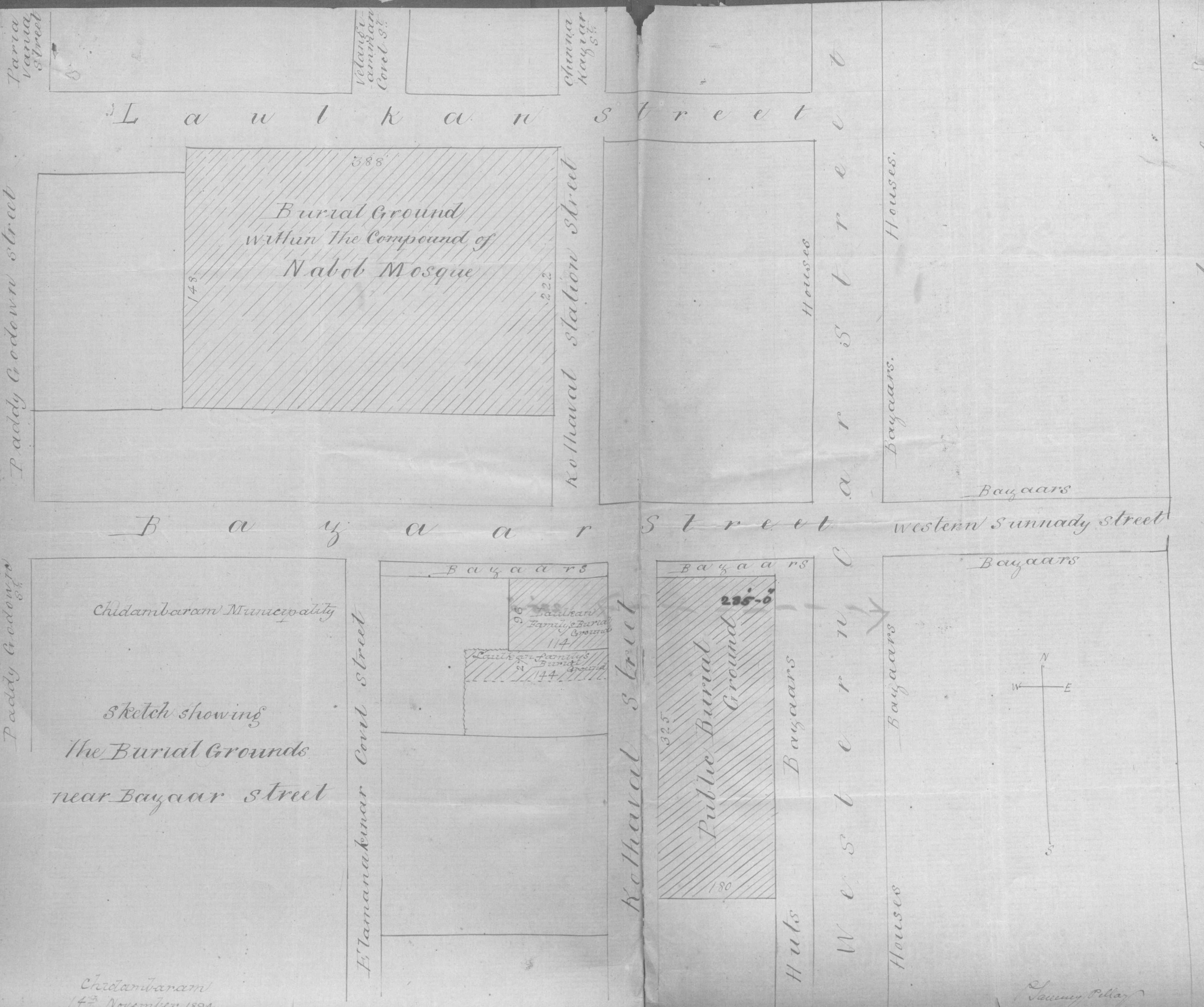

Sketch showing
the Burial Grounds
near Bazaar street

Chidambaram
14th November 1894

