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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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6th August 1863.*

No. 80. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th July 1868, No. 5,134:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 1st May 1868, No. 437.

1. The cemetery attached to the Protestant Church of St. Paul, in the town of Mangalore, has become nearly full from the frequent burials therein of Native Protestant Christians attached to the Basle Mission in this place.

2. Though but few such interments have occurred within the last nine months, and no more are likely to take place, as a separate spot has been allotted to the Basle Mission, the evil has been done, the cemetery is so nearly full that it requires enlarging.

3. Though the Municipal Commissioners have laid down a rule that no fresh cemeteries shall be opened within Municipal limits, they have made an exception* in favor of the cemetery attached to St. Paul's Church, because the European Community are so few that interments must be few; because the position of the cemetery is unexceptionable on hygienic principles; and because what is proposed is only an enlargement, and not a fresh cemetery. The Municipality will, therefore,

enclose the extra piece, as shewn in the accompanying map,† if the Government will sanction their doing so under Section 119 of the Towns' Improvement Act, (Act No. X. of 1865). The land is the property of Government, having been purchased from private holders eighteen years ago for this very purpose; still, sanction for alienating the land to the Municipality is necessary, with reference to their Order, No. 829, Revenue Department, dated 10th April 1867. The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Madras proposes to visit Mangalore in October, and it would be well to have the enlargement prepared for his consecration.

4. The piece of land allotted to the Basle Mission is in Mogral village, outside Municipal limits, in the neighbourhood of that community, measures 4 acres and 36 guntas, and is liable, if assessed, to a land-tax of Rupees 4-14-5. To make it early available, the Basle Mission is itself enclosing, and is prepared, if unavoidable, to pay the assessment thereon. But as they claim that the Municipality, of which they are also members, should supply them equally with others with an enclosed burial ground, and should to that end refund them a fair proportion of the cost of enclosing, and should relieve them of the land-tax, and as the Municipal Commissioners have admitted‡ the fairness of the claim,

I have the honor to seek the Government sanction, under Section 119 of the Towns' Improvement Act, for the ground being allotted to them and aid being given for enclosing, and the Board's recommendation for the land-tax being permanently remitted.

5. The burial grounds of the Roman Catholic Community being also unhealthily over-crowded, the Municipality desire similar sanction for allotting and enclosing two pieces of waste

* Copy of Proceedings enclosed, No. I.

† Enclosure No. II.

‡ Copy of Proceedings enclosed, No. III.

Copy of Proceedings enclosed, No. IV.

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land, measuring five acres each outside Municipal limits in places which have been selected as conveniently contiguous to different sections of the Roman Catholic Community dwelling in the Mangalore Municipality. The lands sought are Government unassessed waste, and are to measure five acres each. From their vicinity to the town they would, for private individuals, be taxed at Rupees 12 an acre, though dry.

6. With the next burial ground sought the Municipality are not concerned, it being for the use of Roman Catholic Christians residing in a cluster of villages, (Banandale, &c.,) about two miles from Mangalore. The ground sought is situated at Kulshakar village, and measures acres 1-28-10 $\frac{1}{4}$, and though waste, is assessable at one Rupee an acre. I seek permission to exempt it from land-tax, leaving the community to enclose it themselves.

7. The matter being one in which the Municipality with their President, the Collector of the district, the Revenue Board, the Lay Trustees with their Chaplain and Bishop, are all more or less concerned, I have thought best to submit it in its entirety in one letter through the Revenue Board, for the orders of Government.

8. I may add that these proposals have the approval of the Municipality and Lay Trustees, and that a copy of this letter has been forwarded to the Chaplain for submission, with remarks on the first proposal, through the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Madras.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 3.

ABSTRACT.—Extracts from Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners for the town of Mangalore.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Map.

1. In the foregoing letter, the Collector reports on the insufficiency of burial ground accommodation in the town and vicinity of Mangalore, and submits proposals which have the approval of the Municipal Commissioners for the enlargement of one cemetery, and the allotment of ground for the formation of three others.

2. The Board resolve to submit these proposals to Government, with their recommendation that they may receive favorable consideration.

3. In the first place, it is proposed to enlarge the burial ground attached to St. Paul's Church. This cemetery is within Municipal limits; but in consideration of the circumstances stated in paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter, the Board agree with the Municipal Commissioners in considering that the rule which forbids the formation of new cemeteries within Municipal limits may in this case be relaxed.

4. As, however, both St. Paul's Church and its burial ground are the property of Government, the Board would keep the proprietary right to the proposed extension also in the hands of Government exclusively.

5. One principal cause of the over-crowding of St. Paul's Church-yard appears to have been the number of burials therein of Native Christians connected with the Basle Mission; and consequently, a new burial ground has been allotted by the Municipal Commissioners for the use of this community, outside Municipal limits.

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6. This is now being enclosed by the Mission, but as the Municipality have admitted their liability to bear a portion of the expense, the formal sanction of Government is now sought for this as well as for the remission of the land-tax, amounting to Rupees 4-14-5.

7. Similar sanction is sought for the allotting and enclosing of ten acres of Government unassessed waste land to serve as a burial ground for the Romish Community, whose present cemetery is in a state very similar to St. Paul's, and is in addition in such a locality as to be prejudicial to the health of the public.

8. There is a fourth proposal to enclose a grave-yard for the use of the Roman Catholics residing in a cluster of villages some two miles from Mangalore. The site is, of course, outside Municipal limits, and the proposal is one in which the Municipality are in no way concerned.

9. With regard to these sites, which are beyond Municipal limits, the Board observe that they should either be made over entirely to the religious communities for whose use they are intended, or be retained as the property of Government, but declared applicable solely to the purpose of burial grounds.

No. 81. ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1868, No. 2,102.

Miscellaneous.

1. The appropriation of the several sites specified in the Board's Proceedings as burial grounds for the several sections of the Christian inhabitants of the town of Mangalore and its vicinity is sanctioned. The land to be added to the burial ground attached to St. Paul's Church, and that to be enclosed as a grave-yard for the use of the Roman Catholics residing in a cluster of villages some two miles from Mangalore, will, however, continue to be the property of Government as suggested by the Board.

2. The several sites will be free of assessment so long as they are applied to the purpose for which they are now granted.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Ecclesiastical Department.
„ the Public Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

The appropriation of the several sites specified in the Board's Proceedings as burial grounds for the several sections of the Christian inhabitants of the town of Mangalore and its vicinity is sanctioned. The land to be added to the burial ground attached to the Church and that to be enclosed as a grass yard for the use of the Roman Catholics residing in a cluster of villages some two miles from Mangalore will however continue to be the property of Government as.

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