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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

6th August 1880, No. 1,870 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 15. Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, Ecclesiastical Department, dated Ootacamund, 21st July 1880, No. 1,466.

From the Venerable C. R. DRURY, Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 16th July 1880.

I HAVE the honor to forward a letter from the Rev. A. C. Taylor, Chaplain of Vepery, dated 10th July 1880, in which he requests that an estimate, which he forwards, for supplying Red Hills water to the Pursewalkum Cemetery, amounting to Rs. 297-13-4, may be sanctioned by the Government.

2. In G.O., 12th June 1877, No. 227 W., Government ordered the removal of certain trees in the above cemetery, and that other trees should be planted in lieu of those removed in convenient localities. It was also ordered that the tank in the cemetery should be filled up, and a well dug in some convenient locality.

3. The tank has been filled up, and Mr. Taylor says that it was not "rain-fed only" as officially represented, but had very good springs. A well has been sunk, but not, he states, in a convenient locality, and besides the water of the well is brackish and destructive to plants, of which there are a great number in the cemetery.

4. Mr. Taylor further states in his letter that the additional trees ordered by Government have not been planted, because a sufficient water-supply has not been provided. Under these circumstances Mr. Taylor renews his application for a supply of Red Hills water for the Pursewalkum Cemetery.

5. Mr. Taylor made a similar application in 1878, which was refused in G.O., 3rd July 1878, No. 2,716 W. This refusal was in some measure grounded on the assumption that the water was required "for the preservation of trees not necessary for the purposes of the cemetery and objectionable in such a locality as regards the use to which they may be put." The trees here alluded to are, I believe, cocoanut trees for which Red Hills water is not required. The Red Hills water is required for plants and shrubs.

The question of supplying cemeteries with water from the Red Hills is a serious question, because it will involve a consumption of water which probably was not calculated upon when the proposal was made to bring this water into Madras. Why, however, gardens should be supplied and not cemeteries, I cannot understand.

If Mr. Taylor's application is again rejected, perhaps a fresh well could be sunk over the springs which formerly fed the tank.

From Rev. A. C. TAYLOR, Chaplain of Vepery, to the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, dated Vepery, 10th July 1880.

In referring you to Rule III, Section 1, of Notification dated 12th December 1877, that "every reasonable effort is to be made by the Resident Chaplain, not only to keep the cemetery in decent order, but to preserve its character as the resting place of the remains of departed friends by providing for the necessary repairs and by planting the ground with suitable trees," I have the honor to request that you will recommend to Government their sanction to the payment of enclosed estimate, No. 272, made by the Municipal Engineer on 23rd December 1879 on the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer Lieutenant Plummer.

2. In 1877 I urgently applied for a suitable supply of water, and when G.O., No. 227 W., of 12th June 1877, ordered "the filling in of the tank and providing a well," and I found the well was not "provided in some convenient locality," I made a great "effort" to get water, and G.O., No. 2,716 W., of 3rd July 1878, "rejected" my "proposals," though the tank filled in was not "rain-fed" only, but had very good springs, and the water now found in the well comes only from the insufficient moisture which oozes from the late springs in the tank. I pointed this out at the time, but Supervisor Pimm asserts it in his letter dated 21st May 1878, and the Engineer seems to accept the assertion. If G.O., No. 2,716, means by "objectionable" trees cocoanuts, I may explain that the water is not and was not required for the cocoanut trees, as the water in the well, as a general rule, is sufficient for them, but it is very brackish and kills the other plants, which are many times more numerous.

3. I may add that in 1877 suitable trees were ordered to be planted, and in 1879 the Executive Engineer advised such planting again; but in his specification says, "the planting is not to take place until the Ecclesiastical Department is ready to water it." Government has sanctioned this charge for planting in G.O., No. 1,461 W., dated 23rd June 1880, and I beg that you will recommend the sanction of enclosed estimate for laying on Red Hills water.

FORWARDED to the Public Works Department for consideration with reference to the Order in that department, No. 2,716 W., dated 3rd July 1878.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1880, No. 1,870 W.

THE Government adhere to the previous decision. If the plants cannot be grown without Red Hills water, no more should be placed in the Cemetery.

2. The Superintendent of Works, Presidency, will, however, have his attention directed to the last paragraph of the Archdeacon's letter, and report if a fresh well could be sunk over the springs at a moderate cost.

(True Extract.)

for Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintendent of Works, Presidency.
" Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker,
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS,
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
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Dated August, 6th.

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G. O., 6th August 1880, No. 1,870 W.

AUGUST,
Nos. 15-16.

Supply of Red Hills Water to the Puras-
walkum Cemetery.—Application for the —,
refused with remarks.

Madras. July 16. 1880.

To ^{No 33}
R. Davidson Esq. C.S. &
Chief Secretary to Govt
Cotacaiman

Sir.

I have the honor to forward a
letter from the Rev. A. C. Taylor,
Chaplain of Vepery; dated 10th July 1880,
in which he requests that an estimate, &
forwards for supplying Red Hills water
to the Puraswalkum Cemetery, under
No 297. 13. 4. may be sanctioned
by the Government.

