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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1623 M

DATED 19-9-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Burning and burial ground

Requesting, with remarks, the Collector of Vizagapatam to submit an estimate of the cost of opening a new —— for Hindus in the Vizagapatam Municipality.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings :—

Again G.O., No. dated 189 .

Again G.O., No. dated 189 .

Current No. 1201 M of 1898, dated 20th February, from ~~B. Baxter Esq.~~ Petition + others ~~waltair~~

" " 2340 M " 1898, " 7th July , " the Collector of Vizagapatam

" " " 189 , " , "

Mis ORDER. No. 1623 Mis D/ 19.9.98

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V.R
16/8/98

The Collector of Vizagapatam is requested to submit to Government an estimate of the cost of opening a new burning and burial ground fulfilling the requirements of the Community for whom it is intended. The estimate should be very carefully prepared and should be as complete as possible, as there will be no chance of any subsequent allotments being made to supplement the amount of the estimate, it being the intention of this Government to recommend to the Government of India that the cost should be met by the East Coast Railway.

V.R
6/9/98

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To

The Collector
of Vizagapatam

Desp 22/9/98

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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1201. 2

From B. Baster Esq. & others
Waltair

No.

No

P.W. Ry. u.o.

~~**Order**~~

Will the Public Works department (Railway) be good enough to state the circumstances under which effect was not given to G.O. No. 1617 R. dated 28th June 1892 and whether it is not now prepared to pay the cost of removing the burning and burial ground in question, as proposed by the Collector in para. 5. of his endorsement on the Chairman's letter.

V.R.
16/8/98.

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To The Public Works Dept. (Railway)

Dated 20th February 1898
Received 1st April 1898
Registered 2. 4. 98
Enclosures one plan.
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SUBJECT

Praying that the Hindu cremation ground which is a nuisance to the Waltair Public may be removed from its present site.

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Cur. No 731 of 1898
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, VIZAGAPATAM.

4-5-98
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TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

From B. Baxter Esq. & others
Waltair

~~Order~~ No 518 of 29-4-98

Referred to the Municipal Council Vizagapatam for early remarks. (By order)

S. G. Roberts
Ag Assistant Secretary
28.4.98

P.R.
27/4/98

No.

Dated 20-2-98

Received 1-4-98

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2-MAY 1898

To

The Chairman, Municipal Council
Vizagapatam, thro' the Collr.

R.C. No 731 B+G of 1898.

Forwarded to the Chairman
Municipal Council
Vizagapatam
2.5.98

Ag Collr

SUBJECT.

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LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT
CURRENT No. 1201 M

To

His Excellency
Sir Arthur Elibank Havelock, G.C.M.G.,
G.C.I.E.
Governor of Madras.

May it please Your Excellency.

We the undersigned residents of Waltair railway station, and as such, interested in promoting the welfare of the daily increasing number of persons living in it, beg to approach Your Excellency with feelings of gratitude at your condescension to honor us with your presence, during your present tour through the Northern Circars. The Government Officials working under your benign administration, will have told you, ere this, of the immense improvement that the advent of the East Coast Railway has effected into this hitherto insignificant quarter of the town of Vizagapatam. Your Excellency no doubt knows from

from their reports of the many improvements which, under the kind auspices of your District Officials, have converted this howling wilderness of Tikolipalim into a flourishing European settlement. Our warmest acknowledgments are due to them for their incessant endeavours to secure our comfort and happiness. A former Collector of this District, who spent almost all the years of his service in our midst, and who knows our wants in a way that nobody else can boast to do, and who was Your Excellency's direct representative in this part of the Country, when the Railway was opened, was not backward in representing to Your Excellency's illustrious predecessor, Lord Wenlock, that the one drawback to our welfare and happiness, was the maintenance in its present site of the Hindu Cremation ground, which has been for us a permanent source of danger to our health and comfort. We are not unmindful of the fact that it was on his urgent representation, that the Governor of Madras, so far back as the year 1892, was pleased to order that this standing nuisance should be abated without loss of time, and that the

cause

cause of it should be obviated by its removal to a less obnoxious site, at the cost of Rs 4500/-, to be provided out of Railway funds. We humbly beg to submit that we are at a loss to understand, why this peremptory order of the Government should have been allowed to virtually remain a dead letter for such an inordinate length of time. It is not within our province, nor is it our desire to cavil at, or criticise the reasons, which may have induced the Executive Officer of the District to treat this unmistakable order of Government as a "lettre morte". We feel however, bound to press upon Your Excellency's notice the fact that our Municipality, composed as it is mostly of conservative Hindus, with the exception of only two Europeans, have, all along, evinced a condemnable determination to keep the Cremation ground where it is, contrary to all the universally recognised rules of hygiene. We must, however, in fairness acknowledge that there has been a change in their ideas, since the advent of the present Chairman, who, having the advantage of being a member of the Medical Profession, is bound to acknowledge