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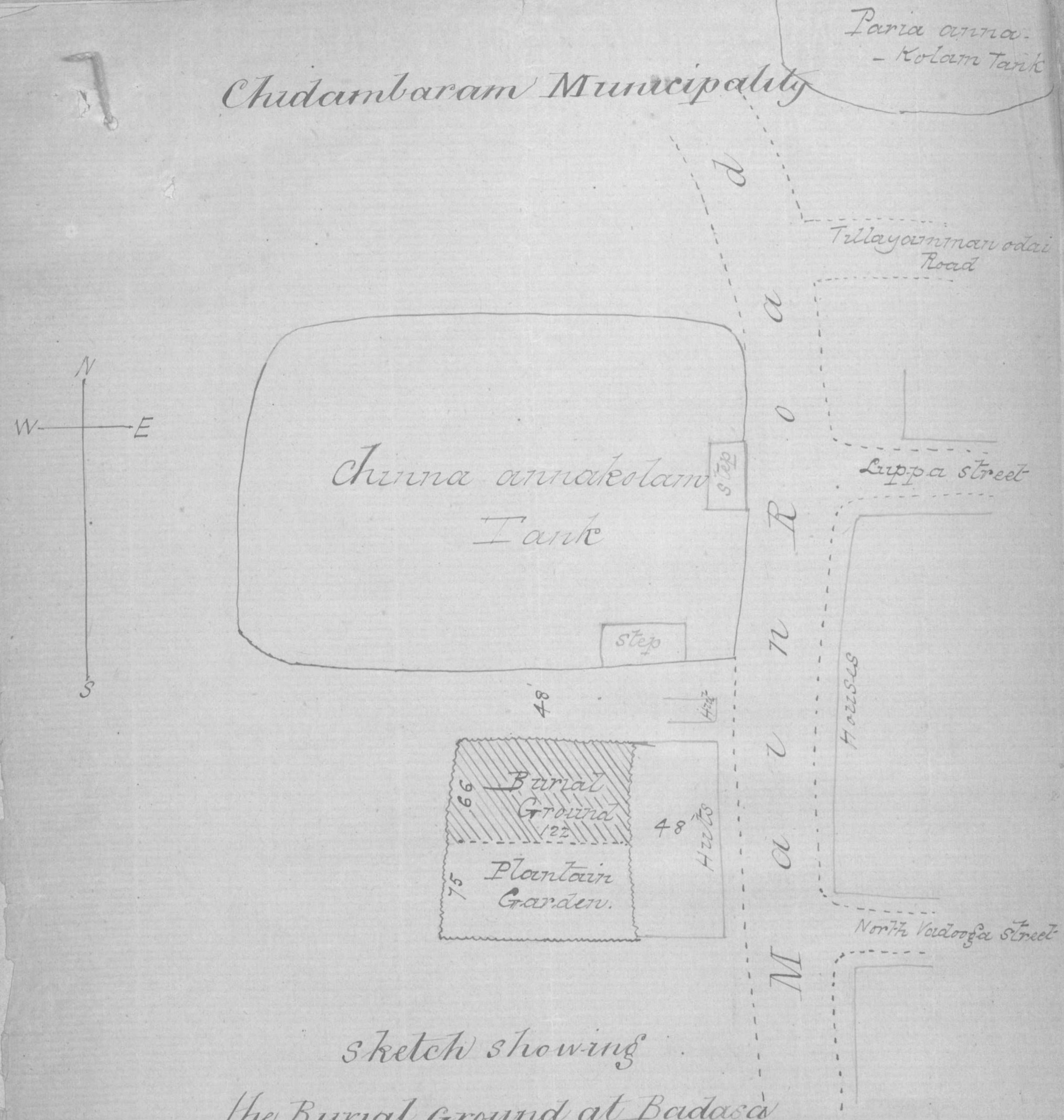
Sawmy Pillay
S. Inspector

