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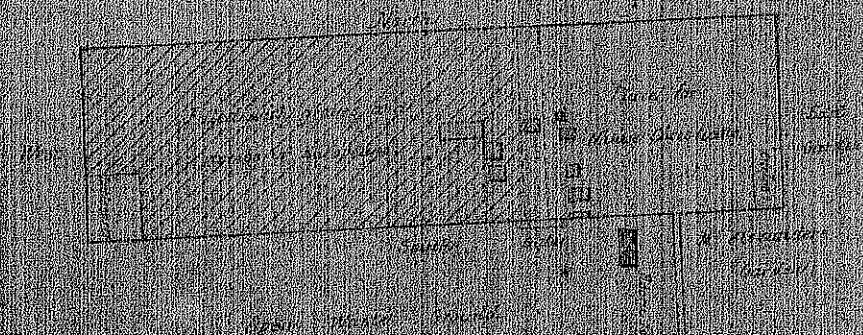
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Read the following papers :—

No. 130. From Reverend A. MAYR, Evangelical Lutheran Missionary, Negapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 7th January 1870.

It will be known from the records that the old Dutch Grave-yard at this place is allowed by Government to be used by all Christian denominations of the Protestant Church.

2. Some time ago by the liberality of a Native Christian my Congregation came in possession of a hearse—a great benefit in the mofussil where there are no Undertakers. Up to this the hearse was kept in my rented compound; but leaving this to reside henceforth in the small Mission-house belonging to my Society, I am at a loss where to keep the hearse; even if we were to rent a place for it, no one would give it; every one dislikes to have such a thing near. The proper place for it would be the grave-yard. So I applied to the Reverend G. Heyne, who is in charge of this Government's grave-yard, to let me build a small shed and have the hearse there; his final answer was that he does not find a place for it in the western part, and that he does not like to have it in the eastern part of the Cemetery. In my opinion there is nothing against having the hearse on the eastern part of it, as the sketch shows.



3. You will observe in the west-southern corner an enclosure; in this the Reverend Heyne keeps funeral apparatus; in the opposite enclosure are buried bones, dug up.

4. On the north-eastern corner I wished to have a small shed for our hearse.

5. I declared to the Reverend Heyne that the hearse might be used by all Christians, Europeans as well as Natives, yet he did not agree to my proposal. We have to pay our fees towards the grave-yard as well as others, therefore I think it is not fair to deny us such a corner for the hearse of general use. Moreover, the eastern part of the yard is not filled up with graves as the western one, and we could bring the hearse in that corner without any difficulty along the northern wall. As the hearse is allowed for general use you would be perhaps even inclined to have

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the shed erected out of the fund collected from the fees for monuments. Therefore I pray your honour to give a decision in this case.

P. S.—If you please you may ask the opinion of our Sub-Collector on the matter.

The letter of the Reverend Heyne is annexed.

Enclosure No. 1.

From Reverend G. HEYNE to Reverend A. MAYR, Lutheran Missionary at Negapatam, dated 7th January 1870.

I went over the burial-ground the other morning, and I could not find any place where the hearse might be kept. Conveyances cannot be taken to the western corner, and I should not like to have the eastern corner made use of for such a purpose. I am sorry it is so, as I think you will have to look elsewhere for a place for the hearse.

Returned to the Collector of Tanjore for report.

Fort Saint George,
14th January 1870.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES.

Under-Secretary.

No. 151. From the Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vallam, 27th January 1870, No. 146.

With reference to your Under-Secretary's Endorsement, dated 11th January 1870 on the accompanying Petition, No. 1 of 1870, addressed to Government by the Reverend A. Mayr, Evangelical Lutheran Missionary at Negapatam, I have the honour to report that there is no room for erecting a shed for the custody of a hearse within the compound of the burial-ground at Negapatam. Mr. Hathaway, Sub-Collector, after inspecting the place in question, states that a shed for the purpose may be constructed outside on Government waste as marked out by him in the sketch contained in the petition. I therefore solicit the orders of Government for allowing Mr. Mayr to erect such a shed on the said waste land as may be found to be necessary.

I enclose a report from the Sub-Collector on the subject for the perusal of Government.

Enclosure No. 1.

Report of Sub-Collector of Tanjore, to the Collector of Tanjore, dated Negapatam, 23rd January 1870, No. 28.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Petition No. 1 of 1870, and to report that I visited the burial-ground on the 11th January 1870, and found that the western portion was completely blocked by the large trees, so that it could be approached only by the cart road through the middle of the trees. The eastern portion, which is lower than the western, is more free, but Mr. Heyne tells me that there are many small trees and bushes growing up there, and even in this portion it is difficult to find a place for a hearse. There are three large trees near the gate-way as shown in the sketch in Mr. Mayr's petition. There is a large amount of waste Government ground

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outside, so that I think that a shed for the hearse could be more easily constructed outside, and I see no objection to a piece of the ground being marked out for the purpose which I therefore propose to do, if the Government approve.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department, with the remarks that the location of the shed within the burial-ground is objectionable; and for orders on the Collector's proposal to assign a piece of waste land for the erection outside the burial-ground limits.

Fort Saint George,
8th February 1870.

(Signed) J. I. MINCHIN,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 132. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1870, No. 362.

Miscellaneous.

The Government sanction the grant of a plot of waste land outside the limits of the burial-ground at Negapatam, for the erection of a shed in which the hearse may be kept.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Tanjore.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Department.
„ Reverend A. Mayr.

Edw. F. R. Bantleman.

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Read the following
letter from the Collector
of Tanjore.

Reporting upon the Petition
of Mr. Mayr, soliciting orders
for a shed to be built at the
Negapatam Cemetery for a hearse.

(H.C. 27th Jan 4, 1870 No. 116)

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