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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 173M.

DATED 25-1-98.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Burial ground.

Stating with remarks that the —— round All Saints' church in the Coonoor Multy. should be closed & a new one provided in its stead

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Closure of burial ground – Coonoor Municipality

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

Again G.O., No. , dated 189 .

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Current No. 4225. M of 1897, dated 7th December 1897 from the Ecclesiastical Department

Current No. of 189 , dated from the

Mis. Order. No. 173 mis d/ 25-1-98

The Government considers that the burial ground round All Saints' Church should be closed and a new one provided in its stead; but as two acres of land are stated to be sufficient for the new cemetery, the Collector is requested to take the necessary steps for the acquisition of the land under Act I of 1894.

2. The request of the municipal council that the Government should pay for the required land, as all cemetery fees are credited to Government, cannot be entertained, as section 234 of the municipal Act makes it obligatory on the municipal council to provide a sufficient number of convenient and fitting places for burial and burning grounds. The rules embodied in Home –

Department Notification, Ecclesiastical, dated 20th June 1885, No 103, on the authority of which cemetery fees are levied, clearly show that the fees are intended to go to the authority responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery in proper order,– a responsibility which is not cast on the municipal council – vide Note 2 to Rule II, Section II.

V.R.
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in G.O. No 141. Eccl
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To
The Chairman M. C. Coonoor
" Collector of the Nilgiris
" Ecclesiastical Department.

27/1/98

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 4225 M

Order

From The Ecclesiastical Department

End. **No.** 2686

Dated 7-12-1897
Received 7-12-1897
Registered 7-12-1897
Enclosures C. Nos 2012 & 3457 in retd.
Spare copies.

SUBJECT.

Transferring with remark correspondence regarding a new burial ground for All Saints Church Coonoor

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Eccl DEPARTMENT

C. No. 282

~~HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.~~
~~THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.~~
THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

A new burial ground for All Saints Church Coonoor

FOR ORDERS.

vide J & P

In G.O. No 1230 M d/22.7.96 Govt agreed with the Civil Surgn (now D.M & S.O.) that the grave yard round All Saints Church in Coonoor was likely to prove a source of danger to the public health in the near future, & the Municipal Council was therefore requested to consider at an Early date the desirability of closing it & providing another in a less objectionable spot.

The result of the correspondence that has ensued is that the Municipal Council has decided that the piece of land known as "Stradlings", (Settlement No D 26, 8 acres and 31 cents in Extent is the

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most suitable & convenient site for the proposed new cemetery. It requests that Govt will be pleased to arrange for its acquisition.

Two acres it is stated will suffice but the Trustees of "Stradlings" will not divide the land. They are willing to accept Rs 700 per acre for the whole block and even less on a firm offer. In round numbers the sum reqd will probably be therefore Rs 5000.× The council considers that Govt shd pay for the land as all cemetery fees are ~~paid~~ credited to Govt.

8 acres @ Rs 700 per acre = Rs 5,600
·31 acre - - - - - - - = 217
Total Rs 5,817

G.O. 141 Ecl. d/ 17th July 95 "V"

In reply to a ref to him by S&M Dr. King states that both as to soil & position the proposed spot is suitable. He writes:— X

"When the proposal "was made by this Office "to shift the grave yard, "the question was chiefly "in regard to the Evil water

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water supply of Coonoor — G.O. No 800 Ml dd 6th May 1895. It was found that the water passed thro the grave yard in an open drain, that, although cemented, was much cracked. Since then, the scheme for the introduction of a correct water supply into Coonoor has been revived. One of the pipes will run in close proximity to the yard, and having therefore regard to the fact that aspiration into pipes is of common occurrence under certain frequently occurring conditions, I think the purity of (the) water supply is still at stake. Further the burying of bodies in close proximity to a place of public resort — a church — is not advisable & I therefore see ho no object in waiting till the unoccupied space of the church-yard — there being in reality very little available — is taken up"

The statement that there is very little space available in the existing church yard is in contradiction of that in the Chaplain's letter of the 22. Feby last at N, & seq, that there is still much space available

Mr Tremenheere (vide L) forwards the correspondence with the remark that Govt might acquire two acres under the Act and Govt transfers the papers to Eccl

Orders are solicited

Clw.
17.11.97

Section 234 (1) of the District Municipal Act IV of 1884 authorises the Mun. Council to provide a sufficient number of convenient & fitting places for burial or burning grounds, & sec. 240 authorises them to close a burial ground which has become

unaltered in the new act. M.E.C. 26/XI/97

P.S.

