

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

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G.O., No. 1206 m.

DATED 22-8-99.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Burial ground Declining, with remarks,
to sanction the proposal of the Guntur Municipal
Committee to close the Mubammas
in Sangadigunta.

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CURRENT No.

CNR 1571 and 1593 in 1999

N^o 680 of 26-6-99
Order

Referred to the Sanitary
Commissioner for remarks.

By order
A. Edgington
As Assistant Secretary

19.6.99

From

The Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Quintus

No. 256

Dated 23rd May 1899

Received 12th June 99

Registered

Enclosures 3

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SUBJECT.

Soliciting the sanction of the Government
for the issue of a notice under section
21,0(1) of the Municipal Act for the
closure of the existing Mohammedan
burial ground in Sanganigunta

To The Sanitary Commissioner

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Order No. 1206 issued 24/8/99

For the reasons assigned by the

Sanitary Commissioner in his letter read above, the proposed closure of the burial ground in question cannot be sanctioned at present.

2. The attention of the Municipal Council is drawn to the remarks of D. King in para 3 of his letter.

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To The Chairman, M.C. Junta
thru the Collyer Kistna
Sanitary Commissioner
Dated 25/8/99

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D.G.K.

No 100, Civil Surgeons office
Guntur 13th Feb 1899.

From A. P. Fernandez Esq
Civil Surgeon
Guntur.

The District Medical and
Sanitary Officer Kistna.

Sir,

In returning your letter of 25/12/98
of 98 dated 16th December 1898, I have the honor
to return the correspondence together with
the plans of the burial grounds received
to day with the following remarks:-

Plan A shows present Muhammadan Burial
ground as also the new plot (No 1089) proposed
by the Works overseer. It is really an exten-
sion of the old ground.

Plan B. is the new site selected by me and
inspected by you during your last ins-
pection of this town. The only advantage
of extension of the old cemetery on the
lines indicated by the Works overseer is
that it is contiguous to the old burial
place and it may please the parties
concerned.

Its disadvantages are (1) that it is a
low land much lower when compared
with the present burial ground - it
is a low lying field. (2) it has a water
course near it. (3) when the field is

Chasman.

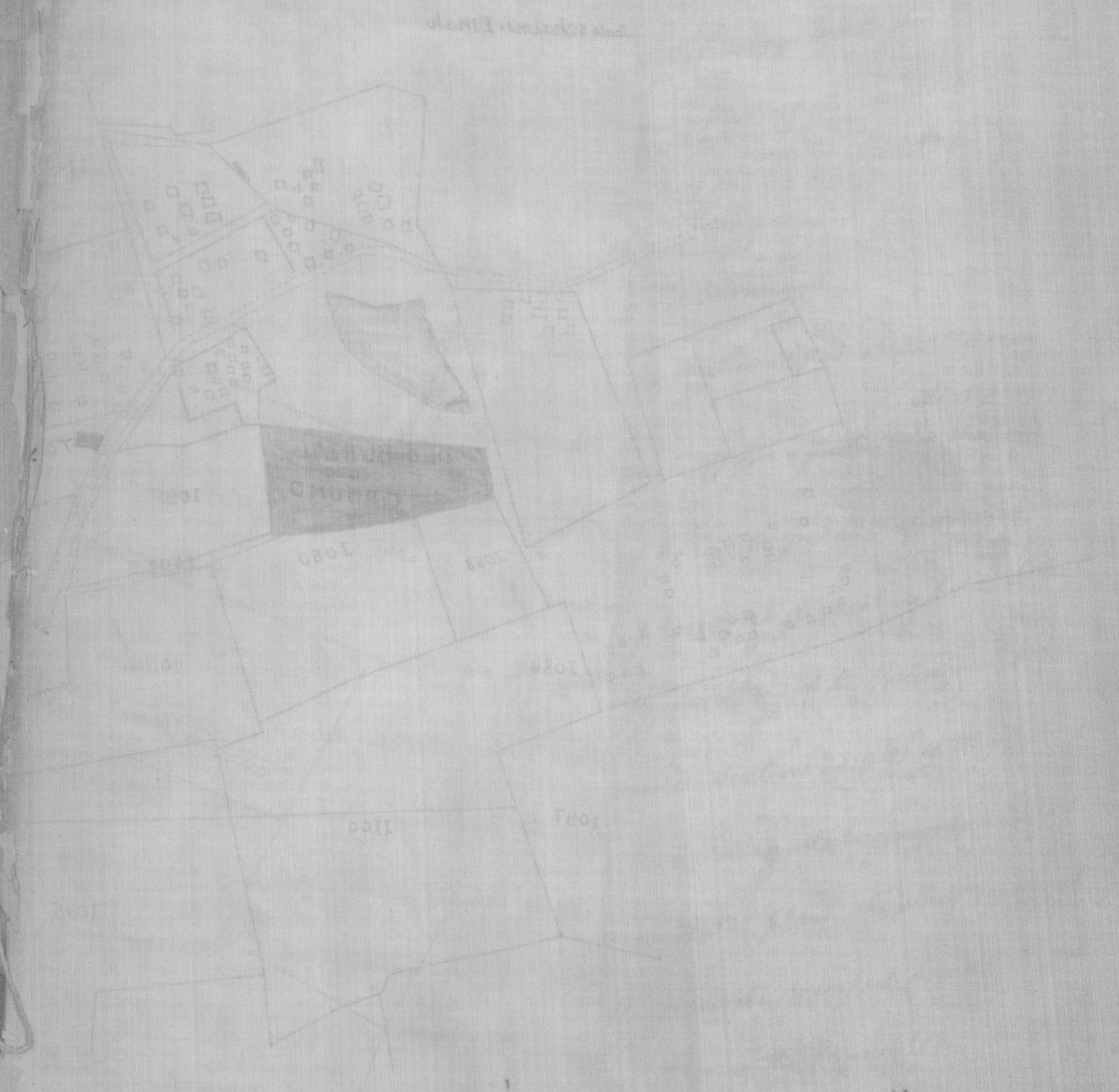
Chaisman.