2. In 12 June 1877, No 227. W:
Govt order. The removal of certain trees
in the above Cemetery, and that other trees
shd be planted in place of those removed in
convenient localities. It was also ordered
that the Tank in the Cemetery shd be filled
up, and a well dug in some convenient
locality.

3. The Tank has been filled up, and Mr
Taylor says that it was not "renewed" only
as officially represented, but had very
good springs. A well has been sunk,
but not, he states, in a convenient locality
and besides, the water of the well is brackish
and destructive to plants, of which there are
great numbers in the Cemetery.

Mr. Taylor further states in his letter that the
application was refused by you. I have not been
pleased, because a sufficient water supply
has not been provided under these circumstances.
Mr. Taylor renewed his application for a
supply of water from the Turrecoalkum
Cemetery.

Mr. Taylor made a similar application in 1878,
it was refused in G.O. 3-July-1878 No 2.716.18.

This refusal was in some measure grounded on the
assumption that the water was required "for the
purposes of the cemetery" and necessary for the purposes
of the cemetery and objectionable in such a locality
as regards the use to which it may be put. The Treas.
has indicated an intention to erect a water tank for as
the Red Hills water is required for plants & shrubs.

The question of supplying cemeteries with water
from the Red Hills is a new question, because it will
involve a consumption of water, as probably was not calculated
upon when the project was made to bring this water
into the city. Why the cemetery should be supplied
and not cemeteries I cannot understand.

Mr. Taylor's application is again rejected, perhaps
a tank could be sunk near the Springs as formerly
for the Tank. I remain Sir

your obedient servant
C. R. Dray.

2. In 1877 I urgently applied for a suitable supply of water, & when G. O. 227 W. of 12 June 1877 ordered "the filling in of the Tanks & providing a well" I found the well was not ~~provided~~ ^{provided in the convenient locality}, & I made a great "effort" to get water, & G. O. No. 2716 W. of 3 July 1878 "rejected" my "proposals" that the Tanks filled in was not "rain-fed" ^{only} but had very good springs, & the water was found in the well

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means by "directional" trees, ^{coconut} ^{palms} ^{explain} that the
water is not & was not required for the coconut
palm trees, as the water in the well is as good
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brackish & kills the other plants which are
many times more numerous.

3. I may add that in 1877 suitable
trees were ordered to be planted, & in 1878
the Engr. advised not planting again
but in his specification says "The planting
is not to take place until the Ecclesiastical
Department is ready to water it". In planting
Department has sanctioned this change
J. O. 1461 W. of 23 June 1880, & I beg that
you will recommend the sanction of Ecclesiastical
Estimate for laying on Red Hills water.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant

A. C. Taylor
Chaplain of the Navy

+ This is
only an
advice.

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See Recd., 205
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No 272. Madras Municipality
Water Works Department.

Estimate of the probable cost for laying & jointing a 2" Bore from 4' drain in Presunnaveyazh Corral Street to the Cemetery in Moreenthal Street Pursuance of the inside of the Southern boundary wall.

Quantity	Particulars	Rate	Amount	Total
440	Feet of 2" l. I. piping	6. 15.		
1	2" Valve l. I.	16.	16.	
1	Cover for do	3 1/4.	3 1/4.	
5	Feet of 2" N. I. fittings	10.	32.	
1	2" x 1 1/2" Taper Coupling	10.	10.	
2	2" 1/4 Bends N. I.	25.	4 10.	
1	1 1/2" do	15.	15.	
1	1 1/2" x 1 1/4" Taper Coupling	8.	8.	
1	1 1/4" Discharge Cock	10 8.	10 8.	
3	2" Couplings	8.	18.	206 7.
	Excavation 440 x 2 x 2 1/2 = 31 1/2 c. yds.	2.	10 3.	
	Tapping & screwing a 2" hole	2.	2.	
	Fixing a 2" Valve	1.	1.	
	Masonry for do	2.	2.	
	Laying & jointing 147 Lys of 2" piping	14.	36 1/2.	
3	Tests and screws on 2" piping	1.	3.	54 15.
	5% on material to cover Store Charges		10 5 2.	
	10% on material and Labour for Supervision		26 2 2.	

Madras 23. Dec. 1899

(Signed) J. A. Jones
Vice President

Total Rupees 297 13 4

Due copy
A. C. Taylor

July 10. 1880

P.W.D.
26 JUL 80

Endorsement in the Ecclesiastical Dept.
No. 1466 of 21st July 1880.

FOR ORDERS, with reference to O.G.

No. 2716 W, July 3rd, 1878, in
which an estimate for
bringing Red Hills water
to the Suroowalhum cemetery
was rejected.

It now appears that
Sergeant Quinn's statement
that the "greater portion of
the water" was "required
for watering the coconut
trees" in the cemetery was
inaccurate, as it was in-
tended for the plants and
shrubs and for the trees
which Government had
ordered to be planted.

L.W. Presidency
Eckler, Rep's

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Sept. of 1880. ~~Sept.~~
PUBLIC WORKS.

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G. O. of the *Recy* 1880, No. 1870 W

Mon. 15-16

Supply of Red Hills
Water to the Pursawankum
Cemetery

Application for the
— required
with remarks.

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