It

that, in this time of plague and pestilence, when we are threatened to be invaded by this cursed friend from Hyderabad, the removal of this undoubted source of infection is imperiously called for, in the interest of the no-insignificant community which contribute to Municipal taxes. It requires only the august approval of Your Excellency to insure to us the attainment of an uncontestable boon, for which we shall ever be grateful to Your Excellency's Government.

We crave permission to add that the Municipality of Vizagapatam will have no reason to refuse to comply with our reasonable request, in the face of the magnanimous offer made by the Right Reverend Dr Clerc Bishop of Vizagapatam, to set apart, for this purpose, as many acres of land as may be required, as a substitute for the highly objectionable Cremation ground which is lying now almost at our doors, and is threatening us at any moment with the contagion that its neighbour-hood is bound to inflict upon us.

It may perhaps require a little more than the amount sanctioned by

Government

We

Government, and we have no doubt that, if properly directed, the Municipality will find their way to provide the surplus.

We must not, in conclusion, lose sight of the fact that, it was mainly to the assurance embodied in the Government Order, above referred to, that the superb block of buildings now nearing completion, and chiefly designed to supply education for our children, and for the education of children of Europeans and Eurasians, whose lot has been cast on the Eastern Coast of the Presidency, under your benign rule, began to be erected, about a year after that order was passed. We feel bound to submit to Your Excellency, under these circumstances, that it would be, a sure source of ruin to that promising Institution, which (under the approval of your Government is to be a high school and a training Institution for young ladies in the Northern Circars,) to keep up within 200 yards of it, an unmitigated and unbearable source of nuisance, which the Hindu Cremation ground has always been proved to be.

We

We beg to state that a reference to our honored and esteemed District Surgeon Dr. Leapingwell, and to our popular Railway Surgeon Dr. Hadden, will convince Your Excellency of the urgent need that exists for the immediate abatement of the nuisance complained of by us.

Whilst begging to be pardoned for intruding upon Your Excellency's most valuable time, we beg to be allowed to subscribe ourselves,

Of Your Excellency,
the most dutiful and Obedient Servants.

Vizagapatam
20th February
1898

B. Barber
Engineer in Chief E. C. Ry

A. P. Pope Traffic Supt

A. Morton
E. C. Ry

B. P. Wall Exe Eng

J. Hadden.
Railway Medical Officer,

+ J. M. Clerc, Bishop
of Vizagapatam

~~Offg~~ Loco Supdt.

Asst. E. C. Ry

E. C. Ry

D. Traffic Offr
E. C. Ry

C. A. Fink
Asst: Examiner

Asst. Tfc: Supdt.

Traffic Deptt.

Mr. W. Quin
W. W. Jones
S. Gradain
Eno Peacock
A. E. J. Bertram
Fredrickson
W. Eocock
~~W. J.~~ M. Southwell.
A. Farquhar
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A. Walter
W. Ambrose
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C. A. Walker.
Luther Lanell
Robt. Gordon
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J. McCarthy
Chas. White
J. Fox
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J. A. Griffiths
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J. Wymss
J. Hodson
E. Stephens
Geo. McDonald
J. Ettima.
J. Lazar
Lourdaine
Lugger Captain.

I strongly support the petition - The Railway Employés living close by the station run grave risks and are subjected to extreme annoyance and discomfort due ~~[illegible]~~ to the cremation & burying ground being where it is.

But I respectfully submit that the cost of the removal of this nuisance should be borne by the Municipality of which the Railway Colony forms a part -

The Municipality has refused to repair the Railway roads & all it has done in the past is to recently put up 3 lamps along one main road. It now wishes to levy a water tax on the Ry. Colony, stating that it does not contemplate supplying the Railway people with water.

