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Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 690

DATED 9-1-96.

[Despatch Abstract.]

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[P.W. 25. 2,000—23-10-96.]

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REVENUE.

To

The Public Works Dept.

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Mis. G.O., 21st Dec. 1895, No. 5202.

SUBJECT.

Communicating with remark & submitting Sodavasi Colrs letter & the price at wh the Govt. Toddy Office at Sivakasi has been sanctioned to be sold to the Local Fund Dept.

P. W. CURRENT No. 11

5-11-95 N- 3317. C
25-10-95 - 2656 - W

Recd: 2-1-96.

No 69 Dtd 9th January 1896.

Communicated to the Commr. D. W. - accords with reference to this office Mis. No 3831/C dated 21st Dec. 1895

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Commr. of P. W. [illegible]

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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8th Oct^r 1895 No 3967 Communicated with Bd's
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at Sivakodu for Rs 300 to the Local Fund
Department.

Resolution:— Submitted to Government with
reference to its endorsement No 4577 mis d/ 14th
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Order thereon, 21st Dec^r 1895, No 5202 mis.

Communicated to the Public
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No 3317 C d/ 5th November 1895.

(True Extract)

L Mitra
Secretary to Govt

To. The P. W. Dept.

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24*th January* 1895.

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Chief Secretary.

30*th January* 1895.

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22*nd May* 1895. (Signed) J. F. PRICE,
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No. 1559.

The information afforded by the Collector is insufficient to enable any one unacquainted with the locality to tell exactly how matters stand. The Collector is requested to submit full particulars regarding the various sites which have been referred to in the correspondence, accompanied by a plan showing their positions,

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To the Collector of Kurnool, with a sketch.

From C. M. MULLALY, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th October 1895, Dis. No. 1881-Eng.

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(3) the site subsequently chosen by the Executive Engineer in supersession of the first site and referred to in G.O., No. 27, Ecclesiastical, dated 4th April 1894.

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* Printed at page 1.

4. No. 2 is indicated on the plan by red lines, and No. 3 by firm blue lines. It is No. 3 on which Rs. 1,712–9–3 have been expended, in which the fourteen trial pits shown in the accompanying sketch have now been dug and which has been condemned by Mr. Thorburn and Mr. Tate—*vide* latter's letter, Dis. No. 838-Eng., of 1895, dated 10th May 1895, read in Government memorandum, No. 1106, dated 22nd May 1895. Its extent is just the same as that of No. 2, but an additional piece of 14 cents of land has been taken up for constructing a road leading to the cemetery from the nearest adjoining road, the Kurnool-Nidzur famine road.

Order—No. 88, Ecclesiastical, dated 23rd November 1895.

The Government is constrained to remark that the way in which this matter has been dealt with has been very discreditable to those concerned.

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No. 1559.

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6*th July* 1895. (Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Kurnool, with a sketch.

From C. M. MULLALY, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th October 1895, Dis. No. 1881-Eng.

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Order—No. 88, Ecclesiastical, dated 23rd November 1895.

The Government is constrained to remark that the way in which this matter has been dealt with has been very discreditable to those concerned.

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3. It seems clear that the Executive Engineer was aware that a certain depth of soil was necessary, for he remarked that at least 4 feet was obtainable at one end of the new site. It seems further evident that he did not at the time test the depth in other parts, and apparently he completely overlooked this *sine quâ non* afterwards, for the trial pits which have since been sunk show depths varying from $3\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$ feet over a great portion of the site.

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(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Kurnool.
„ the Revenue Department.
„ the Venerable the Archdeacon.
„ the Public Works Department, with plans and estimate.
„ C. M. Mullaly, Esq., I.C.S.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

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G.O., No. 88, 23rd November 1895.

NOVEMBER.

Kurnool Cemetery.

Expressing the displeasure of Government with those concerned in the selection of a new site for the —, and directing the Collector of Kurnool to select another site.

No 65 W dy 9 January 1

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer III circle, to whom the plans and estimates will be returned, kending further orders as to the construction of a new cemetery.

2. Mr. J. C. Johnston, the Executive Engineer referred to in para 5, will reply to the latter portion of that paragraph.

(Signed) J. P.

