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No. 659. Read the following letter from the Reverend A. BATUT, S.J., Rector of Saint Joseph's College, Negapatam, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Saint Joseph's College, Negapatam, 21st June 1869 :—

WITH reference to the Government Order, dated Madras, 7th October 1868, No. 3,162, I am informed, by the Superintending Engineer, that the Government have not made any allotment for the improvement of the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Negapatam for the current year. Now I beg to be excused for the liberty I take in submitting to the Government some further observation on the subject. The very small portion of the Cemetery, not entirely invaded by the water during the rainy season, is now filled up with recent graves; so that it will be hereafter very difficult to dig the graves during the winter. Moreover, I should think that it is a disgrace for this town to see the bodies of an important part of this population, and occasionally European persons, strictly speaking, buried in the mud; and pigs, dogs, and other animals, running about day and night digging up the graves. The authorities of this place have been repeatedly informed by me, during more than three years, of the miserable condition of the Cemetery, and they agree that my statement is correct, but no step is taken in order to remove the inconvenience. I would myself undertake the work at the expense of the Mission, but owing to the want of funds, it is impossible for me to carry on so considerable a work. I therefore earnestly request that the Government will be pleased to take this very important matter into consideration, in order to remove our difficulty before the approaching rainy season.

No. 660. ORDER THEREON, 30th June 1869, No. 2,117.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 97.

As owing to the heavy demands which the Government have had to meet, it has been found quite impracticable to allot money for the proposed improvements to the Roman Catholic Burial Ground at Negapatam, the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division will report whether he can arrange to divert any funds for the work from existing allotments under "Civil Buildings".

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
,, Reverend A. Batut, S.J., Rector of Saint Joseph's College.
,, Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

From the Rev. A. Batut S.J.
Rector of St Jos. College
Negapatam

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Sir

St. Jos. College 21st June 1869

Your Most obedient Servant
A. Batut S.J.
Rect. of St Jos. College

To The Secretary to the Govt
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From The Rev. A. Batut. S.J.
Rector of St. Joseph's College
Negapatam

Dated June 21st 1869

Requesting the allotment of the Govt. for the improvement of the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Negapatam

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To Supt Engr 6th Div. ✓
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