The Collector states he sees no reason why the Railway should not be taxed for water and that it is fair to tax the Railway Colony on account of roads, lighting, sanitation, etc & to spend the money so raised on the upkeep of roads etc in Vizagapatam proper - This being so, the Municipal burying ground nuisance should be abated by the Municipality & not by the Railway.

M. Constable
Major R.E.

18/2/95 Offg. Manager E.C. Railway

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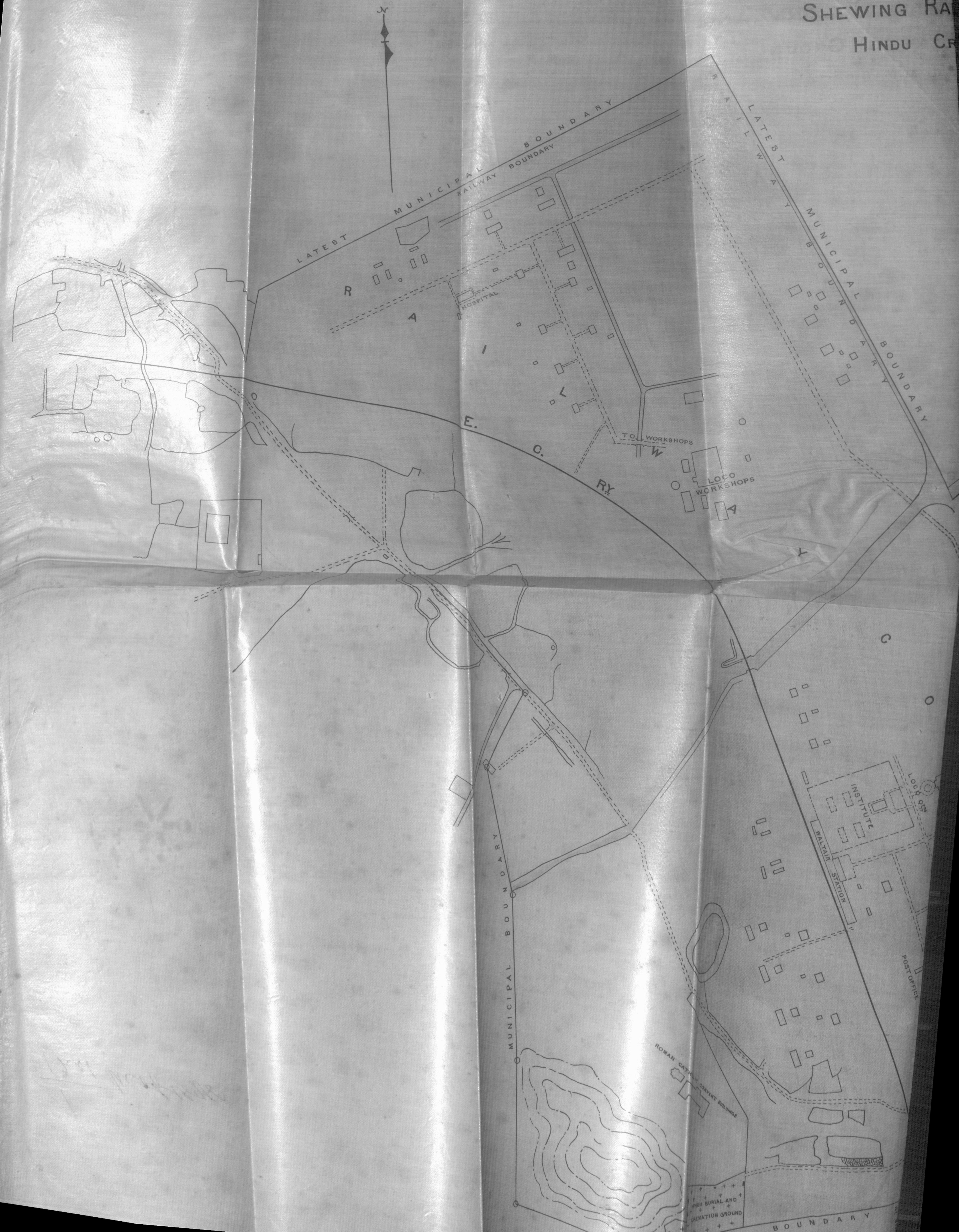

