

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From A. P. MACDONNELL, Esq., C.S., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Ecclesiastical), to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 17th May 1886, No. 127.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter,* No. 605-B., dated the 18th March last, inquiring whether the

* Addressed to the Public Works Department. fee at the rate of eight annas for every square foot of ground "occupied" by a grave in a Government cemetery, the levy of which is prescribed by rule I (1), Part II, of the revised Ecclesiastical Rules,†

† Promulgated by Home Department Notification, No. 103, dated 20th June 1885. should be charged only for the ground occupied by the grave itself, or for the ground occupied by the grave *plus* the

ground enclosed around the grave, or covered by a monument.

It is at the same time intimated that it appears to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor that this fee is intended to be chargeable in the case of a grave of any description; and that the expression "ground occupied" is meant to refer (1), in the case of a non-enclosed grave, to the area actually occupied by the grave, and (2), in the case of enclosed graves, graves with monuments, or graves partly covered by monuments and partly enclosed, to the area actually occupied by the grave *plus* all additional space either enclosed, or occupied by a monument. It is added that the fee in question is understood to be independent of all charges for monuments, which are leviable under articles 2 to 5 of the same rule.

2. In reply I am to say that the interpretation placed by the Bengal Government on the rule above mentioned is correct, and that effect should be given to it.

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No. 3—128.

Extract paragraphs 1 and 2 forwarded to other Local Governments and Administrations, the Department of Finance, the Military and Public Works Departments, the Bishop's Chaplain, and to the Ven'ble the Archdeacon of Calcutta, for information.

(By order.)

(Signed) F. C. DAUKES,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Government of Madras.

ORDER—dated 3rd June 1886, No. 107, Ecclesiastical.

Communicated to the Venerable the Archdeacon, the Right Rev. Dr. Colgan, the Senior Chaplain of the Church of Scotland, to all District Magistrates, the Public Works and the Military Departments and the Accountant-General, with reference to G.O., No. 141, dated 17th July 1885.

(True Extract.)

John Macleod

Chief Secretary.

To the Venerable the Archdeacon.
„ the Right Rev. Dr. Colgan.
„ the Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland.
„ all District Magistrates.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Military Department.
„ the Accountant-General.

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Ecclesiastical Rules.

Communicating to officers concerned a letter from the Government of India, regarding the fee leviable on "ground occupied" by graves in Government cemeteries.

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