The first thing I noticed when I stepped
 out of the car was the heat. It was a
 sticky, oppressive heat that seemed to
 wrap around me. I had heard that the
 weather was bad, but I didn't realize it
 would be this bad. The sun was beating
 down on me, and I could feel my skin
 burning. I took a deep breath and
 stepped out of the car. The air was
 thick and heavy, and I could feel it
 pressing against me. I looked up at the
 sky and saw a few clouds, but they
 were too far away to make a difference.

The second thing I noticed was the
 smell. It was a strange, pungent
 odor that seemed to come from every-
 where. I had heard that the air was
 polluted, but I didn't realize it would
 be this bad. The smell was a mix of
 oil, dust, and something I couldn't
 identify. It was a smell that made me
 feel sick. I took a step back and
 tried to breathe through my nose, but
 the smell was too strong. I closed my
 eyes and tried to ignore it, but it was
 everywhere. I opened my eyes and
 looked around. The air was thick and
 heavy, and I could feel it pressing
 against me. I took a deep breath and
 stepped forward. The smell was still
 there, but it was a little less intense.

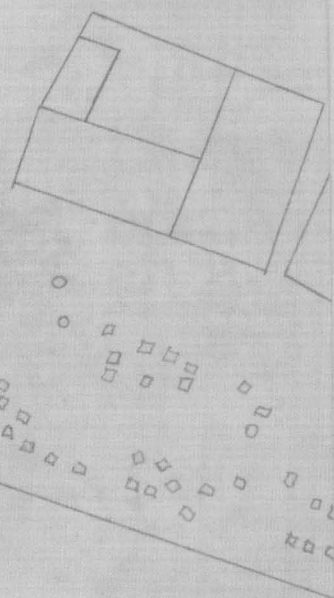
The third thing I noticed was the
 sound. It was a constant, low-level
 hum that seemed to come from every-
 where. I had heard that the city was
 noisy, but I didn't realize it would be
 this bad. The sound was a mix of
 traffic, construction, and something I
 couldn't identify. It was a sound that
 made me feel restless. I took a step
 back and tried to ignore it, but it was
 everywhere. I opened my eyes and
 looked around. The air was thick and
 heavy, and I could feel it pressing
 against me. I took a deep breath and
 stepped forward. The sound was still
 there, but it was a little less intense.

SITE PLAN OF NEW BURIAL GROUND
 FOR MUHAMMADIANS NEAR
 DUDAMPAD ROAD



The plan shows a rectangular area divided into several smaller rectangular plots. The central plot is shaded and labeled 'BURIAL GROUND'. The surrounding plots are numbered. The road 'DUDAMPAD ROAD' is shown at the top. The plan is a site plan for a new burial ground for Muslims.

SITE PLAN
FOR M/
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P. Venkatakrishna
24/5/99
Chairman

No 256
Municipal Office, Gunter
Dated 23rd May 1899

From
M.Ry. P. Venkatakrishna, Chairman, Municipal Council, Gunter

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The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Madras.

No 1878 of 99
in
June 25th 99
Through the Divisional Officer & the Collector (Madras)
I am submitting herewith a copy of a resolution
passed at a meeting held on the
12th Instant soliciting the sanction of the Government for
the issue of a notice under section 240 (1) of the Municipal
Act for the closure of the existing Muhammedan burial
ground, together with a sketch plan showing the existing
and proposed burial grounds marked in red & yellow
colour respectively. I have the honor to state that the
question of altering the proposed burial ground was taken
up by the Council, at my suggestion, when Chalera broke
out in 1897 in Pambalagudem and Malagudem in Kanyarai
quinta - parceries very close to this burial ground. It
is in the immediate vicinity of inhabited quarters.