2nd ed. Quote the sections in the new act & put up. Note differences if any.

ALA 24.11.97

note. In the new act (III. 1897) the section has been altered to 'The Municipal Council shall provide &c'

This makes the matter much simpler. It is now the duty of the Municipality to provide the burial ground. M.E.C. 26/XI/97

dangerous to the health of persons living in the neighbourhood thereof.

In the case of the City of Madras, sec. 392 of act I of 1889 makes it obligatory for that Municipality to provide burial grounds, and on the Pres. asking that the Church cemetery fees should therefore be credited to the Municipality, he was told in G.O. 296 M. of 29/3/87 that the fees were intended to go to the authority responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery in proper order?

The same principle may, it is suggested, be adopted in the case of Church-yards situated in Mun. limits in Districts, viz. that it is the duty of the Municipality ~~as~~ to see that existing ~~a~~ ~~[illegible]~~ cemeteries are in a sanitary condition, & if necessary replace them by others. With the up-keep of religious burial grounds they are not directly concerned, neither should they have the fees.

M.E.C.
20/XI/97

P.T.O.

I agree JG 4/12/97

As the new municipal Act throws ~~the [illegible]~~ on the Muncl Council the onus of providing the new burial ground, this file may be transferred to L. & M. with the remarks that Ecclesiastical considers the burial ground ~~at~~ round All Saints' Church should be closed & a new burial ground provided.

ALA 30.11.97

The alteration noted above in section 234 places District Municipalities on the same footing as the city of Madras in the matter of burial grounds, ~~which~~ the provision of which is compulsory on all Municipalities.

In the case noted above, government declined to admit that this obligation constituted any claim to receipt of fees.

Submitted, that the Coonoor Municipality may be told that government cannot pay for a new burial ground, as ~~that~~ the provision of ~~[illegible]~~ burial grounds is obligatory for all Municipalities, under sec. 234 of the District Mun. act as amended by Madras act III 1897.

If the present Church cemetery is a source of danger, action should be taken under sec. 240 by the Municipality themselves.

This is, however, really L. & M. & may be sent to them for consideration.

MCC
26/XI/97

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dated 29 Apr 97 No. [illegible] from the Chairman Coonoor

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 4225 M

Endt. No. 2686 dated 7.12.97.

Transferred to the L. & M. Dept. with the remark that under the District Municipalities act as amended by act III of 1897 (Madras) the duty of the providing burial grounds is thrown upon Municipalities, and that the Ecclesiastical Dept. considers that the burial ground round All Saint's Church Coonoor should be closed.

MLC

M. L. Couchman
for Chief Secretary

6/XII/97

To the L. & M. Dept.
(with notes in original)

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7/12/97

SANITARY COMMISSIONER
Register No. 1983 S
14 JUN 97
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Ans

~~Local & Munl.~~ Ecclesiastical (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 2012. M

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT
1? MAY. 1897

From the Chairman,
Municipal Council, Coonoor.
(through the Collector of Nilgiris)

No. 77

Dated 29th April 1897.

Received 21. 5. 97

Registered 21. 5. 97.

Enclosures - ~~Six~~. Seven.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for the orders of Government a resolution of the Municipal Council, Coonoor, regarding the acquisition of a new burial ground for all Saints church, Coonoor.

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

No. 655 d/ 9th June 1897.

~~Order.~~

Referred to the Sanitary Commissioner for remarks as to the necessity for closing the existing burial-ground and as to the suitability of the proposed site.

Secretary to Government

P.R.
5/6/97

Fort St George }
9th June 1897 }

To
The Sanitary Commissioner

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No. 1093 d/ 27-10-97

Transferred to the Ecclesiastical Department.

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Secretary to Govt.

V.R.
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To
The Ecclesiastical Department

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G.O. 141 Eccl. 9/1885 has not been put up as
16/11/97

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all the papers referred to in this corresp. are L & M Dept. papers not connected to Eccl. Copies have been obtained & put up.
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No. 77.

Municipal Office,
Coonoor, 29th April 1897.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No 2012. M

From

J. A. Marjoribanks. Esq.
Chairman, Municipal Council,
Coonoor.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department.
Fort St George
(through the Collector of Nilgiris.)