Chidambaram Municipality



sketch showing
the Burial Ground at Badasa
Thykal near chinna annakolam

Chidambaram
14th November 1894

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S. Inspector

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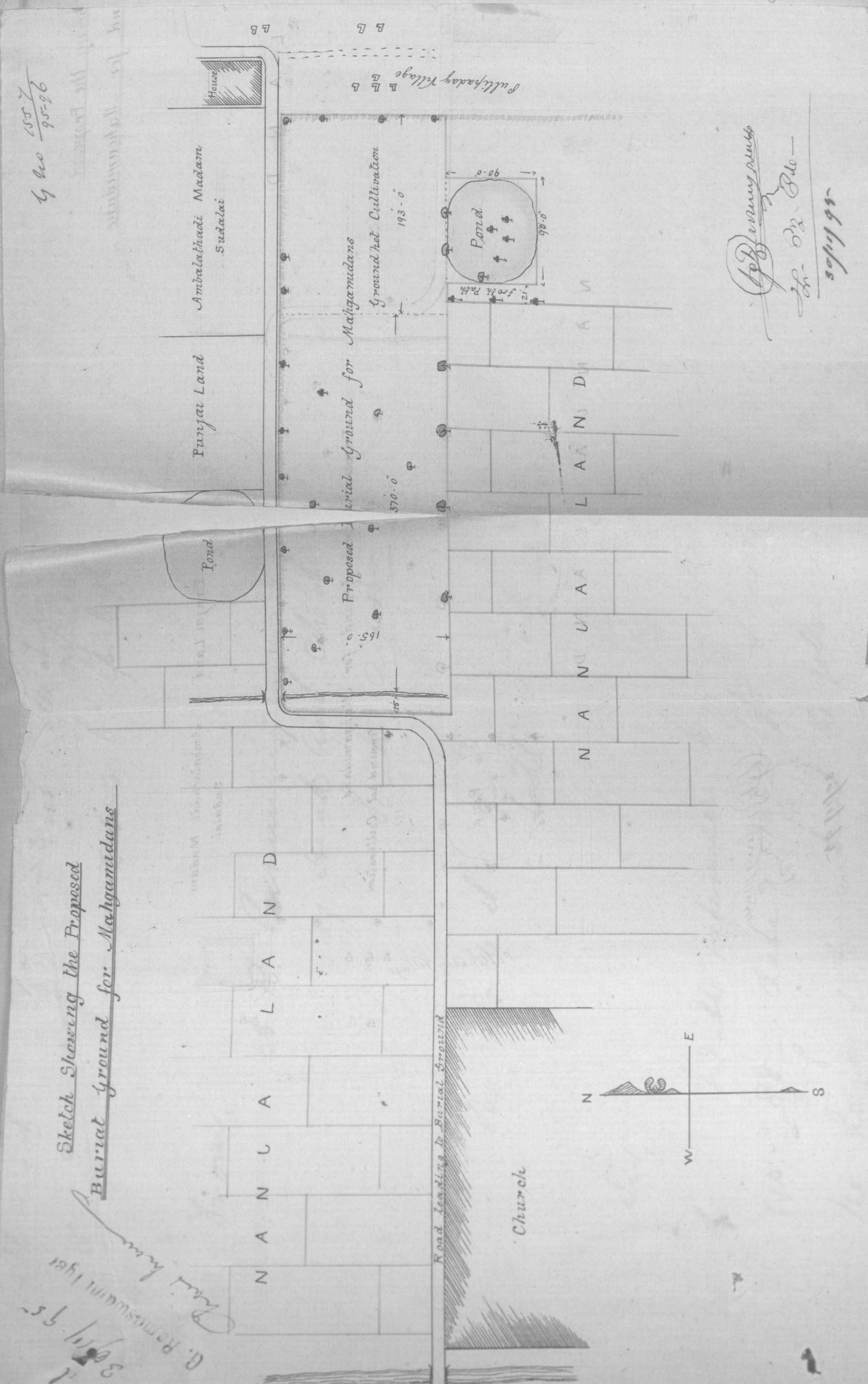

Sketch Showing the Proposed Burial Ground for Mahgamidans

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South Arcot

Hd Asst: Collector's Office

No.: 377/Dis of 96

Dated: 6th April 96

Enclos: files.

From,

A. R. Cumming Esquire

of Head Asst: Collector

South Arcot

To

The Collector of

South Arcot.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 88/Eng dated 13-2-96 I have the honour to submit the following remarks:

In his remarks dated 24-8-92 the Sanitary Commissioner has stated that all burial and burning grounds were situated out of the Municipality with the exception of one burial ground

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ground situated in the centre of the town. The situation of this burial ground was said to be very objectionable and it was recommended to be closed.

In the first place, I would observe that the name of this particular ground has not been specified, and in the second place I would point out that there are several burial grounds within Municipal limits. A perusal of the sketches prepared in the office of the Municipal Council will also show this.

Branching from the western Car street, there is the bazaar street and on the north of this lies, the Nawab Mosque burial ground while to the south there is a public burial ground

and

and also a private family burial ground.

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In his inspection notes dt 11-8-'93 the Deputy Commissioner has remarked that the Mahomedans were petitioning against the closure of the Nawab Mosque burial ground and has stated his opinion that though that ground was clearly little used, it was closely surrounded by houses and the burial of bodies in it was objectionable on Sanitary grounds. He has also noted that most of the Mahomedans were buried in two other grounds to which no exception has been taken.

I have no means of knowing whether it was the Nawab Mosque burial ground that was referred to in the Sanitary Commissioner's report of 24-8-92

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If the criteria to be applied are proximity to dwelling houses and the number of burials per year, I am at a loss to understand why the Nawab Mosque burial ground should be recommended for closure and the public burial ground left free for interments, as the latter is close to dwelling houses and shops and is more frequently resorted to than the former. I learnt from my enquiries of a leading member of the Mahomedan Community in Chidambaram that any one may bury in the public burial ground while interments are allowed in the Nawab Mosque burial ground to those who may choose to pay a fee therefor. I should recommend the closure of both these grounds on sanitary principles.