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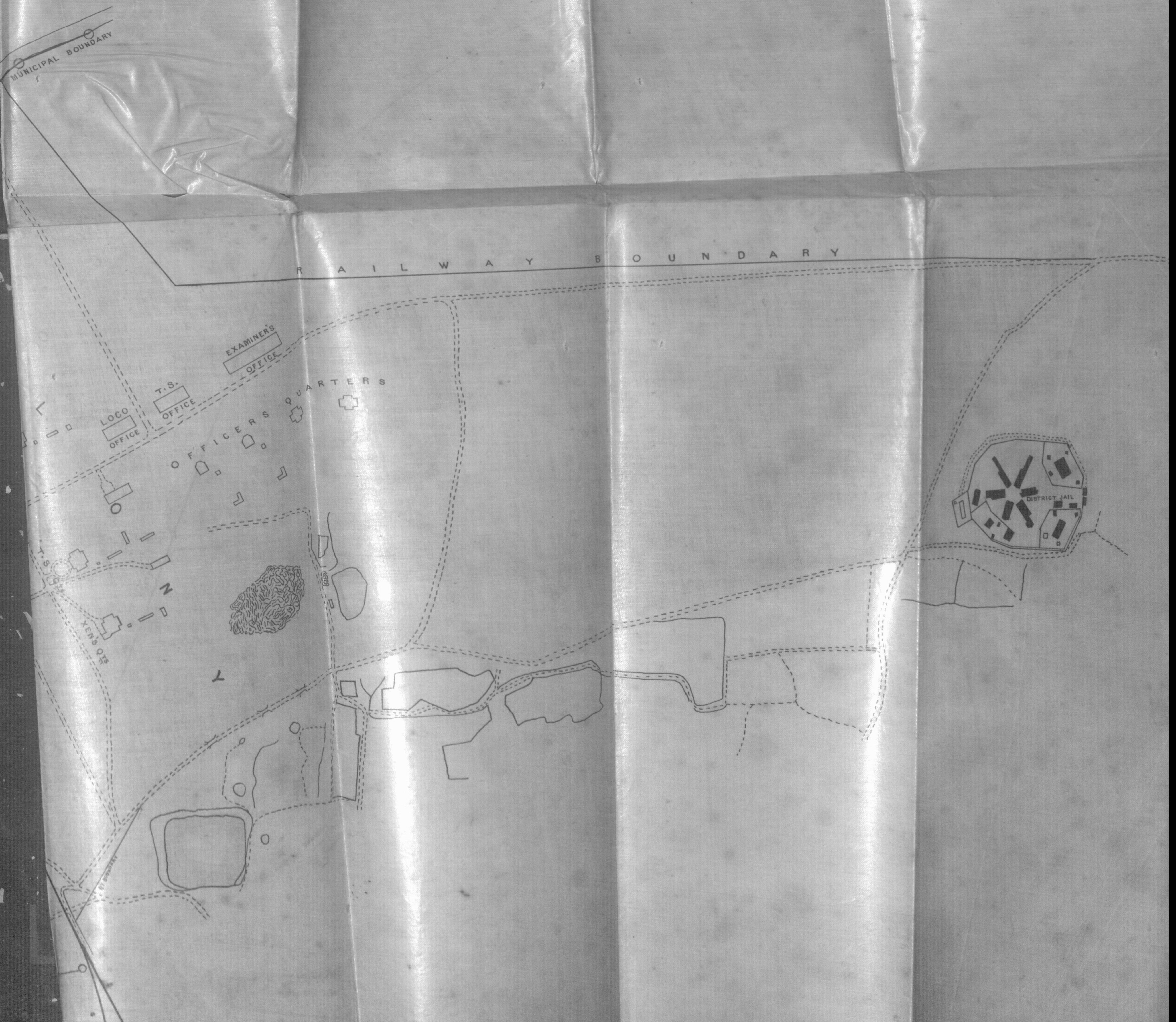

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Guindy
3rd ... 1898

Add to Current No. 120 M

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My dear Tremenheere,

His Excellency wishes me to send you the enclosed memorial for disposal in the ordinary way. The particular request is contained on page 2 of it. His Excellency spoke to Horne about it when up in Vizagapatam & Horne then said that the request had already been refused because it was looked on merely as a private matter, & one that concerned the Roman Catholic Bishop only. Now however, in the present memorial, &

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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 2340 M

From

The Collector of Vizagapatam.

C **No.** 731

Order

Dated 7 July 1898

Received

Registered

Enclosures 2 & 120 C.M. ~~for~~ returned

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SUBJECT.

