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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 604: Read the following Proceedings from the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Account—Military and Civil,) dated Fort William, 13th February 1877, Circular No. 6:—

Rules relating to the management of, and expenditure on, Burial-grounds.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department, (Ecclesiastical),—under date Simla, the 9th November 1876, No. 370.

Read Home Department Resolution, Nos. 314—18, dated 6th October 1875, appointing a Committee to report upon the following matters connected with Ecclesiastical Administration.

- (1.)—The framing of joint estimates for expenditure on cemeteries or churches by the Executive Engineer and the Clergyman in charge.
- (2.)—A revision of establishments for cemeteries according to their area.
- (3.)—The size of monuments and amount of ground that may be enclosed.
- (4.)—Provision for planting cemeteries and preserving them in decent order.
- (5.)—Mode of supply of certain articles of Church furniture.
- (6.)—The substitution of three for two classes of churches with respect to the expenditure allowed for them by Government.

RESOLUTION.

Read the report of the Committee, dated 29th October 1875.

THE Report of the Committee has been considered by the Governor-General in Council, who desires to express to the Committee his satisfaction at the result of their labors.

The following rules have been approved relative to the subjects referred to the Committee for report:—

1. Churches and cemeteries have already been divided into two classes: (1)

Public Works Department No. 486 A—G, those in stations where there are Military Cantonments and the Military Works in which are under the charge of the Inspector-General of Military Works, and (2) those in other Military Cantonments and Civil Stations.

In both classes of stations joint estimates* of expenditure should be framed annually by the under-mentioned Officers—

(a.)—In the case of all expenditure connected with establishments, e.g., pay of servants, alterations in their pay or number,

(See Financial Department Resolution No. 87, dated 9th January 1875.)

provision of articles of Church furniture supplied by the Civil Department.

By the Chief Magistrate of the District and by the Chaplain.

* NOTE.—The estimates should be for the financial year and should be prepared in advance, as is prescribed for other Budget-Estimates.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
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5. It should be understood that the Government cannot provide cemeteries at the public expense for Native Christian communities.

6. It is not considered necessary to make any alteration in the existing rules regarding the mode of supply of church furniture.

7. Further orders will be passed on the sixth point referred to the Committee for report.

8. The arrangements for making the necessary preparations for digging graves, preparing coffins, and the like should rest in Military stations upon the Senior Military Officer, and in Civil stations upon the Chief Local Magistrate. These officers are authorized to direct any Local Public Works Officer to supply all that is necessary. The "Local Public Works Officer" would usually be the Executive Engineer of Military Works in Military Stations, and the Civil Executive Engineer in other stations. The expenditure incurred by the Executive Engineer will be held in his Miscellaneous Advance Account until repaid by the Officer authorizing the expenditure. But in cases of necessity or emergency either officer may be called upon to do what is required.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Local Governments and Administrations in substitution for Home Department Resolution Nos. 2—93-109, dated the 14th March last; and to the Public Works Department for information.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to the several Governments and Administrations noted in the margin, and to the Inspector-General of Military Works for information and guidance.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Punjab, in the Public Works Department
The Chief Commissioners, Central Provinces, British Burmah, Oudh and Mysore and Assam.
The Resident, Hyderabad.
The Governor-General's Agents, Rajpootana and Central India.
The Superintendent of Port Blair.

Also to the Home and Financial Departments for information.

(Signed) J. J. McLEOD INNES, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Depty. Secy. to the Govt. of India

No. 605. ORDER THEREON, 23rd February 1877, No. 633.

ACCOUNT, 40.

COMMUNICATED to District Engineers and to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

Acting Joint Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.
To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts
,, Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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