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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th September 1866.*

No. 292. Read the following Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, dated Head Quarters Ootacamund, 28th August 1866, No. 539-7,346 :—

Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding Centre Division, to the Quarter Master General, dated Fort Saint George, 22nd August 1866, No. 91.

1. In forwarding the enclosed letter* from the Officer Commanding Saint Thomas' Mount, of which will be
- * No. 311 of 15th August 1866.

seen the urgency, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government to place funds at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to enable him to enclose the required new Cemetery.

2. The Cemeteries therein alluded to have been sanctioned by Government in Orders Nos. 2,577 and 3,793, of 27th July and 26th October 1864, and the work has been entered in the annual Budget List for 1865-66.

From the Officer Commanding the Mount, to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Centre Division, Fort Saint George, dated Mount, 15th August 1866, No. 311.

In forwarding the accompanying copy of a letter, received from the Roman Catholic Chaplain at this Station, for submission to the Officer Commanding the Division, I have the honor to state, that the Cemetery is in the condition represented by the Chaplain, and if it is not immediately closed the consequences may prove serious hereafter, as it is utterly impossible to open a fresh grave without meeting with large masses of rock, which takes days to remove. It is, therefore, most desirable the new Cemetery, already sanctioned by Government, may be at once enclosed, and I trust the Officer Commanding the Division will recommend this to be done immediately, not only on sanitary grounds, but as a work of absolute necessity, which will not admit of further delay. I am informed that on an average, for the last ten years, about forty-five interments take place in the Cemetery annually.

From the Roman Catholic Chaplain, Saint Thomas' Mount, to the Station Staff Officer, Saint Thomas' Mount, dated Mount, 14th August 1866.

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to bring to the notice of the Officer Commanding the Station, that the Roman Catholic Cemetery is now so crowded that there is not a spot of ground left that is not full of rocks, and in these places it takes four or five days, if not more, of hard labor to prepare a grave. There are at present three fresh graves dug, to which I would invite inspection, to show how impossible it would be to have graves prepared in time, in the event of more than the usual mortality amongst the Troops, and to open old graves is most objectionable on sanitary grounds. I therefore trust the Commanding Officer will be pleased to recommend to Government the urgency of having the new Cemetery made available for interments as soon as possible.

Forwarded to Government for orders.

By order,

(Signed) F. H. SCOTT, Liéut.-Colonel,
Quarter Master General.

Transferred to the Department Public Works.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd September 1866.

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No. 293. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1866, No. 2,910.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 16.

As a new Cemetery for Roman Catholics at Saint Thomas' Mount is represented to be urgently required, the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division is authorized to proceed with the work on the estimate of Rupees 2,430 which was sanctioned in the Order of the 31st October 1864, No. 3,125, leaving the outlay which may be incurred under these orders to be adjusted later in the year.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
,, Accountant General.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 311.
The Madras Quarter Master General
White Ensign
Sir Stuart George
Sir,
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of further delay. - I am informed
that on an average for the last 10
years about 45 interments take
place in the Cemetery annually.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Wm Wm Chapin
Commanding the Fort

Mount
15 August 1866

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To the Station Staff Officer
Saint James Mount

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Very respectfully
Signed J. S. Ford
Roman Cath. Chaplain
Saint James Mount

For Copy
W. C. Hammond Esq
Station Staff Officer

Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the **MADRAS GOVERNMENT**
Under date the 12th Sept 66
Read the following

(Here enter No. ⁵³⁰ 7346 dated 28th Aug. 1866)

From The Officer Commanding
Centre Division

As a new Cemetery
for Roman Catholics
at Saint Thomas Mount
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required, the Supy Engr of the
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Estimate of Rs. 2430
which was sanctioned in
the order of the 31st October
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work

14.37 July 1864 - 17337-608
26.08 - 662-633
18.10 - 3780-375
30 June 1866 - 761-762

To The Officer Commanding
Centre Division

Officer Commanding
Centre Division

Respectable

3rd Division

Department Public Works

Department Public Works

By day & night

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Quarter Master General's Office, Madras
Dated 28th August 1866

Memorandum

For The Secretary to Government

Secretary to Government

Quarter Master General

to be adjusted later in

the year -

P. W. 186 . Department.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated

To
The S. Eng & Cond
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" R. C. C. C. C.

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Sept. 10th 1864

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D/ 12th September / 64.

The Superin-
tending Engineer of the
4th Division instructed
to proceed with Cemetery
for Roman Catholics at
Sanct Thomas Mount on
the estimate of Rspees 2430,
which was sanctioned for
the work in 1864, &c.

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