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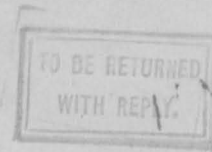
[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition Informing the Managers of the
Jannia munsipal, Tinnevely, that the
site of the proposed burial ground
objected to by them has now been abandoned
that steps are being taken to acquire
another site nearer to the town.

[L. A. M.]
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Local & Munl. (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 2522



No. 985 of 1-9-98
Order

Referred to the Municipal Council
of Tinnevely for early remarks,
which should be submitted through
Collector.

(By order)

A. Edington
Ag. Assistant Secretary



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Dated
Received 25th July 1898
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Requesting against the removal of the heathen-
-man's burial ground near the Arumankulam
channel to a

SUBJECT.

praying in the circumstances
that they may be allowed to
stated either to confirm
the orders of the District
Collector somewhere require
or to provide a place at
a short distance.

To The Chairman, M.C. Tinnevely.

Meeting

PM

27/12/99

1/5 am/8

Wm. O. Rader

The Chairman's letter read above
will be communicated to the Petitioners.

Letter

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The Chairman, Mr. Tinsley.

CURRENT 2322

CHIEF SECRETARY
21 JUL 1990
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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TO

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
MADRAS

The humble memorial of (1) Shaik Hassan Sahib, (2) Syed Usuff Sahib and (3) Maghdum Rowther, Managers appointed by the people and Trustees of the Jamia Musjid, Tinnevelly, on behalf of the Muhammadan inhabitants of the Tinnevelly Town, the Metropolis of the Tinnevelly District.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

That the memorialists and their forefathers have, from time immemorial, that is, for upwards of 700 years, been interring the remains of their dead bodies in the premises of the Jamia Musjid, in Tinnevely town, which the Government, under the influence of the Municipality, at present wants to remove to a distant locality which is likely to work great hardship on the poor memorialists.

2. The question about the removal of the cemetery to a different site on account of its proximity to the Arungunkulam channel was started 8 years ago in the time of Tremenhare Esquire, the then Collector, who being fully convinced of the privations and anxieties to which the memorialists will be subjected by the transfer, passed an order to the effect that the memorialists might bury the corpses at a distance of 20 feet from the bed of the said channel which flows close by the mosque in question, to which the memorialists gave a ready consent, the proposal not at all interfering with the principles of the Moslim faith in respect of burials.

3. Though the question at hand was so amicably brought to a close at that time, now, to the great surprise of the memorialists, they are given to understand that the present Collector, Higgins Esquire, has asked the Municipality to get the consent of the memorialists to remove the cemetery to a distance of more than 2 miles where no mosque is located and thus forced the poor Muhammadans to give their consent to a proposal which is quite opposed to the principles of their faith, setting aside the golden arrangement made by Mr. Tremenhare. Further the new site selected for the burial ground is entirely unfit for Muslim burials as it is full of rocks hidden underneath the ground within a depth of 2 feet from the surface, as examined by the Assistant Surgeon; for, it is submitted that a grave to a depth of 5 feet should be dug out for the Muhammadan burials in accordance with the Islamic requirements.

4. Your Excellency is well aware that there are no cemeteries belonging to the Mahamadans in the whole of India without a mosque; for, it is a strict belief of the Muslims that a cemetery without a mosque is a body without a soul. The reasons why the cemetery should lie hard by the mosque are as follows:—

(a) The interred relics are firmly believed to enjoy felicity in paradise when those that worship in the mosque do come out and perform ceremonies such as Fathia and Darooth five times every day.

(b) There is another belief amongst the Muslims that the souls of the deceased likewise enjoy happiness when the calls or the preludes to prayer are uttered within hearing distance of the cemetery.

(c) If the cemetery were separated from the mosque and located at a distance where no facility about water and certain other things exists, there would be a great hardship and inconvenience on the part of the poor memorialists before performing the preliminary ablutions and prayers for the dead.

(d) Above all, to carry the dead bodies to a cemetery at a distance of 2 miles and more from the Islamic quarters is an inconceivable difficulty and at once expensive, especially to the poor and Fakirs.

5. Further we beg to approach your Excellency to urge as a secondary defence to the point at issue that the river Tampurapurani, which is the longest river in this District, is being rendered impure and filthy on either sides of it with the burnt remains of Hindu dead boies at a regular interval of a mile or so from Papanasam to Pinnakayal. Similarly the other two or more rivers that flow in the District are likewise rendered impure against all sanitary principles. In addition to the abovementioned facts the stagnant waters of the tanks of the District such as Kadamba &c are also rendered unclean, in the same way.

