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Local & Munl. (189) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 667 M

DATED 12-5-99.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Burial ground. Recording the correspondence regarding the opening of a new Mappila — in Cochin

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Mappila burial ground in Cochin

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For orders.

In para. 9 of his notes on the inspection of the Cochin Muni-cipality, recorded in G.O. No. 1793 M, A. dated 17th August 1897, the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner observed that the Mappila burial ground in the town was in a very bad state, being overgrown with vegetation and situated in a crowded locality, and suggested that it should be closed and a new one provided near the beach, south of the town.

Vide page. 6. of G.O. $\frac{1793\,M}{17-8-97}$. A. To this the Chairman replied that it was difficult to find a suitable piece of ground for a new cemetery & that the matter would, however, be considered at an early date. The Government

cl. (5) of G.O. $\frac{1793\,M}{17-8-97}$ B. thereupon ordered that the Council's decision in the matter of closing

closing the objectionable Mappila burial ground should be reported to it.

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[illegible] ch submitted by him will be suitable for a burial ground and that either of them may be selected; but he observes that he inspected also the present burial ground and ~~that~~ if the objection to it is on the score of want of space, it may be easily overcome, ~~he says that the mosque authorities have reclaimed some portion of~~ as, if the portion of land adjoining the present ground, which has been reclaimed by the mosque authorities and enclosed by masonry built walls, be raised in its level by 20 inches with earth and the small shallow tank at the corner of the enclosure be filled in, there will be sufficient space for burials for the next five years at least. In forwarding the Civil Surgeon's report, the Municipal Council states that the manager of the burial ground has agreed to carry out the suggestion of the Civil Surgeon as to raising the level of the reclaimed land, and that seeing that so large an addition has lately been made to the existing burial ground

Para 2. of the Civil Surg's letter H.

Vide Cl's letter. J.

" Cl's Resolution.

a mosque close to

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for the creation of a new

The Sanitary Commissioner, howe
~~-serves~~ -serves that although the exis
burial ground has been largely
and no drinking water sources
in the neighbourhood, yet the
dwelling being within twenty
of the graves, there can be no d
that the place is unsuitable, an
he therefore recommends that
burial ground may be closed as soo
as the municipality has furnish
a suitable ground elsewhere duly p
-vided with a musjid and wat
-supply.

Ctt. O.M.L. I.

4. The only objection now take
to the existing Mappila burial
ground is on ~~the score~~ account of its
vicinity to ~~dwelling houses~~ habitations. In
the Chairman's letter No. 37, dated
26th January 99, it is stated that
the ground is within twenty feet
from the nearest two dwelling

× to the San. Commr. M.

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ch submitted by H.

are any more houses ~~close~~ adjoining
and at what distance they
situated; and considering the
extension made to the ~~[illegible]~~
ut burial ground, it does not
ar to be desirable to order its closure,
there is strong proof of its
uitableness. It is therefore sub-
itted that the Sanitary Commissioner
y be directed to inspect it
n he next goes to Cochin and
rt on its condition. If he still considers
ground to be unsuitable, steps
ay be taken for ~~order~~ its closure.

V.R.
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People drink water very rarely from wells in Cochin - almost all the water is brought over from the mainland and the well water is naturally so filthy that it is questionable whether the neighbourhood of a burial ground could make any difference!

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I think the Chairman's ~~Misc~~ letter ~~may~~ now "Order No. 667 Misc dt 12/5/99" be Recorded.

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To
The Chairman, M.C. Cochin
thro' the Collr. of Malabar
Sanitary Commissioner
Dt. Rd. 15/5/99

mosque close to the

Local & Munl. (189) Department.

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OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
No. 2115 S
1 JUL 98

COLLECTOR
6 JUN 1898
MALABAR

S. No. 376

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

No. 741 d/ 30-5-98
~~Order~~.

Referred to the Sanitary Commissioner for remarks.

(By order)
A. Edgington
Ag. Assistant Secretary

V.R.
24/6/98

From The Chairman
Municipal Council Cochin

SECY TO GOVT.
10 JUN 98

No. 335

Dated 2nd June 1898
Received 2.6.98
Registered
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SUBJECT.