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin regarding a new burial ground for All Saints church in Coonoor, I have the honour to submit for the consideration and orders of Government the following resolution of the Municipal Council Coonoor, passed at its meeting held on the 31st Ultimo.

Municipal Report for 95-96.

G.O. No 1230 M. 22d July 1896
Para 4. (5).-

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Enclosures.

1 Letter from Chairman dated 13th Feb 1897 No 772 to the Chaplain and Lay Trustees of All Saints church.
2. Do from the Chaplain of Coonoor dated 22d Feb 1897 to the Chairman.
3 Do from the Chairman dated 13 March 1897 No 870 to the Chaplain and Lay Trustees of All Saints church.
4 Do from the Chaplain of Coonoor dated 15 March 1897 to the Chairman.
5 Do from the Chairman dated 16th March 1897 No. 885 to the Trustees of the Estate of the late Mr. Lee Kirby.
6 Do from Mr. A.W. Brodie dated 22d Mar 1897, to the Chairman.-

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VI. Read letter from Mr A.W. Brodie dated 22d March 1897 stating the terms on which he is willing to sell "Stradlings" for a cemetery for All Saints church, and connected papers.

The Chairman is requested to inform Government that the Council has decided that the piece of land known as "Stradlings", settle-

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ment No D 26. of the extent of 8 Acres and 31 Cents is the most suitable and convenient site for the proposed new cemetery, and to request that Government will be pleased to arrange for acquiring the same.

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant
J A Marjoribanks
Chairman

from the Chairman

1897
Eccl Dept.
Enclos. No 10
To
O. No 282

II

17 May 1897
Coun
Proc 94
Meet

N. Refm Cur No 556/97

Returned to the Chairman with the request that he will state who will pay for the land and why over 8 A is asked for when it appears from the correspondence that only about 2 A will suffice

for Collector

30/4/97

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
16 MAY 1897
NILGIRI DISTRICT.

No 110. To The Chairman C.M.C. Coonoor

Resubmitted with Extract from the Proc of the Mun. Council of Coonoor held on the 14 May 1897 Resolution No II.

M.O. Coonoor
15 May 1897

E.A. Marjoribanks
Chairman C.M.C.

N. Dis on Cur no 556/97

Forwarded to Govt with the remark that 2 A. might be acquired under the Act; it will be seen that the Council expects Govt to pay for the land.

H. Tremenheere
A.C. 17-5-97.

1897
Ec Dept.
Enclos. No. 9
To
O. No. 220

Extract from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council of Coonoor held on *Friday the 14th May 1897.*

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II Read endorsement of the Collector dated 30 April 1897 on letter to Government regarding new burial ground for All Saints Church.

The Council considers that Government should pay for the land as all cemetery fees are credited to Government. A plot of two acres will be sufficient but as the Trustees of "Stradlings" will not divide the land - vide Mr Brodie's letter dated 22d March 1897 the acquisition of the whole field was recommended it being the most suitable spot available.

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(A true extract)

E.A. Marjoribanks
Chairman.

Municipal Office,
Coonoor, 15 May 1897

To

The Collector of the Nilgiris.

2012 M of 1897

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Eccl. Dept.
Enclos. No 8
To
O. No 282

Enclosure No 1 in letter dated 9 April 1897 No 77 from the Chairman Mun Com C

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No. 772

MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
Coonoor, 13th February 1897.

From

J. A. MARJORIBANKS, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council,
COONOOR.

To

The Chaplain and Lay Trustees
of All Saints' Church ~~Coonoor~~
Coonoor.

Gentlemen,

The Government in its order No 1230 M dated 22d July 1896 states that it agrees with the Civil Surgeon that the grave yard round All Saints' Church in Coonoor is likely to prove a source of danger to the health of the town at a near future, and that the Municipal Council should therefore consider at an early date the desirability of closing and providing another in a less objectionable spot, I have therefore the honour to request that you will be so good as to favour me with your proposals as regards another site for the burial ground, at your earliest convenience.

J+P.

I have &c.

Enc No 2 in letter dated 29 Apr 97 / 77 from the Chairman

Coonoor

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22 Feb. 1897

From The Chaplain of Coonoor,
To The Chairman, Municipal Council
Coonoor.

