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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th April 1868.*

No. 594. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Ecclesiastical Department, dated 18th April 1868, No. 89:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Salem, 26th March 1868, No. 23.

1. I beg to bring to your notice the present state and system that prevails here with reference to the burial ground.

2. The Rules issued by Government in their Proceedings, dated 20th October 1866, provide that the Chaplain or, in his absence, the Lay-Trustees should have the entire charge of Cemeteries, and give all necessary directions for the preservation of decency and order in them. At this station unfortunately there are neither Chaplain nor Lay-Trustees, and consequently these Rules have fallen into abeyance.

3. Every one, of whatever denomination, buries his friend or relative in any spot he chooses to select without reference to authority, and the result is that tombs and graves are huddled together, with no attempt at order and regularity. In some instances the original graves appear to have been obliterated by subsequent burials.

4. It is extremely desirable that some steps should be taken either by the appointment of Lay-Trustees for the station, or by vesting the charge and authority in some particular person to remedy the defects of the present state of affairs.

5. It appears to me that the orders of Government contemplate the appointment of Lay-Trustees at Salem. As although there is no Church at present here, the station is visited periodically by the Clergyman, for the time being, in charge of Yercaud, and failing that would, I presume, revert to its position as an out-station of the Chaplaincy of Cuddalore.

6. If the Government would kindly take this matter into consideration, and issue such orders as should appear necessary, I shall be glad.

As there is no Church at Salem, the appointment of Lay-Trustees is unnecessary. The Governor in Council directs that the Cemetery there, and those at other stations similarly circumstanced, be placed in charge of the Collector, who will take such steps as may appear necessary for securing regularity in the arrangement of the tombs, reporting for the sanction of Government such expenditure as may be requisite for keeping the Cemetery in good order.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 595. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1868, No. 1,328.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 71.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.
To Captain Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department,
18th April 1868.*

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Reverend
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of
Public Works Department.
Venerable the Archdeacon.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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