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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

13th September 1880, No. 2,150 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 59. Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, Ecclesiastical Department, dated Ootacamund, 2nd September 1880, No. 1,724.

From the Rev. A. C. TAYLOR, Chaplain of Vepery and in charge of Pursewalkum Cemetery, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 30th August 1880.

In acknowledging the receipt of G.O., No. 1,870 W., dated 6th August 1880, I have the honor very respectfully to submit to the consideration of Government the following remarks with reference to that order and the papers which accompanied it.

2. G.O., No. 227 W., of 12th June 1877, has not been complied with up to this date, and no "well has been provided in some convenient locality;" the present (so called) well has been in existence for years, and was a kind of reservoir to the tank.

3. The cost of supplying water *per annum* to the Pursewalkum Cemetery after the pipes have been laid down, on a liberal calculation made in 1877, will be *Rs.* 16 and *Annas* 2.

4. The tank was filled in by Government order in order to give more space in the cemetery for fresh burials; already half of the ground is covered by recent graves, and to sink "*a well over the springs* at a moderate cost" would take up ground intended for another purpose when the tank was filled.

5. Seeing that the fees by Government order are paid into the Government Treasury; (2) that Government on September 1st, 1880, withdraws Rs. 12-8-0 out of Rs. 17-8-0 per mensem now paid for a suitable sexton and peon, and absolutely necessary for the preservation of the cemetery; (3) that Rs. 20 for sale of grass is the only income in the past twelve months; and (4) that plants can only be kept alive nine months in the year by regular watering, I venture to believe that Government will not finally throw on the Chaplain in charge of Pursewalkum Cemetery the responsibility of "*preserving its character as the resting place of the remains of departed friends,*" and of keeping the cemetery in decent order.

6. As the friends of those buried in the cemetery pay remunerative fees for the permission to place monuments on masonry graves in Government property (I have paid or have to pay into the Treasury Rs. 180 collected since January 1st, 1880, only), I do not suppose that the Government meant to refuse such a small sum as the proposed laying on of Red Hills water will involve, and that once for all. Anyhow, if the Governor and the Members of Council *knew* the opprobrium and blame that is now cast on the Chaplain in charge if one plant is removed or one plant dies, I venture to assert they would not have refused the application of my letter, dated 10th July 1880.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1880, No. 2,150 W.

THE Government see no reason to alter the decision already arrived at.

2. There will be no objection on their part to sinking a fresh well over the springs, as suggested by the Venerable the Archdeacon in his letter recorded with G.O., No. 1,870 W., dated 6th August 1880.

3. The report of the Superintendent of Works, Presidency, called for in that order is awaited.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

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

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of [1880] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 13th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 13th September 1880, No. 2,160 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 59-60.

Pursewalkum Cemetery.—Declining to alter the decision already arrived at with regard to bringing Red Hills water to the —, and intimating that there will be no objection to the sinking of a well for watering the trees.

R. D.
2 SEP 80

Vepery
Augt 30. 1880

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government of Madras.

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Sir,

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1. G. O. No 227. W. of 12 June 1877 has not been complied with up to this date and no "well has been provided in some convenient locality": the present (so-called) well has been in existence for years and was a kind of reservoir to the Tank.

2. The cost of supplying water per annum to the Pursewalkum Cemetery after the Pipes have been laid down, on a liberal calculation made in 1877 will be Rs 16 annas 2 pies 0.

3. The Tank was filled in by G. O. in order to give more space in the Cemetery for fresh

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5. As the friends of those buried in the Cemetry pay remunerative fees for the permission to place Monuments on masonry graves in Government property (I have paid or have to pay into the Treasury Rs 180. - Collected Since Jan. 1. 1880 only) I do not suppose that the Government meant to refuse such a Small Sum as the proposed laying on of Red Hills water will involve and that once

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P.W.D.
1880 SEP
3805
N.8

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant.

A. C. Taylor
Chaplain of Vepery
& in charge of Jerusalem Convt.

Ex. 227 W. 12-6-77.
— 1745 W. 21-11-77.
— 2716 W. 3-7-78.
— 1870 W. 6-8-80.

Cir. 4-9-80.
No. 1724

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

A. Dawson
Chief Secretary

Endorsement
2nd September 1880
to the Public Works Department.

No 249

Endorsement (illegible)
from the Revd A.C. Taylor
dated 2nd September 1880

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Note by the Hon. W. Anderson.

My recollection is that the Government intended the Covenant trees to be removed as not suitable in a Cemetery or Church yard. A Dozen or similar groups removed from the Cathedral Compound.

Whether this has been done at Purse-walkum. I infer not, from Mr Taylor's letter in Proceedings 6th August.

As to the question of bringing Red Hills water to the Cemetery, it is not one of cost as Mr Taylor assumes, but whether a supply which is somewhat precarious for the main purposes of domestic supply, should

Note by His Excellency the Governor.

I am not disposed to allow it.

The arrangements as to the trees does the removal of some only which were agreed on the plot. it would be a pity to destroy all shade.

(Sd) W.H.

6/9

be lapsed for planting plants in a Cemetery. Sanitary Plot. but none do objection to reserving the land to the Presidency Municipal Commission.

(Sd) W.H.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Endorsement in the Ecclesiastical Dept.

No. 1724 of 2nd. September 1880.

FOR ORDERS.

R.B. Lankey Lt. R.E.

for C to Sup

4th Sept. 1880.

Approved

Mr Lankey will be
pleased to submit
detailed estimate
for Church at Kotgarh
as proposed.

for Chief Engr. & Secy.

Mem. to Archbishop
His Grace the Governor.

FOR ORDERS.

have no objection to
signing the paper
& the Privy Council

PH 6/9

I am not disposed to
allow it —

The appointment of
to the Lees was the
removal of Somerby
which was agreed
on the spot — it
would be folly to
destroy all Shadow

[illegible]

[illegible]
Ch. Sh. 4 Sept 1850

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Chas. Cope Esq. M.
could go into the
matter on the spot

7/9 M.M.

C.A.W.

have the
numbers noted
Jamaica — I do
take orders in
Council on Friday

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have
the
been favourable

M.M.
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Red hills tank
sanctioned in
for Perumbedu
Cemetery

C R W

Sanctioned in
Council but the
Red Hills Tank
water cannot
be given but the
well may —
In Just Dept. see
no reason to object
from the previous
decision C R W
6/9/80

No 2150 W

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Land Rd

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 13 Septr 1880.

Read the following :—

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Endorsement from the Eccle. Dept. on letter from the Revd A.C. Taylor dated 30th Augt 1880 } (No. No. 1724 dated 2nd Septr 1880)

In Government See the decision ~~to~~ no reason to alter already given cannot be framed to

2. There will be no objection on their part ~~of~~ ~~Govt~~ to sinking a fresh well over the springs, as suggested by the Veible the Archdeacon in his letter recorded with G.O. No. 1870 W. dated 6th Augt 1880.

3. The report of the Superintending Engineer of Works, Presidency, called

for in that order is awaited.

Ecclesiastical Dept.
S. W. Presidency.
Dated
11.9.80

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Govt. of 1880 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated 15/9/

Issued

Recd. 10 Encl.

G. O., 13th Sept. 1880, No. 2150

Nos. 59-64

Purchase of River Cemetery.

Declining to alter the decision already arrived at with regard to enclosing Red Hills water & the — and intimating that there will be no objection to the sinking of a well for watering the trees.

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