Sir With reference to your letter ~~to the~~ No. 772
dated 13th inst. addressed to the Chaplain
and Lay Trustees of All Saints Church, Coonoor,
asking for their proposals as regards the
selection ~~of~~ of a site for a new burial ground
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-ted on the lower side of the road round
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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 3457 M

Order.

From
The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

No. 2018/S.

Dated 5th October 1897.
Received 7 OCT. 1897
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States that the site selected as the burial ground for All Saint Church Coonoor is Suit

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Enclosure No 6 to letter dated 29 April 1897 No 77 from the Chairman M.C. Coonoor.

24 March 1897

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COONOOR,
SOUTH INDIA.

22 March '97

J. A. Marjoribanks Esq
Chairman. Municipal Council
Coonoor.

Meeting

Dear Sir

"Stradlings"

Yours of 16th inst in reference to the above. On behalf of the trustees of this property I am willing to accept Rs 700/- per acre for the whole block. As of course if a portion of it only were taken for a Cemetery the remainder would be I am afraid unsaleable. Should you however be inclined to make me a firm offer for the whole block viz 8.31 acres I might be able to accept a slightly less amount than that which I have named.

yrs faithfully

A. W. Brodie

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

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umstance may have its weight in the consideration of the question as to whether the continuance of burials in the present graveyard is likely to prove a source of danger to the health of the town

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt servant
C. E. Whiteley
Chaplain of Coonoor

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Enclos. No 3 in letter dated 29 April 97 No 77 from the Chairman

No. 870 -

From

THE CHAIRMAN,

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

COONOOR.

To

The Chaplain, and
Lay Trustees of All ~~Sai~~ Saints
Church ~~Church~~.
Coonoor

Dated Coonoor, 13th March 1897.

Dear Sir,

With reference to Mr. Whiteley's letter dated 22d Ultimo I am desired ~~requested~~ by the Municipal Council to request that you will kindly ascertain and let me know the price of a piece of land about two acres in extent in "Stradlings".

Yours faithfully
[illegible]

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16 March 1897

No 782

Coonoor
15 March 1897

From The Chaplain of Coonoor,
To The Chairman, Municipal Council, Coonoor.

Dear Sir

I have brought your letter No 870, dated 13 inst. before the Church Committee, and they ask me to reply that, as they are informed, the Trustees of the Estate of the late Mr. Lee Kirby will not consent to sell only a portion of "Stradlings". The whole plot is about 5^x^ acres, and they will not divide it. As regards the price, ~~the price~~ the Church Committee beg to refer you to the Trustees of the Estate themselves.

x It is 8 acres 31 cents
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I remain
Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
C. E. Whiteley
Chaplain of Coonoor

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No. 885-

From

THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
COONOOR.

To

The Trustees of the
Estate of the late
Mr Lee Kirby
Coonoor

Dated Coonoor, 16 March 1897

Dear Sir

As a new site is required for All Saints Church burial ground, and as I understand that the piece of land called "Stradlings" belonging to the above Estate is for sale, I shall feel obliged by your kindly letting me know what is its present extent and the lowest price per acre that will be accepted for it. I observe from the settlement register that

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OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Fort St. George, 5th October 1897.

From

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

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 3457 M

To

THE
Secretary to Government,
Local & Municipal Department,
Fort Saint George

Enclosure.

SIR,

I have the honor with reference to endorsement No 655 dated 9th June 1897 to state that, after its receipt, I proceeded to Coonoor and inspected the proposed site for the new burial ground. I requested the Chairman to have prepared trial pits so that the nature of the soil might be ascertained. I consider both as to soil and position the proposed space is suitable.

2. When the proposal was made by this office to shift the graveyard, the question was chiefly in regard to the evil water supply of Coonoor - G O No 800 M dated 6th May 1895. It was found that the water passed through the grave yard in an open drain that, although cemented was much cracked. Since then, the scheme for the introduction of a correct water supply into Coonoor has been revived. One of the pipes will run in close proximity to the yard

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and having therefore regard to the fact that aspiration into pipes is of common occurrence under certain frequently recurring conditions, I think the purity of water supply is still at stake. Further, the burying of bodies in close proximity to a place of public resort – a Church – is not advisable, and I therefore see no object in waiting till the unoccupied space of the church yard – there being in reality very little available – is taken up.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
W G King
Surgeon Lieut Col.
Sanitary Commr for Madras

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