Witness
D. 64
27.5.99
Collector

CURRENT No. 1593

Order

From

The Mohammedan
inhabitants of the Gunter
municipality

No

Dated 6-6-99

Received 14-6-99

Registered 15-6-99

Enclosures nil

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SUBJECT.

Praying that in the
circumstances stated
Govt may cancel the
resolution of the Gunter
Muncl. Council ordering
the closure of the present
Mohammedan burial
ground.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
12-JUN-1899
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

TO THE HON. CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
10. JUN. 1899

The honorable Member of the Mahomedan Inhabitants of the Local Municipality
Most Respectfully Sheweth

1. That the Mahomedan population of the Municipality amounts to more than 8000 people.
2. That there is a burial ground for the use of the Mahomedans which has been in their possession and enjoyment for the past many years and which has both by tradition & heavy antiquity acquired a sacred character & has become closely bound up with the religious feelings of the Orthodox Mahomedan Community.
3. That the burial ground is more than 6 acres in extent of which one half has been covered with tombs of deceased Mahomedans, while the other half is still available for the use of the Community.
4. That the present ground is from the nature of the soil & from its elevation well adapted for the purpose for which it has been used for the past many years.
5. That the Sanitary Commissioner during his inspection of the Municipality & of the burial ground in question never recommended its closure & removal & that he recommended the filling up of the "Shakarkatti" near the burial ground in question, on the score of the latter being both dangerous & unsightly.
6. That, while such is the case, the Local Municipal Council has passed a Resolution that the present Mahomedan burial ground should be closed on account of its

That in these circumstances, your Honor will be
most humble to say that your Excellency will be good
enough to give Orders to suspend the Resolution of the
Municipality to close the burial ground, and let the
ground be filled up.

For which act more gratefully your Excellency's
Memorials shall ever pray.

We beg to remain
your Excellency's most humble & loyal subjects.

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 2163m

From

The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

Order

No. 2126
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Dated 11th August 1899.

Received 12 AUG. 1899.

Registered —

Enclosures Five. Nos 1571 & 1573 returned

Spare copies. nil

SUBJECT.

Advising that, in the circumstances stated, the Council be informed that they should receive application for closure of the Mohammedan burial ground as they have effected the two — urgent sanitary improvements noted in the report & suggesting to the Council that the burial be permitted in the existing one the full space be occupied.

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No. 2126

Office of Sanitary Commissioner,
Madras, 11th August 1899.

From

Lieut.-Colonel W. G. King, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., I.M.S.,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras,

To

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.

The

Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department.

Enclosures.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. C. No. A/680 dated 26th June 1899, I have the honor to forward for your information certain queries addressed by me to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Guntur, and his replies thereto. With the object of settling a long pending question as to this tank under alia, I recently visited Guntur. The Chairman did not inform me that the matter of the graveyard was under discussion. I however recognize the place he refers to.

2. I think he advances a good case in support of the view that the Cholera epidemic was due to specific contamination of the water used by the people; but, it is by no means clear that the well was the real or only cause. The Sangadigunta tank, practically on the borders of which is the Mahomedan graveyard under reference, receives its water

Supply

supply from the surface washings of a foul part
of the town; that is, the water is ^{diluted} practically sewage.
This tank has for generations been used by
dhobies for cleansing the clothing of the inhabi-
tants of Guntur, and probably also is employed
for certain "domestic purposes". By percolation,
this tank must largely supply the well suspected
to have been contaminated by the graveyard with
water. Indeed, in my Inspection Notes embodied
in G.O. No: 56 M dated 11 January 1896, para 5 (f),
I specially warned the Municipal Council as to
the necessity for effectually putting the wells in
this neighbourhood out of use, on the ground
that they could but yield "filtered sewage".

2. Whilst, therefore, I have no doubt
that the closing of the burial ground would be a
desirable improvement, it must be regarded not
as a matter of urgency but of refinement when
compared with the question of (1) no longer allowing
a pool of sewage to exist in the neighbourhood of
dwellings, on the ground that it is used for the
cleansing of clothing, (2) and of effectually
putting out of use the wells in the neighbourhood
of this sewage pool - the Sangadigunta.

3. Under the above circumstances, I
would advise that the Council be informed that
they should renew the application for closure of
the

the burial ground, after they have effected the
urgent sanitary improvements noted in the preceding
paragraph, and that, in the meantime, burial
be permitted in the Mahomedan burial ground
until the full existing space be occupied.

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

W. H. M.

M. B., C. I. E.,
Lieut. Colonel. Ins.
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras

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