Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th September 1873.

No. 157. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th July 1873, No. 1,279 :—

Read the following letter from W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tanakalloo, 7th June 1873, No. 79 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward a letter (copy enclosed) from the Sub-Collector asking for Government aid towards enclosing a burial-ground belonging to the American Mission at Madanapally. The application is, I think, unnecessary. The number of officials who reside at Madanapally is very small indeed, and the mortality during the last ten years has been confined entirely to a few children. The ground proposed to be enclosed is not consecrated, and, being the property of dissenting Missionaries, it, of course, will never be consecrated. If the present condition of the grave-yard is a disgrace to the community, the community ought to put it in order.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, dated Madanapally, 30th May 1873, No. 229.

I BEG that you will be good enough, with reference to Board's Standing Order, No. 20, page 12 of Mr. Dalyell's compilation, to bring to the notice of Government the state of the burial-ground at Madanapally.

2. The place used as such is some ground belonging to the American Mission, and has been in their possession for only a few years. Previous to this there appears to have been no burial-ground, and a child of the late Mr. Molony was buried in the Sub-Collector's compound.

3. In the present ground there are the graves of four children of residents, and officials of the station ; it is also used for the interment of Native Christians. The site, however, is on a bare exposed piece of ground in the middle of scrub jungle. It is unenclosed, and on my first visit the graves were very much neglected. Altogether the appearance was positively disgraceful to a Christian community. It is unnecessary for me to dilate upon the painful nature of the feelings which are raised, especially amongst those who have relatives buried in this wild and neglected spot.

4. I have endeavoured to raise subscriptions amongst the residents for the purpose of enclosing the ground. I have framed an estimate for masonry pillars, and posts, and rails, and shall endeavour to carry out the work with the money I have collected, amounting in all to Rupees 220. I have collected the money in order that the work might be at once commenced and that such a disgrace to the European community should cease as soon as possible.

5. It is, however, I think a legitimate work for the Government to render some assistance to, since at present there is no other burial place for their officials. I have, therefore, the honour to request that the Government will be pleased to sanction a sum of Rupees 300 for enclosing a Christian burial-ground at Madanapally. The estimate I have framed for enclosing a piece of the ground 180 feet by 120 amounts to Rupees 230. This will probably be exceeded, and I should wish, if possible, to construct a small building in which to read the burial service. Any expenditure over Rupees 300 will be willingly borne by the residents.

6. I beg to suggest that the money may be placed at my disposal. I will undertake to supervise the work, and, when completed, will request the Range Officer to report upon its condition, which report with the necessary vouchers shall be submitted to Government.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. D. HORSLEY,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Sub-Collector of Cuddapah applies for aid in enclosing the burial-ground at Madanapally. The Collector thinks aid should not be given because there are only a few graves and the ground is not consecrated.

3. The Board think aid should be given. Every station like Madanapally should have an enclosed burial-ground for Europeans. The fact that the ground is unconsecrated has no bearing on the subject one way or the other.

4. The Sub-Collector has collected Rupees 220 from the residents in order that the work may be put in hand at once. He estimates the cost of enclosing the ground at Rupees 230, but thinks the estimate will be exceeded. He wants to construct a building in which the service may be read. He asks for Rupees 300.

5. The Board do not think the building project a good one. At the price it would be too small and very perishable, and it is not really wanted. They would, however, recommend Government to grant half the cost of enclosing the ground, say Rupees 150. The excess subscribed over the portion to be borne by the subscribers, viz., Rupees 70, might be returned to them or employed in making the structure more substantial.

No. 158. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1873, No. 1,011.

Miscellaneous.

THE Governor in Council concurs with the Board of Revenue that funds should be provided for the cost of enclosing the burial ground, though the erection of a building appears to be unnecessary. The grant will, however, be made conditional on the burial ground being open to Christians of all denominations. The provision of funds will be considered in the Ecclesiastical Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd F. R. Bantleman.

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MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 14TH JULY 1873, No. 1,279.

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No. 1,279.

Christian Burial-ground—at Madanapally, in Cuddapah District.—Application of Sub-Collector for a grant-in-aid to supplement local subscriptions for enclosing —, submitted to Government and a grant of Rupees 150 recommended.

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~~Should the Govt be asked~~
I would attach
this condition to
the grant - But as per
the recommendation

I don't see in what the addl. sum is to spent -
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I wd. adopt
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I assume in what
way the ground is to
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Govt. of {1873} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September 20th.

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G. O., 20th September 1873, No. 1,011.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 157-158.

Burial ground at Madanapally, in the Cuddapah District.—Concurring with the Board of Revenue that funds should be provided for enclosing the — on condition that it is open to Christians of all denominations, and remarking that the provision of funds will be considered in the Ecclesiastical Department.