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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 7th March 1867.

No. 121. Read the following letter from the Acting Magistrate of Salem, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Salem, 26th February 1867, No. 11:—

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated the 21st instant, No. 517, I have the honor to inform you that further burials at the spot referred to in Dr. vanSomeren's report were put a stop to immediately on the receipt of the Consulting Engineer's letter of the 19th November last. In regard to the other point, in the paragraph above referred to, I beg to enclose copy of a letter I have sent to my Head Assistant at Tripattur, and will submit his reply to Government as soon as it is received.

From the Acting Magistrate of Salem, to the Acting Head Assistant Magistrate of Salem, dated Salem, 23rd February 1867, No. 61.

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated the 21st instant, No. 517, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to let me know whether the land near the tree referred to in paragraph *f* of Dr. vanSomeren's letter has regularly been used as a burial ground. From the Acting Agent and Manager's letter, No. 556, dated 17th November last, it would appear that the burial ground is an old one, and from the wording it might be inferred that it had been in disuse until the occasion in question. Should the cemetery prove one that has been re-opened, you will take steps to prevent further burials taking place. On the other hand, should the burial ground have been in constant use, you will select, without delay, a suitable piece of ground instead, and shut up the present one; until then, on occasions of burials, care should be taken that every interment should be at least four feet deep. When replying to this letter you will give me a full account of the present ground, and that newly selected; in the former case how long it has been in use, whether before the Railway was made, and by what caste, extent, &c. Should you be of opinion that with deep graves the continuing the use of the ground, even for a short time, would be prejudicial to the health and sanitary state of the place, you will at once issue orders to have burials discontinued.

2. I enclose you a copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, dated 21st February 1867, on the subject.

P. S.—Since writing this a telegram has been received from the Head Assistant Magistrate to say that burials were stopped from the 24th November 1866.

No. 122. ORDER THEREON, 7th March 1867, No. 684.

RAILWAY, No. 16.

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

be taken that every interment should be at

Salem Magistrate's Office
23rd February 1867.

No 61.

From

C. N. Pochin Esquire
Ag. Magistrate
of Salem

To

H. W. Bliss Esquire
Ag. Head Asst. Magistrate
of Salem

Sir,

With reference to para 2 of the Proceedings of the Madras Government dated the 21st Instant No 517, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to let me know whether the land near the tree referred to in paragraph 5 of Dr Vanrenen's letter has regularly been used as a burial ground. From the Acting Agent and Managers' letter No 556 dated 17th November last, it would appear that the burial ground is an old one, and from the wording it might be inferred that it had been in disuse until the occasion in question. Should the cemetry prove one that has been reopened you will take steps to prevent further burials taking place. On the other hand should the burial ground have been in constant use, you will select without delay a suitable piece of ground instead and shut up the present one until then on occasions of burials care should be taken that every interment should be at

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I enclose you a copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government Public Works Department dated 21st February 1867 on the subject.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obdt Servt

(Signed) C. N. Pochin
Ag. Magistrate

(True Copy)

P. N. Pochin
Ag. Magistrate

Since writing this a telegram has been received from the Hd Asstt Magistrate to say that burials were stopped from the 24th November 1866.

Salem Magistrates' Office
Salem 26th February 1867.

No 11.

From

C. N. Pochin Esquire
Acting Magistrate
of Salem.

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Madras.

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Your Most Obedt Servt

C. N. Pochin
Ag. Magistrate

In a letter from the Ag. Magistrate of Salem dated 26th Feb 1867 No 11.

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Copy of the Ag. Magistrate's letter to his Head Asst at Tripatter.

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To
The Ag: Magistrate
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The Secretary to Govt
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Engineer for Railways.

The Commissioner & Engineer
for Railways
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