Submitting, with remarks, the petition from the inhabitants of the Waltair Railway Colony praying that the Hindoo cremation ground near it may be removed from its present site.

19-7-98

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BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Proceedings of the Municipal Council at its meeting held on Saturday the 25th June 1898

Present

M.R.Ry. P. Kistnaswamy Naidu garu, L.M.S. Chairman M.C
— B. Suryanarayana Sastri garu B.A. & B.L
— P.T. Srinivasa Iyyengar Avergal M.A. & L.T
— B. Narasimheswara Sarma garu B.A. & B.L
— V. Appalanarasimhulu Chetty garu
— J.V. Appalanarasiah Pantulu garu
— M. Appalanarasiah Naidu garu
— D. Venkatanarasiah Naidu garu
— G. Nookayya Chetty garu
— Ch. Subramanya Sastri garu
Munshi Shaik Moula Saheb garu.
D. Lazarus Esquire B.A
J. G. M. Pascal Esquire

II Read memorial signed by Mr Baxter and other inhabitants of Waltair and presented to His Excellency the Governor on his recent visit to the station and now referred to the Council for remarks

Read also memorandum prepared by the Chairman on the subject.

The Council begs leave to point out that the present cremation & burial ground has been used by the Hindu Community for many years before the Railway Colony was built near it.

It is the most convenient site for the Hindu community & the Council can not find any other site half so convenient as the present one. Considering the present financial difficulties

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Of the Council it regrets its inability to find funds for any scheme & removal as is prayed for the memorial

The Council is also of opinion that the alleged nuisance affects, if at all, four or five houses recently built near it

Sd/ P. Krishnaswamy
Chairman M.C.

/True Extract/

P. Krishnaswamy
Chairman M.C.

[illegible] Municipal Council at
[illegible] meeting held on Saturday the 25th June 1898

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[illegible] Chetty garu
T. V. Att[illegible] Pantulu garu
M. Attalaramaiah Naidu garu
D. Venkata[illegible] Naidu garu
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No. 939

VIZAGAPATAM MUNICIPAL OFFICE.
Dated 5th July 1898.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 23

From
M. R. RY.
P. KRISHNASWAMI NAIDU GARU L. M. & S.
CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
VIZAGAPATAM.

To
The Collector
Vizagapatam

Sir,

I have the honor to return the memorial forwarded with your No 731/B+G dated 2-5-98 and to state that the same was placed before the Council on the 25th June 1898. An extract from the proceedings of the Council is enclosed.

2. In this connection, I beg to point out that on the representation of the then Engineer-in-chief that the Hindu Cremation and burial ground in the vicinity of the Railway Colony was a source of nuisance, the Government of Madras in G. O No. 1617 R dated

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28-6-92 sanctioned a sum of Rs 4000 for the removal of the Cremation ground. This Government Order was passed without any reference being made to this Council.

3. For some reason or other no action was taken by the Railway Department; but in January 94, Mr Brereton, the manager requested the Collector to acquire the land comprising this cremation ground under the Land Acquisition Act. I have the honor to enclose a copy of the proceedings of the Collector thereon.

4. It will be seen from the above proceedings that the then Collector considered that the burial ground was not a nuisance in its present position and that the Railway located its station close to the burning ground without considering the consequences.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt servant,
P. Krishnaswami
Chairman M.C.

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I have asked Mr Brereton to b
for water near the line across the Swa
about in a line between the Slaughte
house and the conical hill south
the backwater. If a stratum of modera
fresh water can be found anywhere h
it will facilitate matters greatly.

The burial ground is not a nuisan
in its present position and should no
be interfered with. All that is necessa
is that a small area should be raise
high enough to be above flood level at
all times and enclosed with a suitabl
fence. One acre will be ample. It
will have to be connected with the town
by a cart road to allow of firewood
being conveyed there and some source
of water supply should be provided.
A tank if a well cannot be obtained.
"The question is not one for the Land
Acquisition Act. The cremation ground
is more essentially a public purpose
than the Railway and the latter located
its station close to the burning ground
without considering the consequence.

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Reply to Bd and Govt

Cur. No. 738 of 1898
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, VIZAGAPATAM.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 2340 M

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

From
THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
VIZAGAPATAM.

To
The Collector
Vizagapatam

Dated 5 July 1898
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No. 9839

Enclosures.

SUBJECT.