Superintending Engineer III circle with 3 enclosures

J. C. Johnston Esqr. through the Superintending Engineer V circle

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers :—

G.O., No. 92, Ecclesiastical, dated 17th December 1892.

Abstract.—Sanctioning, with remarks, the proposals of the Collector of Kurnool in connection with the conversion of the old burial-ground to the west of Kurnool into a new cemetery.

G.O., No. 27, Ecclesiastical, dated 4th April 1894.

Read—the following paper :—

From C. M. MULLALY, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Kurnool, 7th March 1894, Cur. No. 588-Eng.

In G.O., No. 92, Ecclesiastical, dated 17th December 1892, Government sanctioned Mr. Kough's proposals for extending the old burial-ground to the west of Kurnool and converting it into a new cemetery.

2. The Executive Engineer reports in his letter, No. 814 M., dated 15th February 1894 (copy enclosed) that, on personal inspection, he found that the extension in the direction proposed by Mr. Kough in his letter, No. 5943, dated 19th August 1892, embodied in the Government order quoted above was quite inadvisable on account of the shallow nature of the soil and therefore he selected land better suited for the purpose in a different direction but still adjoining the old burial-ground. I inspected the spot myself and fully approve of what he has done.

3. The cemetery, as now extended, comprises the same extent of $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres originally proposed, but an additional piece of 14 acres of land had to be taken up for the construction of a branch road to lead to the cemetery.

4. I enclose a draft declaration for the acquisition under the Act of the 1·45 acres of land (excluding the site of the old burial-ground measuring 19 cents) for approval and notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

5. This extent of 1·45 acres belongs to two persons both of whom agree to part with their land for money compensation, but refuse to accept land in exchange out of field No. 814, Kallur village, referred to in paragraph 3 of Mr. Kough's letter quoted above. The owners demand compensation at the rate of Rs. 250 an acre, but the Tahsildar reports that Rs. 220 is a fair compensation for the whole extent taken up.

When the compensation is settled, the amount will be reported to Government for sanction.

Enclosure.

From J. C. JOHNSTON, Esq., Executive Engineer, Kurnool Division, to the Collector of Kurnool, dated 15th February 1894, No. 814-M.

In reply to your No. 36-Eng., dated 1st February 1894, I have the honour to report that the site generally for the new burial-ground in Kurnool was first chosen by your predecessor Mr. Kough. The details were left to the sub-divisional officer, who applied for a piece of ground which I discovered afterwards was quite unfit for a cemetery. The sub-divisional officer included

the old military graves within the new cemetery, but his choice of land ran north and east and included a swamp with no greater depth of soil than a foot or so. On my inspection, still including the old graves, I chose land lying south and east with soil at one end at least four feet deep.

2. The land, as now built on, was handed over to this department by a Revenue Inspector as reported by the sub-divisional officer in his No. 187, dated 6th December 1893.

Order—No. 27, Ecclesiastical, dated 4th April 1894.

The notification, as amended by Government, will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Kurnool.
" Superintendent, Government Press.
" Venerable the Archdeacon.
" Public Works Department.

Read—also the following papers:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel C. C. RAWSON, R.E., Superintending Engineer, III Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 15th December 1894, No. 2241.

I have the honour to forward a supplemental estimate for Rs. 3,392 for converting the old burial ground to the west of Kurnool into a cemetery with mortuary shed, &c.

2. The original estimate, which was sanctioned in G.O., No. 63 W., dated 14th January 1893, amounted to Rs. 1,700; this estimate merely provided for a wall round the cemetery with a gateway; this work has been completed at a cost of Rs. 1,578.

3. The supplemental estimate, in addition to the work already executed, provides for—

(*a*) Mortuary shed.
(*b*) Roadway from the Nidzur road to the cemetery gate.
(*c*) Pathways in the cemetery itself.

4. All these works are, I consider, absolutely necessary. I inspected the cemetery when I was in Kurnool a short time ago in company with the Rev. A. Vickers, the clergyman who usually conducts the service there, and the Executive Engineer.

5. On the day of our inspection it was almost impossible to walk from the road to the cemetery gate, the way being through cultivation flooded with water from an adjacent irrigation channel. A road to the gate must be made.