Reporting, with reference to G.O. No. 1793 Mn dated 17th August 97, ~~that~~ the proposal to open a new ~~on the~~ Moplah burial ground is impracticable ~~at Kalvetti cannot be closed~~

Encl. To an G.O. 207 R / Misc

Submitted through the Collector of Malabar

D. Collr's office
Cochin 3.6.98

D. Collector

To
The Sanitary Commissioner.

D. 1494.S
5/7/98.

D. 1976.S
9/9/98.

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Municipal Office
Cochin 2nd June 1898.

No. 335.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 2011 M

From,

A. G. Gover Esquire
Chairman, Municipal Council
Cochin.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Department
Madras.

Thro' The Rev: Divisional Officer

Sir,

With reference to G. O. No. 1793 M dated 17th August last and in continuation of this Office letter No. 29 dated 31st January last (para 4) I have the honour to inform you that the matter of making a new Moplah burial ground in the beach was referred to a Committee of Musalman Councillors whose report is annexed by which you will see that they consider the proposal impracticable. The matter has been again very carefully considered by the Council whose opinion coincides with the Report. I would remind you that a very considerable addition was recently made to the existing burial ground and great care shall be exercised in future that

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mosque close to the

that the evil of careless conservancy complained
of shall be remedied. Copy of the resolution
of the Council is annexed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant
Alfred G. Gowers
Chairman

Endn. No. 376 98
forwarded.

ag. Collector
Cold
8.6.98

To,
The Chairman
Municipal Council Cochin

Sir,

With reference to G. O. No. 1793 In
dated the 17th August 1897 and the Council's
Resolution No. 6 dated 13/11/97 requesting us
to ascertain the views of the Moplah Community
with regard to closing their Burial ground, w
have the honor to state that long before the
ground was inspected by the Deputy Sanitary
Commissioner Surgeon Major Bannerman
the necessity of extending the same was felt
by the Community itself, and with this view
a large portion of the ground belonging to
and adjoining the Mosque was enclosed wit
a pucka wall. The ground was however ver
low lying. It was therefore filled in and raised
several feet high with river sand at great
expense. The ground thus fitted for burial
purpose adjoins the old ground and is
much larger than it.

2. Regarding the suggestion made by Surgeo
Major Bannerman that an entirely new
burial ground should be opened on the
beach, we regret to state that it woul
not be practicable under existing circumsta
and from the position of the beach groun
inasmuch as according to the rites of the
Mohamedan Religion a burial groun
should stand near a Mosque or a Mosq

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should be built near the ground selected for use as a burial ground and moreover a sufficiently large tank or well should also exist within the walls of the enclosure.

3. Under the above circumstances and in consideration of the existence of the additional portion we do not find the necessity of opening a new burial ground on the beach. If the Council would be good enough to cause a sanitary inspection it will be found that on account of the saline nature of the soil which assists the speedy decomposition of the corpses interred therein and the non-existence of any tank or well in its proximity that the locality is entirely unfit for the purpose in question. Moreover, the ground being in use for interment since the time of our ancestors, an abandonment of same in its present renewed state would be a source of great regret to us. We therefore request that taking these circumstances into its kind consideration, the Council would duly bestow its attention on the same.

We have &ca

Cochin
6th May 1898

s/ K. Moideen Kutti
Councillor

s/ C. Ahmed Kutti Hadji
Councillor

(True Copy)

1/20/11/98

A G Gover
Chairman

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3-6-97.

Extract from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Cochin, held on the 28th May 1898.

2. Read Report from Councillors M. R. Ry. K. Moidin Kutti Avergal and M. R. Ry. Ahmed Kutti Hadji Avergal in the matter of closing the objectionable Moplah burial ground and connected papers.

Resolved that the report of the Councillors be accepted and that Government be informed that under the circumstances therein referred to, the Council sees no way by which to provide a new Mahomedan burial ground at the beach.

s/ A. G. Gover.
Chairman

(True Copy)

A G Gover
Chairman

[2,000—18-2 98.]

