

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 3389 W

DATED ²⁰23 Dec 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

St Thomas' Cemetery, Kodaikanal.

*Reducing the estimate of Rs 6000 for
improvements to — to Rs 5,520*

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

5. The work should be put in hand at once, ^W D. W.
 May 11 21/1/99 *W. B. S.*
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To The C. A. to Govt. ✓
 „ Examr. P.W. Accounts. ✓
 „ Ecclesiastical Deptt. ✓
 „ Revenue Deptt. ✓

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G.O., No. 160, 23rd November 1899.

NOVEMBER.

St. Thomas' Cemetery, Ootacamund.

Approving, with remark, the proposals of the Chief Engineer in respect of the proposed improvements to the —; stating that the Government of India will be requested to sanction the grant of a conveyance allowance of Rs. 15 per month to the Curator of the Government Botanical Gardens at Ootacamund for his supervision of the work of the establishment of —; and sanctioning an increase in the pay of the establishment for the future upkeep of the cemetery.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., Nos. 3291, 3292, Revenue, dated 29th June 1897.

G.O., No. 4680, Revenue, dated 6th September 1897.

G.O., No. 29, Ecclesiastical, dated 23rd February 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to all officers concerned, for information and guidance, the revised Ecclesiastical rules received with Government of India letter No. 213, dated 8th June 1897, as amended by Government, and directing republication of the same in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

G.O., No. 19, Ecclesiastical, dated 14th February 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Sanctioning, with remarks, the entertainment of permanent assistant coolies on Rs. 4 per mensem for St. Thomas' Cemetery, Ootacamund.

READ—also the following paper:—

Endorsement from the Public Works Department, No. 1357-D, dated 10th October 1899.

Transferring to the Ecclesiastical Department papers regarding certain improvements proposed to be made in the St. Thomas' Cemetery, Ootacamund.

No. 1355 D.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

I beg to submit herewith, for the orders of Government, an estimate, amounting to Rs. 6,000, for carrying out the requisite improvements to St. Thomas' Cemetery, Ootacamund. The estimate has been prepared from data supplied by Mr. Proudlock, with whom and with the Chaplain I have gone carefully into the matter. The estimate provides for labour for a working year, for purchase of the necessary tools, manure and seeds, and for remuneration to Mr. Proudlock. I believe it contains nothing that is not really necessary that for Rs. 6,000 the cemetery can be placed in thoroughly good order, and that the end to be attained is well worth the expenditure of that sum.

2. It will be seen that I have entered two sums as remuneration to Mr. Proudlock, one for 12 months' supervision of the improvements at Rs. 30 per mensem, and one for ditto for the year already passed at Rs. 10 per mensem. The former amount is the conveyance allowance allowed to upper subordinates in the Public Works Department, when they have a considerable amount of travelling at head-quarters. While the work is in progress, Mr. Proudlock will have to visit it once daily at least, and I certainly think that he should receive adequate remuneration for carriage hire. The second item is for his supervision of the Adam Memorial which he has been

attending to throughout the past year, *i.e.*, since October 1898, and for which he has received no remuneration. It is work entirely outside his proper duties, and I think he should be compensated for it. I have therefore entered Rs. 10 per mensem.

3. Of the Rs. 6,000 required for improvements, it is suggested that Rs. 2,000 may be allotted at once to enable the work to proceed immediately. The latter amount can be provided from the reserve with the Public Works Department under 45. Civil Works, and the balance can be provided by the Public Works Department next year.

4. The question of the future maintenance of the cemetery when it has been improved now remains to be considered. The Chaplain must, of course, remain in supreme control of the cemetery, but I think he should also have the assistance and advice of the Curator of Government Gardens, and an adequate staff of gardeners, if the cemetery is not to relapse into its present condition.

5. I have ascertained from the Chaplain that the present staff consists of—

	Pay.
	RS.
One sexton in charge	11
One head gardener	9
Two under gardeners	8 each,

or a total of Rs. 36 per month, of which Rs. 9 is paid by Government and Rs. 27 by private funds. He also informs me that the cemetery fees remitted to Government in 1898-99 amounted to Rs. 584-12-0, and from April to September 1899 (inclusive) to Rs. 259-14-0. Government therefore makes a profit out of the cemetery at present of about Rs. 400 per annum. I think it might forego this profit and add a small grant in-aid in addition, to enable a proper establishment to be maintained for the upkeep of the cemetery. The area of the latter exceeds 6 acres, and five gardeners seem the least number necessary for its maintenance. I give below the present and proposed staff:—

Present Staff.				Proposed Staff.				Remarks.
No.	Designation.	Pay.	Amount.	No.	Designation.	Pay.	Amount.	
		RS.	RS.			RS.	RS.	
1	Sexton	11	132	1	Curator	20	240	For general supervision.
				1	Sexton	16	192	Increase of pay because of increase of duties. The sexton supervises the gardeners.
1	Head gardener	9	108	1	Head gardener	10	120	Increase of pay because of increase of duties.
2	Under gardeners	8 each.	192	2	Under gardeners	9 each.	216	Do.
				2	Do.	8	192	Extra.
					Sundries		40	For seeds, &c.
	Total		432		Total		1,000	

The proposed staff will cost Rs. 1,000 per annum or Rs. 563 in excess of present staff. It can be met from the following sources:—

	RS.
Cemetery fees	500
Private funds	324 as at present.
Government grant	176
Total	1,000

(Signed) W. B. DEWINTON,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

10th October 1899.

