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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
6th July 1866.

No. 27. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Coimbatore, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Coimbatore, 26th June 1866, No. 55.

In continuation of my letter of the 11th instant, No. 50, I beg to forward, for the disposal of Government, a letter from the Joint Magistrate of Ootacamund soliciting instructions as to the source from which funds are to be provided for the expenses attending the burial of pauper Eurasians who may die at Ootacamund without friends or relations. A Eurasian died on the night of the 15th instant at Ootacamund, the expenses attending his burial were defrayed by the Archdeacon from some Charity Fund in his possession; but it is not to be expected that funds of this nature will always be available, and it therefore becomes necessary that they should be supplied from some certain source.

From the Joint Magistrate of Ootacamund, to the Collector and Magistrate of Coimbatore; dated Ootacamund, 22nd June 1866, No. 64.

In my letter to your address, No. 56, of 30th May 1866, I had the honor to request information from you as to who was the authority responsible for the arrangement of the burial of pauper Europeans who might die at Ootacamund, and I have now to bring to your notice the subject of pauper Eurasians who may also die at Ootacamund without friends or relations to perform the last duty for them; and I beg you will be so good as to solicit Orders from Government as to who the authority is who should make arrangements for their burial, and from whence the expence should be defrayed.

2. I would not again have troubled you so soon regarding the burial of paupers, but a case has lately occurred of a pauper Eurasian having died in Hospital, which renders it necessary for me to address you on the subject, although it may not be my duty so to do as Joint Magistrate.

3. With reference to the deceased Eurasian, it would appear by Surgeon Colvin Smith's Report to me, dated 16th June 1866, that he died at 8 o'clock on the night of the 15th June, only two hours after his admittance into Hospital: sent there very probably in a dying state, in order that the trouble and expense of his funeral might fall on the Hospital authorities.

4. Dr. Smith reported the circumstance to me as Joint Magistrate; but my Court being entirely a Criminal one, it was not my duty to arrange for the burial of the pauper Eurasian, neither had I any authority to apply to the Treasury for the expense thereof; however, rather than that there should be any unseemly delay in the burial of deceased, as occurred in the case of the burial of the late European Mr. Cadwallader, reported in my letter No. 56 of 30th May 1866, I applied to the Venerable the Archdeacon hoping that he might be able to assist Dr. Smith with funds to defray the expense of the burial of the Eurasian, and as the Archdeacon was so good as to offer to pay the same from a Charity Fund, the deceased was buried in proper time in the Protestant burying ground.

5. I beg to submit that the Hospital cannot afford to defray the expenses of the burial of paupers who may die there; and I doubt very much whether the Venerable the Archdeacon will always be enabled to assist from the Charity Fund under his charge, especially as the increase of Coffee and Chinchona Plantations brings numbers of poor Europeans and Eurasians to the Neilgherry Hills, Wynaad, &c., who may arrive at Ootacamund in a dying state from feverish plantations having no other place than the Hospital to take refuge in.

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, 6th July 1866, No. 679.

The Order of Government of the 27th ultimo, No. 640, providing for the interment of Europeans dying in indigent circumstances will be considered to apply equally to Eurasians.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of
,, Accountant General.
Exd. R. H. Lee.

27 June 1866 No. 144 @ 146.

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From
The Magistrate of
Canton

To The Chief Secretary
Government

26 June 1866
No 24 July

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