No. 1496/S.

OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Fort St. George, 5th July 1898.

From

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

To

THE
Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Cochin.

Enclosure.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 335 dated 2nd June 1898 addressed to the Secretary to Government Local and Municipal Department, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to favour me with a plan drawn to scale showing clearly the Moplah burial ground and the addition recently made to it by the Municipal Council. The dimensions of the two plots should be specified separately. I should also like to have information on the following points.

(1). The number of burials that were made in the existing ground during the last 5 Years and the space that has been used up, up to date.

(2) The space allowed for each corpse and the interval between one burial and

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nd another.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.
(Sd) H. Thomson
~~Chairman~~ Surg. Major
Ag: Sanitary Commr for Madras

(True copy)

T. Balasundram
Manager & Assistant
for Sanitary Commr for
Madras.

Local and Municipal Departm

Reminder.

No. 1004.

Memorandum

C. M. No 741 dated 30th June 1898.

Subject.
Remarks on the opening of a new Mappila burial ground at Cochin.

The Sanitary Commissioner Madras is requested to submit an early reply to the communication noted in the margin.

(Signed) V. Raghava Charlu
for Secretary to Government

Fort St. George
5th Sept. 1898.

To.
The Sanitary Commissioner
Madras.

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No. 1976/S

OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Fort St. George, 9th September 1898.

From

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

To

THE
Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal
Department.

Enclosure.

SIR,

With reference to your Memorandum No. 1004 dated 5th September 1898, I have the honor to state that on receipt of the Reference from Government on the 1st of July 1898, I requested the Chairman, Municipal council, Cochin on the 5th idem to furnish me with information on certain points to help me in advising Government on the proposed burial ground. Up to date however the particulars called for have not been afforded and a reminder has this day been sent.

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

(True copy)

(Sd) W. G. King
Surgeon Lieut. Colonel,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

V. Balasundram
Manager & assistant
for Sanitary Commr.

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Municipal Office
Cochin 8th. October 18

No. 767.

From,

Alfred G. Gover Esquire
Chairman, Municipal Counci
Cochin.

To,

The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1494/s dated 5th July 1898, I have the honor to state that the information asked for therein can be obtained only from the Manager of the Burial ground and that repeated requests have been made to him without effect. He has also been requested to furnish a plan as asked for in 1494/s but has failed to do this also. I am therefore having one prepared by the Municipal Inspector.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) Alfred. G. Gover.
Chairman.

(True copy)
Balasundram
Manager & assistant
for Sanitary Commissioner

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No. 2321/S

OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Fort St. George, 17th October 1898.

From

Lieut col W. G. King M.B.C.M.D.P.H.
SURGEON ~~MAJOR W. B. BANNERMAN, M.D., B.Sc.~~,
~~INSPECTOR OF VACCINATION~~
~~AND DEPUTY~~ SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE

Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Dept.
Fort Saint George.

Enclosure.

SIR,

In continuation of this office letter No. 1976/s dated 9th September 1898 I have the honour to forward herewith for the information of Government copy of letter from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Cochin, regarding Moplah burial grounds there.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Sd) W. G. King
Lieut. Colonel. I.M.S.
Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

(True copy)

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T. Balasundaram
Manager & assistant
for Sanitary Commr.

Municipal Office
Cochin 11th Nov. 1898.

No. 848.

From,

Alfred G. Gover Esq.
Chairman Municipal Counc
Cochin

To.

Surgeon Major S. Thomson M.B. D.P.H.
Ag. Sanitary Commissioner for Madra

Sir,

In continuation of this office No $\frac{767}{8.10.98}$ I have the honour to submit herewith a plan of the Moplah buria ground and to state that the manag of the same after very many reminde reports that he is unable to furnish the information called for in (1 & (2) of your letter No. $\frac{1494}{5.7.98}$. It i impossible to determine the same by a inspection by Municipal Servants. The plan itself has been prepared by Municipal Inspector.