6. Entering deeply into the subject, we beg to represent to your Excellency, that the streamlet which flows close to the mosque in question is 20 yards in breadth and about 4 miles in length, whereas the aforesaid river is $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and 70 miles in breadth and length respectively. Further the portion of the canal which is supposed to be rendered impure by the Muhamadan cemetery covers only a space of 50 yards; while the remaining portion of the same canal is the repository of all the flowings of the drainage and cess-pools of the town and it is therefore too much to believe that the channel is in any way rendered more unfit by the proximity of the cemetery.

7. Last year, the memorialists sent in a petition to the District Magistrate bearing upon the subject in hand, to which he replied that the Government will try their best to make all the possible convenience. But now the memorialists, to their great astonishment, come across the order in the pages of the District Gazette supplement which authorizes the Head Quarters Deputy Collector to buy a certain locality for the cemetery at a distance of 2 miles and more, in spite of repeated protests.

Under these circumstances, the poor memorialists, profoundly pray that your Excellency may be graciously pleased, either to confirm the orders of the District Collector Tremenhere Esquire or to provide a place at a short distance as proposed by the Government recently and thus save them from a great deviation from the rigid doctrines of Muslim faith.

Shaik Hassan Sahib. *[Signature]*

Syed Usuff Sahib. *[Signature]*

Maghdum Rowther. *[Signature]*

[Signature]

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Submitted to Government.

2. The site objected to by the petitioners has since been given up and another site nearer to the town has been selected and arrangements are being made for acquiring it.

15th. January 1899.

H. V. G. G. G. G. G.

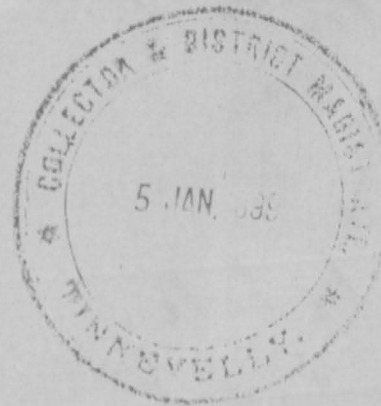
For Ag. Collector.

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 271 M



From The Chairman
Municipal Council
Trinacelly
Through The collector of Trinacelly

Order

Ref Am. No. 41 of 98

Dated 4th Jan^y 1899.

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SUBJECT.

Reporting on a memorial
from the Mahomedans
of Trinacelly protesting
against the removal
of the burial ground to
a distance.

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Lo	2660	Arch	20-9-98
	960	Ch	25-9-98

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Q. A. L. Soc. the Proceedings.

Truvelly
6 January 1849

Gen. Com. No. 41 of 88

From

The Schuylkill
Municipal Council
TREASURER
J. J. J.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.

CURRENT TO: 27A

To The Secretary
of Government
Local & Municipal Department
Madras.
(I am the collector of Tanjore).

Sir In returning herewith
 your endorsement No. 985 dated
 1-9-98 on a petition from the
 Managers of the Jamiah Masjid
 near Kumbaukulam Channel.
 I am very protesting against
 the removal of the burial ground
 therein. As a distant place, I
 have the honor to inform you
 that the site selected originally
 for the removal of the burial

which, as the Memorialists represent, is two miles distant from the Jamiah Musjid. On this and other grounds. Another site has, subsequent to the date of the Memorial, been selected on the westernmost part of the town. The site now selected is, besides being very near the Jamiah Musjid, much nearer to another Musjid known as Khammiah Musjid and is free from the objections put forth by the Memorialists. The site is also approved of by the district Medical Sanitary Officer and the collector of Dacca.

Extract from the proceedings of the Council dated 21st September 1898, resolving that steps should be taken to acquire this site is submitted

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council of Dacca.

herein

I have the honor to

Yours Most Obedient Servant

Chairman

W. T. 99

Present

C. P. Culicramania pellai Amerzal
P. Pellai Amerzal.

L Padaropa Pillai Amergal
 L Padaropa Pillai

6 Padappa
Kamraj Kallazappa Pillai
Pillai Emergal

DP Bachmann aizar Auzgal,
bellai Auzgal.

Humatradanica pullai Aubergal,
Bumadur pullai

H. Rao Rana Ramesh Pillai
H. Rao Rana Ramesh Pillai
H. Rao Rana Ramesh Pillai

H. Suandachanta Curzabal

Deeni Asati Amengal

Para V. Read letter No 41 of 98
13-9-98
from the Dist. Medical & Sanitary
Officer regarding the site selected
for Mahomedan burial ground
and other correspondence thereunto
connected. Council is of opinion

connected The Council is of opinion
that the Mahomedan burial ground
should be changed and that the

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Site now selected on the western
side of the west Mount Road
is not open to the objections
expressed in the Mahomedan
gentlemen's Memorial. Resolved
that steps be taken to acquire
the site now selected under
the Land Acquisition Act
without further delay.

Signed M M / daila lampullai
Chairman

(Enclosed)

Chairman

4.5.99

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STATEMENT WITH DETAIL

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