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Government of Madras.

Rev. DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 5-11- 1859

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No. 51. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department; dated 28th October 1859, No. 3821.

Ordering that immediate orders be issued to close the Mahomedan burial ground close to the late Colonel Davidson's house at Karnúl and to select a new site for it.

(Vide Military Proceedings from 22d to 31st October 1859, Nos. 187-188.)

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1859, No. 1502.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, who will issue immediate instructions to the Collector of Karnúl to prevent interments in the burial ground referred to, and to allot another and an unobjectionable spot, in communication with the Medical officer, for the purposes of a Mahomedan burial ground. The Collector will be instructed to consider this order as absolute, and to act on it promptly and exactly.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—

From the Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 27th October 1859, *No.* 409; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

The Officer Commanding Ceded Districts* has forwarded to this Department a correspondence, the substance of which is as follows:—

* *In letter No.* 187 *of the 22nd October* 1859.

Assistant Surgeon Lee in the month of May last represented to the Magistrate of Kurnool, that the stench proceeding from the Mahomedan burial ground close to the late Colonel Davidson's house was most obnoxious, and recommended that future interments therein should be forbidden.—The Magistrate replied stating, that the Police Ameen had been directed to warn the Mahomedan inhabitants of Kurnool that if they did not dig their graves 4 feet deep, future interments would not be permitted.—On the 18th October 1859, Assistant Surgeon Ratton, the Sanitary Officer, addressed the Officer Commanding Kurnool saying, that a continuation of burials in the old Mahomedan Cemetery was fraught with imminent danger to the health and lives of persons inhabiting the Fort, and more especially to the Officers (Lieutenants Sewell and McGown) living in the late Colonel Davidson's house, scarcely 50 yards from the burial ground.—Those Officers stated that when the wind was from the westward, the Effluvia was, at times, particularly offensive: that, notwithstanding the positive orders of the Collector to the contrary, they had themselves witnessed the interment of a corpse (supposed to be a cholera case) in a grave not deeper than 2 feet:—The Assistant Surgeon recommends that future interments may be interdicted, and a fresh piece of ground, at a reasonable distance from the station, selected:—The Officer Commanding Kurnool fully sustains the recommendation of the Sanitary Officer, and adds that he attributes the frequency of cholera in the station, in great part to the proximity of the burial ground, the soil of which it is stated, is only 2 feet deep over Rock thereby preventing interments of the proper depth.

2. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is of opinion, that, under all the circumstances of the case, it will be best to close the ground, and to choose a site for a new place of interment, and he suggests, that Government call upon the Collector to do so accordingly, in communication with the Officer Commanding the Station.

ORDER, No. 3821, *28th October* 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Revenue Department, in view to immediate orders being issued to close the burial ground in question, and for a new site being selected at a reasonable distance, for a place of interment, as proposed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(True Extract.)

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department,
" Quarter Master General.

With 20 Spare Copies

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt in the Military Department.

Dated 28 October &
Recd 3d November 1859

Ordering that immediate orders be issued to close the Mahomedan burial ground close to the late Coll Davidson's house at Nuruil and to select a new site for it—

No 1502. 5th November.

Write an order

No 51 to 52.

No 1502
Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, who will issue immediate instructions to the Coll. of Tanjore to prevent interments in the burial ground referred to, & to allot another and an unobjectionable spot, in communication with the Medical officer, for the purposes of a Mahomedan burial ground. The Coll. will be instructed to consider this order as absolute, and to act on it promptly & exactly.

Fort St. Geo. —
5th November 1859

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