ENCLOSURES.

Improvements to St. Thomas' Cemetery, Ootacamund.

Estimate Form—Abstract.

Quantity.	Description of work.	Rate.	Per	Amount.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6
		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	RS.
30	Men coolies for 300 days	0 5 0	Day	2,813 0 0	2,813
300	Cart-loads of manure	2 0 0	Load	600 0 0	600
1,225 lbs.	Lawn seeds	1 0 0	lb.	1,225 0 0	1,225
1	Shanks, 14" Caledonian lawn mower	75 0 0	Each	75 0 0	..
1	Garden roller	100 0 0	"	100 0 0	..
6	Grubbing picks	3 8 0	"	21 0 0	..
1	Grub axe	3 8 0	"	3 8 0	..
8	Fork momaties	2 0 0	"	16 0 0	..
12	Momaties	1 8 0	"	18 0 0	..
4	Round-mouthed shovels	3 0 0	"	12 0 0	..
1	Spade	4 0 0	"	4 0 0	..
1	Crowbar	2 0 0	"	2 0 0	..
2	Axes	3 4 0	"	6 8 0	..
1	Bill-hook	2 8 0	"	2 8 0	..
1	Cross-cut saw	7 8 0	"	7 8 0	..
1	Small hand saw	3 8 0	"	3 8 0	..
1	100% Manilla rope	15 0 0	"	15 0 0	..
24	Baskets	0 2 0	"	3 0 0	..
3	Iron rakes	1 8 0	"	4 8 0	..
1	Edging iron	3 8 0	"	3 8 0	..
2	Scythes	7 8 0	"	15 0 0	..
12	Scythe-sharpening stones	0 8 0	"	6 0 0	..
2	Turnip hoes	0 8 0	"	1 0 0	..
2	Pruning knives	2 8 0	"	5 0 0	..
1	Garden line	2 8 0	"	2 8 0	327
100 ft.	Garden hoes	1 0 0	Foot	100 0 0	100
3	Stand pipes	50 0 0	Each	150 0 0	150
	Twelve months' supervision by Government Curator	30 0 0	Month	360 0 0	360
	Do. do. October 1st, 1898, to September 30th, 1899.	..	..	10 0 0	120
	Contingencies	..	..	..	305
	Grand total of estimate	..	..	..	6,000

Deduct the items 480

Net amount sanctioned 5,520

Report to accompany Estimate for Improvements to St. Thomas' Cemetery, Ootacamund.

The cemetery is now a wilderness of rough ground and tussocky grass. It is proposed to improve it by—

- (1) terracing where the ground is suitable;
- (2) sloping it uniformly where the ground is too steep for terracing;
- (3) removing rough unproductive soil and replacing with good soil;
- (4) sowing lawn grass seeds everywhere to produce a good sward;
- (5) realigning some of the existing paths and making some new ones.

It is proposed to place the work in charge of the Curator, Government Gardens, Ootacamund, he being an expert in such matters. It will also, it is thought, be necessary to place the cemetery, in future, under his general supervision, subject to the control of the Chaplain, to prevent its returning to its present condition.

ORDER—No. 160, Ecclesiastical, dated 23rd November 1899.

The Governor in Council approves of the proposals of the Chief Engineer in respect of the proposed improvements to St. Thomas' Cemetery, Ootacamund, except as regards the remuneration proposed to be paid to Mr. Proudlock for work done and to be done hereafter, to which the Curator is not entitled, the terms of his agreement requiring him to perform such duties as part of his legitimate work and without extra allowances. Government has no objection, however, to the Curator being given a

conveyance allowance of Rs. 15 per mensem under article 1198 of the Civil Service Regulations in respect of his supervision of the work of the establishment of St. Thomas' Cemetery, and to this allowance the necessary sanction of the Government of India will be requested. Subject to these remarks the estimate is sanctioned.

2. With reference to the proposals for increasing the establishment for the future upkeep of the cemetery, the Chief Engineer's attention will be drawn to paragraph 2 (ii) of the Resolution of the Government of India, No. 6—370—382, Ecclesiastical, dated 9th November 1876, printed in the additional appendix to G.O., No. 29, Ecclesiastical, dated 23rd February 1898, under which the establishment which may be maintained for this cemetery is limited to one mali chowkidar and one assistant coolie. The pay at present drawn from Government by this establishment is Rs. 5 and Rs. 4 respectively. These amounts will now be increased to Rs. 10 and Rs. 9, respectively, with effect from the date of this order.

3. The following letter will be addressed to the Government of India.

[Here enter letter No 161, Ecclesiastical, dated 23rd November 1899].

(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department. ✓
 " Revenue Department.
 " Accountant-General.
 " Venerable the Archdeacon.

Exd. C. M. Thambuswamy.

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