

Public Works (1897), Department.

G.O., No. 84. W.

DATED 9. January

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Officers: Pro. Ecclesiastical Dept requesting
the P.W.D. to direct the attention of all officers
to the pecuniary responsibility they incur in
respect of public money unnecessarily ex-
pended owing to carelessness. Comd. to
all officers of the P.W.D. for guidance.

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Officers

Proceedings, Ecclesiastical Department, requesting the Public Works Department to direct the attention of all officers to the pecuniary responsibility they incur in respect of public money unnecessarily expended owing to carelessness, communicated to all officers of the Public Works Department for guidance.

No. 84 W., 9TH JANUARY 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following paper:—

G.O., No. 91, Ecclesiastical, dated 4th December 1896.

Order—No. 91, Ecclesiastical, dated 4th December 1896.

After a careful review of all the circumstances of the case, His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that Mr. . . . committed a grave error of judgment in not reporting at once the unsuitability of the site selected by Mr. . . . for the cemetery. Mr. . . . was well aware that there was rock near the surface of the site, and it was his duty to report the fact. The direct result of his omission to do this has been the useless expenditure of Rs. 1,700. His Excellency the Governor in Council, therefore, while acquitting Mr. . . . of such gross carelessness as would justify the recovery from him of the money uselessly expended, considers that his conduct cannot be allowed to pass without reprimand, and directs that he be censured accordingly.

2. The Public Works Department will be requested to direct the attention of all its officers to the pecuniary responsibility they incur in respect of public money unnecessarily expended owing to carelessness.

(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

ORDER—No. 84 W., dated 9th January 1897.

Communicated to all officers of the Public Works Department for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Superintending Engineers.
" the Superintending Engineer on Special duty.
" the Consulting Architect to Government.
" the Executive Engineer, Light-house division.
" the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" the Examiner, Railway Accounts.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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C. S. for Rail
Superintending
S. S. on Special duty
C. A. to Govt
S. E. Light-house
Examiner P.W. Accounts
Examiner Railway Accounts

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G.O., No. 91, 4th December 1896.

DECEMBER.

Site for the Kurnool Cemetery.

Agreeing with the Collector, with remarks, that the spot selected by him between the toll-gate on the Gooty road and the land on which the new taluk cutcherry is to be built should be utilized for the purposes of a cemetery, the Budhavarapet site being objectionable on sanitary grounds; and requesting the Public Works Department to direct the attention of all its officers to the pecuniary responsibility they incur in respect of public money unnecessarily expended owing to carelessness.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., No. 88, Ecclesiastical, dated 23rd November 1895.

READ—also the following papers:—

From the Public Works Department, No. 985 C., dated 19th February 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Transferring a letter from the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, forwarding a report from the Executive Engineer, Tanjore Division, explaining the extent to which he was concerned in the selection of a site for the Kurnool cemetery.

From the Collector of Kurnool, No. 637, dated 8th June 1896.

From C. M. MULLALY, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th June 1896, Dis. No. 887-Eng.

In reply to Government memorandum, No. 763, dated 6th April 1896, I have the honour to state that an experimental grave measuring 7' x 3' was dug on the site recently walled in at a cost of Rs. 10-12-5. The excavation was carried to a depth of 6 feet, the upper half of which has been found to be earth and the lower half rock. A copy of the Executive Engineer's report is enclosed, from which it will be seen that it takes ten days to dig a grave. The Executive Engineer does not condemn the old site altogether, but recommends a small, new graveyard in addition, to meet possible emergencies.

2. As directed in G.O., No. 88, Ecclesiastical, dated 23rd November 1895, I, in company with Mr. Thorburn, the District Judge and Senior Lay Trustee, inspected two sites; the first is an extension of the existing cemetery at Budhavarpet and the other a spot between the toll-gate and the site for the new taluk cutcherry.

3. The accompanying plan drawn to scale clearly shows the proposed extension. The Judge, the present District Medical and Sanitary Officer, the Divisional officer and the Tahsildar are all in favour of this extension, but the inhabitants of Budhavarpet object and have presented a mahazar which is enclosed for perusal and return.

4. The first objection of the petitioners is that the extension will bring the cemetery close to their houses and block up their way. It is true that the extension will bring the cemetery somewhat close to their houses, but it will not block up the way, for a space of 25 feet in width at the narrowest point will be left for the road.

