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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

25th June 1881, No. 100.

Cemeteries.

Read the following paper :—

From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Saidápet, 13th June 1881, No. 195 [Current No. 137].

I have the honor to submit my report upon the state of the European Christian Burial Grounds and isolated tombs in this district for the past year.

2. Careful inquiries have been held during the abovementioned period in view to obtaining a correct list of cemeteries and tombs, and a record has been made of all inscriptions upon isolated graves in case that the tablets may, at any time, be lost or stolen.

3. The following is a list, corrected up to date, from information received from the Local Fund Engineer and Divisional Officers :—

CEMETERIES.

Taluk.	Village.	Number.
Ponnéri	Pulicat	Two (disused).
Saidápet	Saint Thomas' Mount	Four (two disused, two in use).
	Pallávaram	Two (in use).
Tiruvallúr	Poonamallee	Five (three in use, two disused).
	Tripasore	Two (in use).
Chingleput	Sadras	Two (disused).
Conjeeveram	Chingleput	Two (in use).
	Wálajábád	One (disused).
DETACHED GRAVES.		
Ponnéri	Gumadipundi	Three.
Saidápet	Red Hills (Cholera Camp)	Two.
	Race Course, Guindy	One.
Tiruvallúr	Saint Thomas' Mount	Nine.
Chingleput	Tripasore	One.
	Covelong	Three.
Conjeeveram	Pullaloor	Two.
	Bala Chetti Chattram	One.

4. *Ponnéri Taluk.*—The cemeteries at Pulicat, it appears from information given to me by the Local Fund Engineer, are two in number instead of one as stated in previous reports. One is the old Dutch Cemetery, which is to all intents and purposes disused, and which has recently been repaired, and the other is the older burial ground of the two, it having been opened by the Portuguese prior to the Dutch occupation, and devoted subsequently as a place of interment for Dutch Native Christians. This probably led to the Rev. Mr. Shutie's telling me, when I wished to see it, that it was only a native burial ground. I therefore did not inspect it. It contains, so the General Charge Deputy Collector reports, thirty-one tombs of Portuguese and one of an English Sailor, whose body was picked up on the beach some six or seven years

ago. It is said to require repairs, and an estimate for these has been sent in. I wish, however, to see the place for myself, and will do so at an early date. Both these cemeteries were inspected during the year by the General Charge Deputy Collector.

The isolated tombs at Gumadipundi have already been described by me in previous reports. They were seen by the General Charge Deputy Collector, and are stated to be in good order.

5. *Saidápet Taluk*.—The cemeteries of this taluk were all inspected by the Divisional Officer. They are all within Military Cantonments and are in charge of the Chaplains of the stations at which they are situated. They consist of the following:—

I. Protestant and Roman Catholic Burial Grounds at Saint Thomas' Mount, which are contiguous to one another, are in use and in good order.

II. Roman Catholic Burial Ground, in the compound of the Roman Catholic Church at the same station, which is disused and in fair condition.

III. Roman Catholic Burial Ground in the Bullock Lines at the Mount, also disused and containing but one tomb with an inscription, which shows it to be the grave of a European Sergeant. It is in indifferent order, and the General Charge Deputy Collector estimates that repairs to it, if deemed necessary, would come to about Rs. 50. It appears to have been used chiefly by Native Christians.

IV. Roman Catholic and Protestant Burial Grounds at Pallávaram, both in use and in good order.

V. Protestant and two Roman Catholic Burial Grounds at Poonamallee, one for Irish and the other for Goanese; all three are in use. Of these, the Protestant Cemetery is stated to be in good order, but contains nineteen tombs which are in need of repairs. The other two are, it is alleged, in a satisfactory condition.

VI. Burial Ground in the compound of the Irish Roman Catholic Chapel at the last-mentioned station, which is disused and contains four tombs needing repairs.

VII. An old Roman Catholic Cemetery in the Bazaar Road, south of the hospital at Poonamallee, the graves in which are in good order. The wall is reported to require repair.