The above circumstances expla the delay in replying your letter in question.

I have the honour to
Sir
Your most obedient S

(True copy)

(Sd.) A.G. Gover
Chairman

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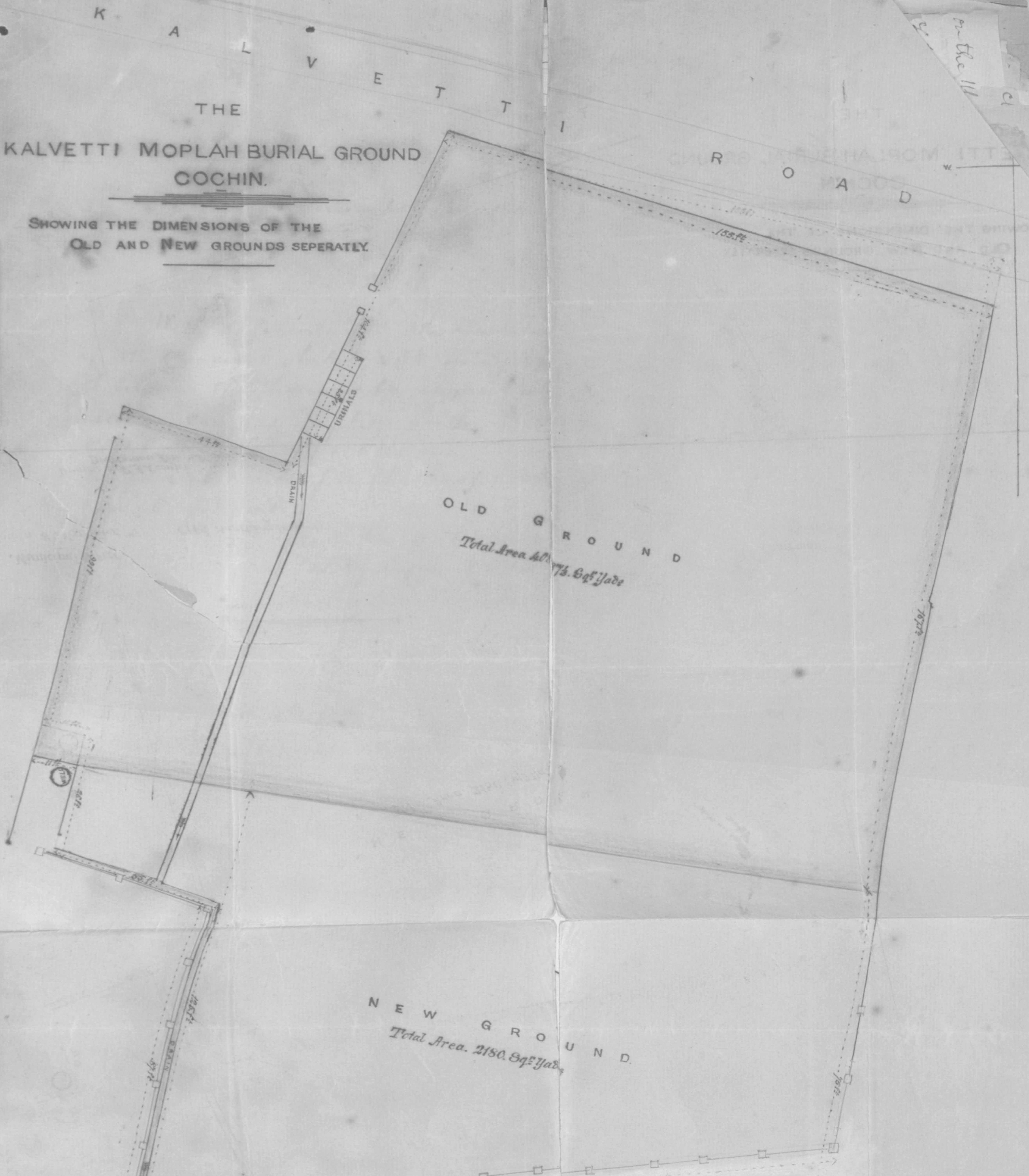
T Balasundram
Manager & assistant
for Sanitary Commr

THE
KALVETTI MOPLAH BURIAL GROUND
COCHIN.