5. The next objection is that the proposal is objectionable on sanitary grounds. As stated above, the present District Medical and Sanitary Officer is in favour of the proposal, but as the site lies within municipal limits the opinion of the municipal council was invited, and the Chairman refers to Dr. King's objections on sanitary grounds, raised when he was in medical charge of this district—*vide* his letters, Nos. 903 and 2, dated 7th December 1889 and 2nd January 1890, respectively, copies of which are enclosed. As the opinions of the two District Medical and Sanitary Officers clashed with each other, I sent Dr. King's letters for the remarks of Dr. Patch, but he still adheres to his former opinion and states that, as it would be futile now to refer the matter to Dr. King again, the proposal had better be abandoned.

6. The last objection of the petitioners is that the extension is objectionable because it will interfere with the temple of Sunkalamma, which is situated at the south-eastern corner. The so-called temple is only a heap of stones, and a glance at the plan shows that it will be excluded.

7. Thus, it will be seen that the extension is wanted by both the Lay Trustees (the District Judge and the District Medical and Sanitary Officer) and they are supported by the Divisional officer and the Tahsildar. There are several considerations in favour of this proposal. It is an extension of the cemetery now in use; it will be very convenient; the cost will be slight, and it will be easy to keep in order; but, on the other hand, it has been condemned by Dr. King and is objected to by the adjacent house-holders.

8. The other site is situated between the toll-gate on the Gooty road and the site selected for the new Ramallakot taluk cutcherry. The Assistant Sanitary Engineer now here is in favour of this site, and the two Lay Trustees consider it the best alternative site. I have asked the Executive Engineer to test its suitability by digging trial graves, and I will submit a further report as soon as I hear from him.

9. I request that the enclosed bill of costs (Rs. 10-12-5) incurred in digging the trial grave may be sanctioned.

10. On the 29th instant, I showed all the three sites to Mr. Keeling, Acting Chaplain of Bellary. He is of opinion that the site recently walled in is unsuitable and that either of the remaining will do. Of these last two, he gives preference to the last, viz., the one between the toll-gate and the new taluk cutcherry site, and I agree with him provided the soil is sufficiently deep.

From C. M. MULLALY, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 23rd July 1896, Dis. No. 1033-Eng.

In continuation of paragraph 8 of my letter, Dis. No. 837-Eng. of 1896, dated 30th June 1896, I have the honour to report that field, No. 884-B, of Kallur village, situated near the Gooty road toll-gate and measuring 2.15 acres, has been selected. A trial pit dug shows the surface soil to be clayey to a depth of five feet and the next foot is gravel. The Public Works Department Sub-divisional officer under whose instructions the pit was dug states that the site is suitable for a cemetery, and myself and the Divisional officer are of the same opinion after a personal inspection of it.

2. I enclose a rough sketch of the site and its surroundings submitted by the Divisional officer. From this it will be seen that it is proposed to have the cemetery not quite close to the new taluk cutcherry which has been proposed to be built on field, No. 883-A, but at a short distance from it, with two fields intervening.

3. The bill of costs referred to in paragraph 9 of my report is now submitted for early sanction.

From the Collector of Kurnool, No. 1812, dated 26th August 1896.

" " " " 1812 " 16th October "

" Public Works Dept. " 3828 C. " 30th " "

ORDER—No. 91, Ecclesiastical, dated 4th December 1896.

After a careful review of all the circumstances of the case, His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that Mr. Johnston committed a grave error of judgment in not reporting at once the unsuitability of the site selected by Mr. Keeling for the cemetery. Mr. Johnston was well aware that there was rock near the surface of the site, and it was his duty to report the fact. The direct result of his omission

to do this has been the useless expenditure of Rs. 1,700. His Excellency the Governor in Council, therefore, while acquitting Mr. Johnston of such gross carelessness as would justify the recovery from him of the money uselessly expended, considers that his conduct cannot be allowed to pass without reprimand, and directs that he be censured accordingly.

2. The Public Works Department will be requested to direct the attention of all its officers to the pecuniary responsibility they incur in respect of public money unnecessarily expended owing to carelessness.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council recognizes the sanitary objections that exist to the Budhavarapet site for a new cemetery and agrees with the Collector that the spot selected by him, lying between the toll-gate on the Gooty road and the land on which the new taluk cutcherry is to be built, should be utilized for the purpose. The Executive Engineer should satisfy himself and the Collector that there is sufficient depth of soil in the proposed site. The Collector will then take steps in view to the submission of the requisite plan and estimate for enclosing and laying out the ground.

4. The bill for Rs. 10-12-5 for excavating a grave in the condemned site was prepared and signed by the Executive Engineer of the Kurnool district and will be transferred to the Public Works Department for adjustment.

(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
„ Collector of Kurnool.