The isolated tombs which are, with the exception of those at Saint Thomas' Mount, the same as stated in the report of last year, are in good order. At the Mount there are nine, viz., the monuments over Colonels Noble and Dalrymple and General Sydenham, and six flat memorial stones, some over Portuguese and others over Europeans, on the steps leading to the church on the hill. The monument to Major Mackay has not been enclosed as funds were required for other works.

6. *Tiruvallúr Taluk*.—The cemeteries at Tripasore are in charge of the Chaplain at Poonamallee. They are to all intents and purposes disused, as the European and Eurasian population now at that station is very small. I have seen them. They are both in good order. One is for Protestants and the other for Roman Catholics. They adjoin one another. The only isolated tomb in the taluk is that of one Major Samuel Kilpatrick, of the Bengal Army. I was not aware of its existence until told of it by the Local Fund Engineer, who found it when examining the fort. He states that it requires repair. This matter will be looked to during the current year, if there is any assignment of funds, which I fear that there is not.

7. *Chingleput Taluk*.—The two cemeteries at Chingleput, which are in use, are in very good order. The defect in the gate of the Roman Catholic Burial Ground, mentioned in last year's report, has been set right. I inspected both cemeteries more than once during the twelve months. Of the two cemeteries at Sadras, the old Dutch one has been carefully repaired. The portion of broken wall in the other cemetery has not been restored, as there were not sufficient funds to meet the charge after attending to other more pressing estimates. The three isolated graves at Covelong, of which a description was given last year, and which I therefore do not think it necessary to repeat, are stated to be in good order. They have not been enclosed by a trench, as this would be impossible owing to their being close to the beach and consequently exposed to sand drifts.

The Sub-Collector has included amongst the cemeteries in this taluk the monuments to the D'Monte's at Mount Carmel Church, Covelong. This is a private place of worship, is still in use, and the State has nothing to do with it. I have consequently omitted it from the tombs.

8. *Conjeeveram Taluk*.—The disused cemetery at Wálajábád was, during the year, repaired and is now in good order. I inspected it two or three times. I visited Pullalore a few months since and examined the isolated tombs there. These are two in number and not three as was erroneously stated in former reports. They are situated in a large tope and are in such excellent condition that, though within a month or two of a hundred years old, they look as if they had not been erected for more than a year or so.

The tomb at Bala Chetti Chattram, which was omitted in previous reports, has been inspected by me. It is that of a youth named Stephenson and is on the roadside with several native graves near it. It requires some slight repairs, and has a good deal of prickly-pear about it, which will be removed. It was probably hitherto mistaken for the grave of a native, and therefore passed unnoticed.

ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1881, No. 100.

Recorded.

2. A sum of Rs. 360 has been allotted* for the repair of burial grounds in the Chingleput District during the current year, which the Collector, in communication with the Venerable the Archdeacon, will lay out to the best purpose.

* G.O., No. 293, dated 21st February 1881, Financial Department.

3. If further funds are needed he will apply for them in due course.

(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. Wright.

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P. H. D.

No. 1728 W of 13th July/81

To,

The Secretary,

P. H. Department

India Office.

Sir,

+ Dated London
21st January 1881.
No. P. H. 261 of 5th May/81.

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Adverting to your
letters quoted in the
margin on the subject
of blasting rocks in
deep water in aid of
dredging operations,
I am directed to forward
for information copy
of Proceedings of
Government No. 15918,
dated 24th June 1881,
with which is recorded
a letter from the Master

R.S.

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" Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 1727 W. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 13th July 1881

Read the following:—

Of the sum of
Rs. 6992 appropriated
in G. O. No. 1519 W of
14th June 1881, for
converting the old
European Infantry Hos-
pital into a Garrison
Hospital at Bangalore,
Rs. 3600 are now with-
drawn and credited
to the Reserve under the
following heads.
Original Works only. Rs. 1076-
Repairs — do — 2524
Rs. 3600-

2. The sum of
Rs. 3600 is provided
for the works
in

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