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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th July 1867.*

No. 654. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Ecclesiastical Department:—

Passing orders on the Collector's annual Report
of the Cemeteries in the Madras District for } (Here enter 18th July 1867, No. 162.)
the past official year.

No. 655. ORDER THEREON, 26th July 1867, No. 2,266.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 92.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 4th Division, who
will give his attention to the orders in
paragraph 1.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,

Under Secretary to Government.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department.
18th July 1867.

No. 25. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madras, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Saidapet, 4th July 1867, No. 130.

With reference to paragraph 12 of the revised Rules for the guidance of Officers in charge of burial grounds, I have the honor to forward the accompanying Statement, describing the condition of the several Cemeteries in the District of Madras.

Report upon the condition of the burial grounds in the Madras District.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department,
18th July 1867.

Taluq.	Town or Village.	Whether in good order.	By whom inspected.	Remarks.
Chingleput ... Do. ... Do. ...	Chingleput ... Covelong ... Sadras ...	In good order ... Do. ... In very bad order ...	Acting Sub-Collector. Do. Do.	The grave-yard inside the Fort has, the Sub-Collector remarks, been shamefully neglected. A gate should be put up to preserve it from desecration and pollution. This is the old Dutch burial ground. The Superintending Engineer has been requested to cause the necessary repairs to be made.
Conjeveram ... Do. ...	Pallalur ... Wallajahbad ...	In good order ... Some tombs want repair.	Do. Do.	
Saidapet ... Do. ...	Palaveram ... Poonamallee— 1. Protestant East Indian burial ground lying to the north of the high western road. 2. Do. do. lying to the north of the above-mentioned ground. 3. Roman Catholic East Indian burial ground lying to the south of the ditch round the Fort. 4. Roman Catholic Church (containing a grave-yard) lying to the east of the ditch round the Fort.	Protestant and Roman Catholic burial grounds (both) in good order. Compound wall is in good order, but some tombs want repair. In good order ... Some tombs are in bad order ... Compound wall requires to be white-washed; some tombs want repair	Assistant Magistrate, Palaveram. Sub-Magistrate and Deputy Tahsildar of Poonamallee. Do. Do. Do.	There are no tombs in this grave-yard. The grave-yard lies very close to the Hospital, hence people have discontinued interring the dead here. This Church is reported to have been built in the year 1841, and to have never since been repaired. This Cemetery was never repaired, although it is now about 30 years since it was built.
Do. ...	Sennirkuppam (the yard adjoining the western part of the Roman Catholic Church.)	Compound wall is in good order, but requires to be white-washed; some tombs want repair.	Do.	

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Do. ...	Saint Thomas' Mount— 1. Protestant Cemetery ... 2. Roman Catholic Cemetery (at present in use). Do. do. (old) ... 3. The small Cemetery (used by the Portuguese Catholics).	In good order. Some tombs are much dilapidated, others will soon become so unless repaired. Is quite new, has only 3 or 4 graves but no monuments. Is in good order and clean ... Is in very bad order ...	Cantonment Magistrate.	The condition of this Cemetery is, as remarked by the Cantonment Magistrate of Saint Thomas' Mount, disgusting in the extreme; it is full to overflowing, and is situated in the very midst of the houses occupied by respectable Europeans and East Indians. It is situated on a very high ground which falls away immediately from its boundary walls, and during wet weather the drainage from it appears in the neighbouring ditches, and is most offensive. Again, the soil is so rocky that corpses are not placed at a sufficient depth, if the effluvia can be accepted as a proof of that fact. No care is taken to keep the yard clean and decent. Immediate steps should, therefore, be taken to provide a burial place for the Portuguese Catholics, as it is quite possible that serious consequences might arise from the exceedingly bad sanitary state of this Cemetery. Instructions have been sent to the Cantonment Magistrate to issue a notice under the C. C. P. for the immediate closing of the burial ground. He has also been directed to communicate with the Medical Officers, with a view to placing the grave-yard in a more satisfactory sanitary state. 2. The Bishop of Mylapore has also been addressed on the subject.
Ponneri ...	Pulicat ...	In good order ...	Collector.	

(Signed) G. THORNHILL,
Acting Collector of Madras.

MADRAS DISTRICT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
SAIDAPET, 4th July 1867.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department
18th July 1867.

No. 26.

ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1867, No. 162.

A copy of the report received with the foregoing letter will be furnished to the Public Works Department, with a view to the necessary instructions being issued in respect of the repair of the walls, &c., of the Cemeteries referred to.

2. The Collector of Madras will report to Government the result of the measures which may have been adopted by the Cantonment Magistrate of Saint Thomas' Mount regarding "the small Cemetery used by the Portuguese Catholics."

(True Extract).

P. W. M.

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of the Madras District.
Public Works Department.

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Exd. J. Tulloch.

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