SHOWING THE DIMENSIONS OF THE
OLD AND NEW GROUNDS SEPERATLY.



Scale 20 ft to 1 inch.

Municipal Office }
Cochin 8th November 1898. }

S C Price
Ctfd Sanitary Inspector.

Alfred G. Gowan
Chairman,
Municipal Council.

Drawn by C. A. Coonjen
Draftsman, Cochin Municipality

Municipal Office

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No. 2731/S.

OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Camp Trinomalay ~~Fort St. George~~, 16th Novr. ~~Dec.~~ 1898.

From

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

To

THE Chairman
Municipal Council
Cochin

Enclosure.

SIR,

With reference to the Resolution of the Council dated 28th May 1898 I have the honour to request you will in communication with the Civil Surgeon report to me as to feasible sites for the Moplah burial ground.

I have the honour
(Sd). W. G. King. Lieut. Col. I. M. S.
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras

(True copy)

Mbalasundram
Manager & assistant
for Sanitary Commr. for Madras

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No. 892.

Municipal Office
Cochin 29th Nov. 189

From
A. G. Gover Esq.
Chairman Municipal Council
Cochin.

To
The Sanitary Commissioner
Madras

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. $\frac{2731}{S}$ dated 16th Instant I have the honour to forward herewith an extract from the proceedings of a meeting of the Municipal Council, Cochin, held on Saturday the 26th idem and also a copy of the Civil Surgeon's report on the Subject.

As the letter now under reply makes no reference to the map of the burial ground which was sent to you with a letter dated 11th Nov 1898. No. 848, showing the area of the new portion, I am disposed to think that that matter was not considered when the letter under reply was written. I may add that the Khalif has agreed to carry out the raising of the ground as recommended by the Civil Surgeon.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt.
(Signed) A. G. Gover
Chai

(True copy)
Balasundaram
Manager & assistant
for Sanitary Commissioner

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Extract from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council Cochin, held on the 26th November 1898.

18. Read letter from the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras No. 2731/S. dated 16th November 1898 requesting to favor him with a report in communication with the Civil Surgeon as to feasible sites for the Mopla burial ground and the Civil Surgeon's report thereto.

Resolved that the report of the Civil Surgeon be forwarded to the Sanitary Commissioner with the opinion of the Council that seeing that so large an addition has lately been made to the existing burial ground there is in their opinion no present need for the creation of another burial ground.

Sd. A. G. Gover
Chairman

(True extract)

Sd. A. G. Gover
Chairman

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Extract from the Proceedings of a
Meeting of the Municipal Council
Cochin held at the 26th November 1898.
Cochin

48. Read letter from the
Sanitary Commissioner Madras
No. 2731/S dated 16th November 1898
requesting to favor him with a report
in communication with the Civil
Surgeon [illegible]
[illegible] dated [illegible] November 1898, the
[illegible] Surgeon's Report thereto.
[illegible]
[illegible]
the opinion of the Council that
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Municipal limits
might be considered as feasible sites
for locating a burial ground.

(1) The ground reclaimed by the
Municipality adjoining Kaprithurthy.

(2) The plot of ground to the east of
the Hindu Cremation ground and
between it and the beach road (marked
B in the accompanying rough sketch

(3) The triangular piece of ground
to the south east of No. 2 (& marked
A in the sketch)

Cochin 25th Nov. 18.

No. 396.

From,

The Civil Surgeon
Cochin

To

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Cochin

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 877 dated 23rd November 1898, on the letter from the Sanitary Commissioner No. 2731/S dated 16th November 1898 re Moplah burial ground I have the honour to report as hereunder.

I. From an inspection made this morning, I find that the plots of ground within Municipal Limits might be considered as "feasible sites" for locating a burial ground.

(1). The ground reclaimed by the Municipality adjoining Kaprithurthy.