As to the other burial grounds of which there are four within the Municipality, three are either entirely unused or are used only on rare occasions and I do not therefore consider that the mass of the people would have serious cause for complaint, if interments therein are forbidden in the future. The 4th ground near the Chinna-Ammakulam is said to be used by the Labbais in the vicinity but like the other burial grounds is by the road side and in close proximity to houses. I would therefore recommend that interments be forbidden in all these grounds in future. If the grounds at the Badhasa Thaikal near the Chinna Ammakolam and to the east of the Af Ammapet road should be left free for interments, it is possible that they might be resorted to by a larger number than at present and the object of the Municipal Council must be defeated.

L. No 1537/25-5-96

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I have seen the proposed site for the new burial ground. It is situated at some little distance from the road, although as will be seen from the plan, it is not very far from the huts of Pallippadai and the present approach to it passes close to the mission Church and bungalow. The resolution makes mention of the necessity for the construction of a bridge across the odai for the passage of Hindu Corpses. It is possible that the Council intends to form a new approach to the burial ground, although why for Hindu Corpses is not quite clear.

I have &ca

Sd/ A. R. Cumming.
Ag. Sr. Asst. Chr.,

/True copy/

1239 M

G W Dance
Ag Collector.

19th April/96. Kh

SOUTH ARCOT. COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Cuddalore

Your NO. 88/Dy of 96

19th April 1896.

No. 1239/M

FROM

G.W. Dance Esquire,

Ag COLLECTOR OF SOUTH ARCOT.

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY,

TO GOVERNMENT

Local & Municipal, DEPARTMENT.

MADRAS.

SIR,

I have the honour to resubmit the papers returned to me with O.M. No. 62 dated 21st January 96 relating to the closure of the Mahomedan burial grounds in Chithambaram.

2. I think it should be first ascertained which burial ground is desired to be closed by the Sanitary Commissioner. Dr Laing in his Inspection notes dated the 24th August 1892 first raised the question. He said "that" all burial

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and

and burning ground are situated out of the Municipality with the exception of one burial ground in the centre of the town. This burial ground should be closed, as its situation is very objectionable." In his Inspection Notes dated 11th August '93 Dr Dymott assumed that the burial ground to which Dr Laing took exception was the Nawab Mosque burial ground.

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3. Now it will be seen from the Head Assistant Collector's report, a copy of which I enclose, that there are six Mahomedan burial grounds within Municipal limits. The sites of all appear to be equally objectionable to the ~~Sanitary~~ sanitary mind. But only one is practically in use. The Nawab Mosque burial ground is very little used, because fees are demanded for interments.

4. If the Government considers that a reference to the Sanitary Commissioner is unnecessary, and

And that all the grounds should be ordered to be closed on the strength of the Head Assistant Collector's report, I submit that ~~he~~ we should ascertain whether the Mahomedans approve of the ground which is proposed to be given to them in exchange. I note that although there is a Mahomedan on the Council, he was not present at the meeting at which the resolution now submitted was passed. The chairman also admits that the Mahomedans "are quite unwilling to have the burial grounds closed."

5. I would suggest that the Mahomedans should be approached in a sympathetic spirit. The Head Assistant Collector, or the Collector, or better still the present Sub Collector

might

might be depubed for the task. They should be made to understand why it is necessary to close their burial grounds and asked to select a new site to which no sanitary objections can be raised. If their headmen are dexterously approached there ought to be no difficulty in arriving at a satisfactory settlement, after some delay.

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I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obed^t. Servant,

Ag. Collector

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 1239 M.

From The Collector of South Arcot.

Ref. one No. $\frac{88}{Eng.}$ of 96.

Dated 19th April 1896.

Received 23rd April 1896.

Enclosures 1 & G.O. No. 70 M retd.

SUBJECT.

Resubmitting with certain suggestions the papers relating to the closure of the Muhammadan burial grounds in Chidambaram.

No. 550

Forwarded to the Sanitary Commissioner with the request that he will again inspect the town, and submit at an early date definite recommendations as to the closure of these burial grounds.

Under Secretary, P.W.D.,
for Chief Secretary.

Fort St. George
16th May 1896.

To
The Sanitary Commissioner
(with enclosure to be returned)

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READ AGAIN G.O., No. 189 DATED

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