Returning the memorial regarding the Hindu cremation & burial ground with copies of Proceedings of Council thereon d/ 12 & 28

Submitted to Government.

2. In my opinion the letter of Mr Bullock, copy of which is enclosed with the Chairman's letter, puts the matter quite fairly.

3. It is out of the question for the Municipality to provide at its own expense a new burning & burial ground. It is in extreme financial difficulties & would have no chance of finding the money.

4. It is not impossible that a new site might be found which could be made suitable and agreeable to the needs of the Hindu inhabitants, provided always that the cost of making it so were borne by the Railway, but the memorial does not apparently contemplate this.

5. The persons to whom the burning & burial ground is offensive are the residents of the Railway Quarters and of those of the new buildings erected by the Right Revd. Bishop Clerc near the station. Its effects are not new, and it existed long before either the Railway Quarters or Dr. Clerc's buildings came into existence. The cost of providing a new ground should therefore fall on those who will be benefited thereby.

6. The facts stated in the note, in which the Manager of the Railway supported the memorial, are inaccurate. They are also beside the question.

J. W. Harris
ag. Collector

7.7.98.

P.W. DEPARTMENT.
Railway

OFFICE NOTE No.

Dated 23-8- 1898.

From
THE joint SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, Public Works Departt (Ry. Bh.)

To
THE SECRETARY L & M DEPARTMENT. U.O.

I know all about this matter, as I was in charge of the East Coat Railway in 1892-93. I can testify to this burning ground being a horrible nuisance as during certain months the prevailing winds carry the smoke and smell right into the large railway colony. I have known people unable to eat and having to shut all the doors and go to bed sick with the roast flesh fumes.

When G.O. 1617 R dated 28th June 1892 was issued on a few days later, I had taken over charge of the Railway. I expected a debit from the Collector and was prepared to pay up. But if I recollect right there was a good deal of delay about a new site, and the Collector's new estimate came I think to double the sum originally mentioned. 1st because the swamp ground had to be raised up several feet 2nd because a new raised road had to be made to the burning ground and 3rd because the people would not

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accept a wire fence on account of jackals and insisted on a deep founded stone wall. I think Mr. Willock the Collector tried to get round these difficulties by proposing a site across Turner's bridge. Anyway the Collector and Municipal people never settled anything in my time and I never was billed.

I think most certainly that the entire cost of the change of site ought to fall on the East Coast Railway who came on the ground only lately and built their houses on the leeward side of the nuisance. But we do not control the East Coast Railway, it is controlled by the Government of India so there is no use in issuing a G.O. to the effect that they must pay.

What I propose is that the Collector be ordered in the Local and Municipal Department to have a reliable estimate prepared of what it will cost to open a new burning ground fulfilling the requirements of the Community. He might be warned to be careful with his estimate, because it is the intention of this Government to recommend to the Government of India that the amount of the estimate be given by the East Coast Ry. for the purpose in view and that no larger sum would have any chance subsequently of being allotted.

On receipt of ~~this~~ the Collector's reply we can make proposal to the Govt. of India for relieving the petitioners of their grievance.

Approved 26·8·98

Public Work Department,
Railway Branch.

OFFICE NOTE No.

Dated 189 .

From

The Joint Secretary to Government, P. W. D. (Railway Branch),

To

The Secretary L. & M. Dept. U.O.

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F.E.S.
23/8/98

Public Works Department,
Railway Branch.

OFFICE NOTE No. 1

Dated ______ 189 .

From

The Joint Secretary to Government, P. W. D. (Railway Branch),

To

The

G.O. No. 1617 R of 28.6.92. sanctioned an expenditure of Rs. 4500 for the removal of the cremation ground to a site, selected by the Collector, in the swamp, the amount to be debited to the East Coast Ry. Apparently no action was taken on this G.O. & the matter was allowed by the E.C.Ry. authorities to drop.

The present petition for the removal of the ~~burial~~ cremation ground is signed by a large number of E.C.Ry. officers, subordinates etc. including the heads of departments, & is supported in a separate letter by the Manager, who, however, objects to the

Chairman.

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cost of removal being debited to the Railway on the grounds that the Municipality taxes the Waltair residents and gives them nothing in return, spending the receipts on Vizag people.

The collector contents himself with stating that is inaccurate & adds that it has nothing to do with the question.

I agree with his latter assertion & suggest that measures be taken to enforce the carrying out of the works sanctioned in above quoted G.O.

23.8.98.

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