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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th October 1865.*

No. 60. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Ecclesiastical Department :—

Passing orders on Colonel Boileau's report on the }
Burial Grounds in the 4th Division, for the } (Here enter 27th September 1865, No. 245.)
year ended 30th April 1865.

No. 61. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1865.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 7.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department,
27th September 1865.*

No. 47. Read the following letter from Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 30th June 1865, No. 805.

In accordance with the instructions contained in the Proceedings of Government, in the Ecclesiastical Department, No. 124, dated 28th May 1863, I have the honor to submit the following general report on the Burial Grounds in the 4th Division, for the year ending April 1865.

PRESIDENCY.

Saint Mary's Cemetery.—The Compound wall, paths, and many of the tombs are in a very dilapidated state.

Saint Patrick's (Roman Catholic).—The Vestry needs extensive repairs, and new gravelling for the paths is required. Compound wall in good order.

Saint Andrew's Burial Ground.—In good order.

Portuguese Cemetery, Armenian Cemetery.—Compound wall requires little repair, and gravel paths needed. These Cemeteries have never been used.

Saint George's Cathedral Cemetery.—Compound wall in good order, some of the tombs require to be repaired, and fresh gravel is required for the paths.

Saint Thomé Cemetery.—In good order.

Washerman's Pettah Cemetery.—No repairs required.

Dissenters' Burial Ground at Pursewalkum.—No repairs required.

Vepery Burial Ground.—No repairs required.

Vepery Church Compound.—The monuments and tombs within the compound of the Church require repairs.

MADRAS DISTRICT.

Pulicat Burial Ground.—The plastering is falling off from the tombs. Some have been erected at a great cost; and one, if allowed to remain in its present state, will in course of time fall in. Estimates are being prepared for its repair by the Executive Agent, No. 1 Range.

The Protestant Cemetery which is situated in the Coopum requires a new Compound wall. In G. O., No. 2755, dated 22nd September 1863, an estimate, Rupees 1860, for the work was sanctioned for entry in last year's Budget, but not executed. It is now entered in the Statement of works below Rupees 2500, forwarded to Government in letter, No. 450, dated 1st June 1865.

Saint Thomas' Mount, Poonamallee, Palaveram.—The Protestant and Roman Catholic Cemeteries at these stations are in good order. During the year 1864-65, avenues of trees have been planted in the Cemetery at Saint Thomas' Mount, and the walks have been gravelled and improved.

An estimate amounting to Rupees 120, for repairing the entrance porch, and enclosing wall of the Protestant Burial Ground at Palaveram, has been sanctioned by the Barrack Master, and the work is now in progress.

A plan has been prepared for a new Burial Ground at Poonamallee.

Tripassore Burial Ground.—In good order.

Wallajahbad.—Many of the monuments and tombs are falling into dis-repair. The coping of the compound wall requires repairs in parts. The Range Officer has t out the last work.

The Cassuarina plants in the Cemetery have withered, been much neglected, since the gardener who was there employed, tery placed in charge of the Tahsildar, by order of the Collector of Madra, dated 13th September 1864. Mr. Fane's attention has been called to the subject.

Sadras.—The monuments and tombs in the new Burial Ground are in good order. One of the tombs in the old Dutch Cemetery within the Fort has been thrown down. There are several slabs lying outside of the Fort, which should be brought into the Cemetery.

Chingleput.—The compound wall and gate have been repaired, and the enclosure is kept very tidy.

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NORTH ARCOT.

Vellore.—The old Burial Ground is in good order. The new Cemetery was completed on the 21th January last.

Arnee.—The Burial Ground at this station is in good order.

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metery is in good order. The new site of that for Roman
ably enclosed by a wall and gate. No walks have yet been

made, nor trees planted. Funds for the enclosure

of the old Roman Catholic Cemetery have been applied for in the Statement forwarded to

Government, in letter, No. 450, dated 1st June 1864.

It will thus be seen that arrangements are being made to have all the Cemeteries, other than those which are private property, in this Division, maintained in a proper condition.

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1865, No. 245.

The attention of the Superintending Engineer is called to the 1st paragraph of the Orders of Government of the 28th May 1863, No. 124, in which certain expenditure on restoring tombs is disapproved. In his remarks on the Pulicat Burial Ground, Colonel Boileau proposes to repair a tomb, which he says is in danger of falling. The Government are not prepared to repair tombs, unless of historical or antiquarian value, and any tombs not valuable on these grounds should, when likely to become sources of danger be levelled, and any Memorial slabs they may contain be laid flat on the ground, on the site of the tomb. Colonel Boileau will act in this case in accordance with these orders.

2. The Governor in Council considers that it is a matter of some importance that distinct rules should be made for the guidance of officers in charge of Burial Grounds. The preparation of such rules was proposed by the then Archdeacon, and approved in Extract Minutes of Consultation, Ecclesiastical Department, No. 11, of 9th January 1857; but nothing would seem to have been done in consequence. These proceedings will be communicated to the Right Reverend the Bishop, with a request that he will take measures for the preparation of draft rules on the subject, as a model for which may be mentioned the Rules passed for the Diocese of Calcutta, and published at page 1913 of the Calcutta Gazette, of the 2nd November 1864.

(True Extract).

[Signature]
Acting Secretary to Government.

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