(2). The plot of ground to the east of the Hindu Cremation ground and between it and the beach road (marked B in the accompanying rough sketch,

(3) The triangular piece of ground to the south east of No. 2 (& marked A in the sketch).

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Of these, the first is unsuitable as the ground is very low and liable to be under water during Monsoon. Either No. 2 or No. 3 might therefore be selected.

II. I inspected also the present Moplah burial ground. If the objection to this ground is on the score of want of space, it might easily be overcome. The Khatif was unable to give exact statistics as to the number of burials in a year &c but stated that on an average there will be about 100 burials in a year. The mosque authorities have reclaimed some portion of land adjoining the present ground and have enclosed the whole by masonry built walls. There is also a small shallow tank at the north eastern corner of this enclosure. If this tank were to be filled in, and the level of the reclaimed portion raised by about 20 Ins: with earth there will I think be sufficient space for burials for the next 5 yrs at least (if the average given by the Khatif was anywhere near the actuals for the year).

I have the honour to be
Sir &c

Sd. J. J. Srinivasagam Pillai
Ag. Civil Surgeon

(True copy)

(Sd.) A. G. Goar
Chairman

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Cochin, [illegible] 1898

To
The Chairman
Municipal Council
Cochin

To
The Sanitary Commissioner
Madras

Sir,

Referring to your telegram [illegible] I have the honour to state that the [illegible] of the old Moplah [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the locality [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of ground

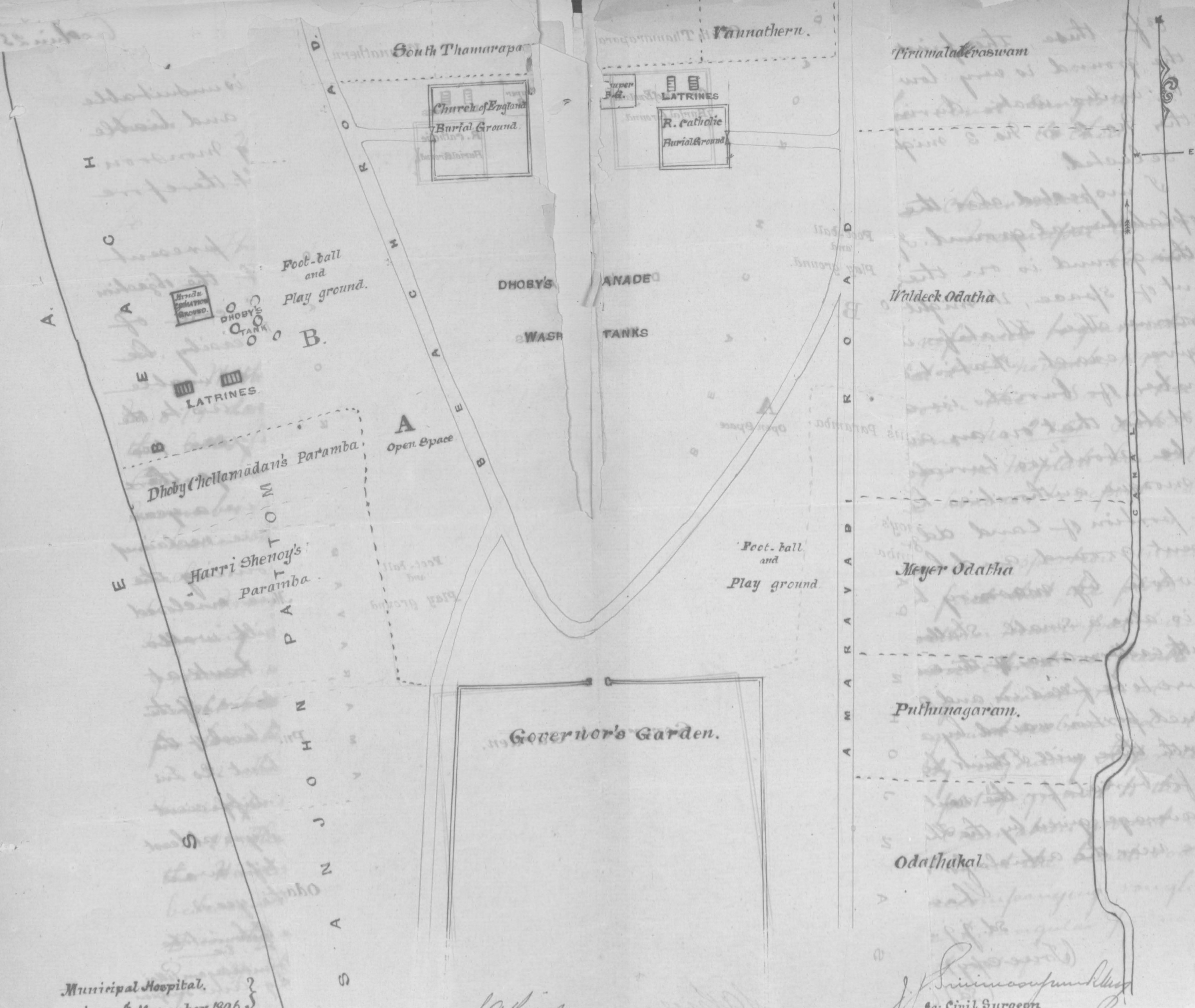
I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(Sd.) [illegible]

