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Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
28th August 1866.

No. 180. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 7th August 1866, No. 1981.

Authorizing the expenditure of Rupees
6000 on local Public Works in Calicut,
to relieve the poor, a moiety of that
sum being refunded by the Municipality by four annual instalments. } (Vide Proceedings, Revenue Department,
dated 7th August 1866, Nos. 157 &
158.)

No. 181. ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1866, No. 869.

To be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

*the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th August 1866.*

Following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated August 1866, No. 107 :—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your telegram, requiring fulfillment of the 31st ultimo, in which I proposed that, to alleviate the distress in this town, local Public Works should be immediately undertaken if Government would contribute moiety of the amount. The Municipality would immediately commence works to the extent of Rs 6,000.

I replied yesterday on receipt of your telegram, because I wished to inform the Commissioners before addressing you in detail. I accordingly conveyed my opinion and now beg to say that the Commissioners are strongly of opinion that the prevailing scarcity and high prices in Calicut require that local Public Works be commenced at once to give employment to the laboring classes now in want.

3. The Commissioners consider that the works noted* should be immediately undertaken, and earnestly trust that under the circumstances Government will assist them :—

* The works noted* are the works on the Kalai river to the extent of Rs 10,000 and earth-work for a distance of 10 miles.

Advancing funds to start and carry out the works to the extent above said, a moiety of the money thus expended to be repaid to Government by the Commissioners in four equal annual instalments, from 1867 to 1870, both inclusive.

to do with our money in a few years, that we may be able to do so.

We state that for the last week or so prices have ranged at from Rs 1 to Rs 2 the Rupee; as far as I can learn there is no large supply of rice in the District. We cannot look for the coast being opened for a month.

Scarcity prevail in the interior of the District, and we can get no rice from the eastward.

The Government are well supplied in the eastern Districts, and to them must be added the cost of transport and further agency expenses, before the cost likely to rule here is arrived at.

The period at which our rains commenced destroyed the minority of the crops, petty in detail but considerable in the aggregate, and we look to for sustenance at this period.

by the monsoon so that trade is at a stand-still. The trade which from December to May show such healthy activity and

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th August 1866.*

feed so many mouths, do nothing at this season. There are no active agricultural operations. The rice crop now growing, and though late, looking very well, will not be harvested till the end of September or till October.

6. The consequence of excessive prices at this particularly slack season can easily be imagined.

The numbers of poor people suffering from insufficient food are rapidly increasing. Our houses are beset by crowds, not of professional beggars (though of course they make the most of their opportunities), but by people many of whom are too old or too young to do much, but many of whom are fit for work and would be only thankful to get work given.

Upwards of Rupees 1,600 was subscribed at the meeting, and the circulation of the subscription lists will doubtless produce considerable further sums.

A meeting of the community has just been held, at which measures for considerable local relief have been adopted. Private individuals have been assisting the poor very liberally for some time.

But it seems to me essentially necessary—and that is the feeling of the community of the place—that to supplement these charitable efforts, local works should be immediately commenced, and that every day's delay in commencing them is matter for grave regret.

7. The works selected by the Municipal Commissioners will be useful generally, and are of a nature to afford work to unskilled laborers.

8. The canal in question was excavated some ten years ago, but it is not thoroughly completed and was allowed to fall into great disrepair; so that now it is quite useless, and an objectionable nuisance. It will be eminently useful if put in order. The Range Officer has been requested to prepare an estimate for its re-excavation. It is difficult to speak with precision, but it is probable that from Rupees 2,000 to Rupees 3,000 will put the canal in fair order and be profitably spent in the course of the next two months or so, if sanction is at once accorded.

The Range Officer can commence at once if permitted.

9. The long coast line of the Municipality very much wants a road to be opened for its whole length. Cocoanuts, irregularly scattered huts, and unauthorized enclosures now run down along greater part of the line to near high-water mark, and the sea-shore is the latrine of the crowded neighbourhood. The Municipal Commissioners propose gradually to open a fine line of road close and parallel to the coast, and make such conservancy arrangements, as besides its importance as a much needed communication, will render it a place of healthy and agreeable resort. Sections of this road will be at once taken up, if the propositions now made are approved.

10. We shall probably make arrangements for paying the labor immediately employed, partly, at any rate, in grain; and whilst giving emergently called for relief, secure what will be really beneficial Public Works.

11. I solicit communication of orders by telegram, for indeed every day is precious.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th August 1866.*

No. 158.

ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1866, No. 1,981.

Miscellaneous.

Under the circumstances stated, the Government resolve, as a *special* case, to place Rupees 6,000 at the disposal of the Collector, a moiety of the sum to be re-paid by the Municipality of Calicut, as proposed.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
20th July 1867.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 207. Petition from Mahomed Meerah La, a Merchant at Madras, dated 11th June 1867.

ABSTRACT.—States that the petitioner purchased a piece of ground, and erected thereon a Mosque, cemetery, and a vault, and interred in the cemetery the remains of Mussulmen till the new Act directing the close of burial grounds, came into force, and that the Municipal Commissioners, to whom he applied for permission for interring his remains in his own vault in the said cemetery, declined to comply with his request, with reference to Government Order of 25th September 1861, No. 1342.

Prays for permission for interring his remains in the vault.

No. 1487.

Referred to the Municipal Commissioners for the town of Madras, who are requested to state whether, looking to the exceptional circumstances of the case, which, if true, would appear to entitle the petitioner's request to consideration, they will be prepared to grant the necessary permission.

By Order.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
5th July 1867.

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Actg. Under Secy. to Govt.