6. The whole of the cemetery is in low swampy ground and must be laid out with paths. If this be not done, funerals in the wet weather must be conducted with the utmost discomfort to those concerned and with a complete want of proper decorum.

7. The cemetery is situated at a considerable distance from Kurnool and a mortuary chamber of some sort is required especially during the rains.

8. I believe that there is no space whatever available in the old Kurnool cemetery, and this being the case, I request that sanction may be given as soon as possible to the estimate sent herewith. Should a funeral have to take place in the new cemetery as it is at present, it could only be conducted with great difficulty and in a way which must cause needless pain to those attending it.

No. 264-C.

Forwarded to the Ecclesiastical Department for the approval of Government with reference to G.O., No. 92, Ecclesiastical, dated 17th December 1892.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Colonel, R.E.,
24*th January* 1895. *Secretary to Government, P.W.D.*

No. 165.

Forwarded to the Venerable the Archdeacon for countersignature of plans and estimates if approved.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
30*th January* 1895. *Chief Secretary.*

From the Venerable W. WESTON ELWES, M.A., Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 11th February 1895, No. 2025.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement, No. 165, dated 30th January 1895, on current, Ecclesiastical Department, No. 25, and to return enclosed and countersigned plans and estimates, amounting to Rs. 3,392, for converting "the old burial-ground into a new cemetery and erecting a mortuary shed within its compound at Kurnool."

No. 312.

Referred to the Collector of Kurnool for remarks and for report whether the expenditure of so large a sum is absolutely necessary. The number of interments during each of the past three years should be stated.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
15*th February* 1895. *Chief Secretary*

From A. C. TATE, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Taggali, 10th May 1895, Dis. No. 838-Eng.

I have the honour to return your endorsement, dated 15th February 1895, No. 312, and its enclosures, on the subject of the cemetery at Kurnool and to state that I cannot recommend the expenditure of any more money on the present grave-yard.

2. The place appears to be quite unsuitable for use as a cemetery as it is a bed of hard slate covered by black-cotton soil to the depth of only two or three feet. I enclose for reference a plan showing numerous trial pits dug under the direction of the Executive Engineer. The greatest depth of soil is 3′ 9″ and the shallowest 1′ 3″. Out of fourteen trial pits dug, only four show a depth of 3′.

3. Other objections to the site are mentioned in the District Judge's letter, dated 31st March 1895, of which I enclose a copy.

4. It is to be regretted that so much money has been already expended on this unsuitable site. A grave-yard is a necessity however, and I request that I may be permitted to select another site for one in a suitable place.

5. Regarding the estimate now returned, the Executive Engineer reports that it may be very largely reduced by substituting a small plain building costing Rs. 300 for the proposed mortuary chapel which he considers a great extravagance.

6. The number of interments of European and Eurasian Christians during the last three years, so far as I have been able to ascertain, are four in 1892, seven in 1893, and one in 1894.

Enclosure.

From the District Judge, Kurnool, to the Collector of Kurnool, dated 31st March 1895.

I have the honour to return herewith the papers connected with the new cemetery on the Nidzur road.

I think that the place chosen is obviously unfit for several reasons, and that no more money ought to be spent until it is clear that no better site can be found.

(*a*) The soil is less than a yard deep and rests on hard slate.

(*b*) It is below the level of the canal and surrounded by wet fields. It will therefore be miry for a great part of the year. The soil is black clay.

(*c*) It is out of the way and sure to be neglected Nobody goes along that road except ryots carting grain or dung. There is often an intolerable stench from the adjoining fields which are manured with town refuse. The cemetery ought to be at the side of a road frequently traversed by Europeans and Police constables.

No. 1106.

The site referred to by the Collector is apparently that sanctioned in G.O., No. 92, dated 17th December 1892; but it was understood from the Collector's No. 588 of the 7th March 1894, that that site had been abandoned and the acquisition of another site at a cost of Rs. 220 was sanctioned in G.O., No. 27, dated 4th April 1894. The Collector is requested to report exactly how matters stand and what expenditure has been incurred up to date. Nothing further should be done pending orders.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

22*nd May* 1895.

To the Collector of Kurnool.

From A. C. TATE, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 15th June 1895, No. 1075.

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