[illegible] Chairman

(True copy)



Municipal Hospital,
Cochin 25th November 1896.

S.A. Price
Ag. Sanitary Inspector.

J. J. Srinivasa
Ag: Civil Surgeon
Cochin.

Cochin Jan 26th 1899

No. 37.

From

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Cochin.

To

The Sanitary Commissioner
Madras.

Sir,

Refering to your telegram dated 17th instant, I have the honour to state that the distance of the old Mapplah burial ground in Calvetty is twenty feet from the nearest two dwelling houses. There are no drinking water sources at all in the locality.

The Protestant Cemetery in Dhoby Esplanade and the Roman Catholic cemeteries at Amaravathy & Vypeen are about the same distance from dwelling houses as that of the Mapplah burial ground.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Sd.) S. Locke
Vice Chairman

(True copy)

V Balasundram
Manager & assistant
for Sanitary Commr for Madras.

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Cochin Jan 18 1899

No. 37.

From

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Cochin.

To

The Sanitary Commissioner
Madras

Sir

Referring to your letter [illegible] 17 November I have the honour to state that the distance of the old Moplah burial ground in Calvetty is twenty feet from the nearest two dwelling houses. There are no dwelling houses at all in the locality.

The Protestant Cemetery in [illegible] and the Roman Catholic Cemetery at [illegible] [illegible] are about the same distance from dwelling houses as that of the Moplah burial ground.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
(Sd) S [illegible]
Chairman

(True copy)

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 511 M

ASSISTANT SECY TO GOVT
11 FEB 1899
LOCAL MUNL POL & LEG DEPT

From
The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

Order

No. 473/S

Dated 9 February 1899

Received

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SUBJECT.

Submitting remarks with reference to endorsement of Government No. 741 dated 30 June 1898 regarding Moplah burial grounds at Cochin

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

To
THE Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Dept.

Enclosure.

SIR,

I have the honour to state with reference to the enclosed correspondence that considerable difficulty has been experienced in ascertaining the facts of the case. It would now appear that since the graveyard was inspec by the Deputy Sanitary Commissions, the space at disposal has been increased, that no drinking water sources ~~is~~ are in the neighbourhood but th the nearest ⊕ dwelling is within 20 feet of the graves. There can be no doubt the place is unsuitable. Before proceeding to a new loca it would be necessary to provide a suitable musjid and a water supply.

⊕ only two houses

2. Under the above circumstances, I advise that the graveyard be closed as soon as the Municipality announces it has ~~[illegible]~~ furnishe suitable ground elsewhere, duly provide

a musjid and water supply.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
W. G. King
Lieut-Colonel Ims.
Sanitary Commissioner for
Madras.

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