No. 208. From the Municipal Commissioners for the town of Madras, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 12th July 1867.

In returning the petition of Mahomed Meerah La, received under docket No. 1487 of 1867, we have the honor to state that, under the peculiar and exceptional circumstances of the case, there appears to be no objection for a special license being granted to the petitioner, for his body to be interred, on his demise, in the burial ground attached to the Mosque in Ungappa Naick Street, Black Town, and if Government will grant exemption to the petitioner from the operation of their Order, No. 1342, dated 23rd September 1861, we shall be prepared to issue the necessary license, when required, for the purpose mentioned.

No. 209. ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1867, No. 869.

Under the exceptional circumstances of the case, the Governor in Council authorizes the Commissioners for the Municipality of Madras to grant a special license to Mahomed Meerah La, for the interment of his body, on his demise, in the burial ground attached to the Mosque in Ungappa Naick Street, Black Town.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Madras Municipal Commission.
To Mahomed Meerah La.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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To
The Acting Chief Secretary to
Government.
Sir,
Fort St George

In returning the petition of
Mahomed Inayat La received under
order No 1487 of 1867, we have the honor
to state that under the peculiar and
exceptional circumstances of the case,
there appears to be no objection for a
special license being granted to the
Petitioner, for his body to be interred on
his demise in the burial ground attached
to the Mosque in Angappa Naick Street
Black Town, and if Government will
grant exemption to the Petitioner from the
operation of their Order No 1342 dated 23rd
September 1866, we shall be prepared to
issue the necessary license, when required
for the purpose mentioned.

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Charles Dennis President

A. S. Allen

Municipal Commissioners
for the Town of Madras

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Protectors Office.
Madras 22nd May 1867.

From John J. Franklin Esqre.
Protector of Emigrants.

To The Honorable A. J. Arbutnot.
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you -
that in compliance with the instructions
conveyed in Proceedings of Government of
the 3rd instant, N^o 499, the British Consular
~~Agent at Pondicherry was called on for~~
such explanation as he might have to offer
regarding the statement of the emigrants
who arrived at Paimon in the "Northumbrian"
to the effect that they had no opportunity
of communicating with him before they
embarked.

Mr. Norfords reply in original is
herewith forwarded.

I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most obed^t Servant.

John J. Franklin
Protector of Emigrants

N^o 172.

From B. J. Norfor Esq^r,
British Consular Agent
Pondicherry.

To The Protection of Emigrants,
Madras.

I have the honor to acknow-
ledge the receipt of the Government
Order of the 3rd Instant N^o 499 giving
cover to copies of despatches from the
Right Honorable the Secretary of State
for India, and the under Secretarys
letter, together with correspondence
from Her Majesty's Consul in Rangoon.
In reply to Para 2 of the
under Secretarys letter regarding ex-
planation respecting the statement
of certain emigrants embarked on the
ship "Polaris" for Rangoon, to the effect
that they were defrauded of 3 Rupees
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"I did not visit the Depot during the fortnight previous to their embarkation".

They to say that the statements made are not correct. I generally inspect the Depot once a week - and the men must have seen me. Besides this, at the time of embarkation they are called up one by one to receive their Engagement Papers - on this occasion - they come to a table at which are seated, the Government Commissioner of Emigration - the Emigration Agent - and myself. Here each man is questioned for the last time as to his willingness to Emigrate &c. and if he has any complaint we are bound to attend to it.

This was another, and good opportunity for them to have spoken, but the men of this Vessel made no complaints of any kind.

3. I hope it will be seen from the foregoing that the men do not state the truth when they say they had no opportunity to complain.

They have every opportunity but strange to say they keep silence, and thus is the great difficulty I have to contend with. In Para 2 of Consul's letter they say "We complained to Mr. [Name] and he only made reply - 'Why did you let the Trustees take the

Lordship in Council will take the perusal of this Memorial into your Lordship's most favourable consideration and grant to your Petitioner an order to inter his remains in his own vault in Wingham Lane Street which must be before long, being an aged man above 90 years old. And for which act of Benevolence your Petitioner will be most extremely obliged, and as in duty shall ever pray. Your Petitioner now begs leave to subscribe himself as your Lordship's most obedient and humble servant.

Mahomed Meerah &c.

Madras.
11th June 1867.

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Public Dep^t.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read abstract of Petition No 1487 of 1867.

Read also the following letter from the Municipal Commis-
sion for the Town of Madras, dated 12th July 1867.

Order No 889 of 20 July 1867 No 889

Under the exceptional circumstances
of the case the Governor in Council
authorize the Commissioners for the
Municipality of Madras, to grant
a special license to Mahomed
Inerali Sa, for the interment of
his body, on his demise, in the
burial ground attached to the
Mosque in Mangappa Naik Street
Black Town.

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To the President of the Madras
Municipal Commission.

To the Petitioner.

Mahomed Inerali Sa.

For interment of his remains
in his own burial ground
the said cemetery at eland
to comply with his request
with reference to the
order of 25th Dec 1861 No 1487
I have for the same reason
for interment of his remains
in the said cemetery.

No 1487 of 1867
To the President of the Madras
Municipal Commission
I have for the same reason
for interment of his remains
in the said cemetery.

Under the No 1487 of 1867
I have for the same reason
for interment of his remains
in the said cemetery.

Copy to
No 1487 of 1867

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By Order
12 July 1867
No 1487 of 1867

Ordered by the Municipal Commissioners for the Town
of Madras who are requested to state whether, looking to the excep-
tional circumstances of the case, which if true would appear to
entitle the Petitioner's request to consideration, they will be prepared
to grant the necessary permission.

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