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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

26th May 1877, No. 1,827.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 526. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 23rd May 1877, No. 3,026.

Read the following letter from Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quarter-master-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 11th April 1877, No. 2,900.

I HAVE the honor, by order, to forward, for the consideration and orders of Government, a letter, No. 86, dated 8th February 1877, from the Officer Commanding St. Thomas' Mount, giving cover to a petition from certain Mahomedan residents praying that a wall be built round the Mahomedan burying ground at that place. A plan of the ground is also forwarded.

2. The Mahomedan community at St. Thomas' Mount consists chiefly of pensioned native officers and sepoy. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief visited the burying ground and conversed with several of these old pensioners. On suggesting that they should subscribe among themselves and build the surrounding wall they pleaded their poverty and inability to meet the expense out of their limited means. They urged that if, as in former days, Native Artillery were stationed at St. Thomas' Mount, there would then be Mahomedans drawing effective pay who would be able to do what was necessary without troubling Government, but that now the tombs of several generations past and those being added to them were left open and unprotected by any enclosure, and subject to defilement, which they were powerless to prevent. The statement as to the poverty of the Mahomedan community at the Mount seems to be correct, and on sanitary grounds it is advisable that a burying ground should be properly enclosed. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, therefore, submits the matter for the favorable consideration of Government.

3. Colonel Gloag in his letter (enclosed) recommends that the work be undertaken as a famine relief-work, but whether it could be properly executed by relief coolies seems doubtful. The Commander-in-Chief asked the Executive Engineer for an estimate for building a cheap mud wall round the enclosure. The estimate (Rs. 520) is enclosed.

ORDER.—Ordered that the foregoing letter and estimate, with notes by the Members of Government, be transferred to the Revenue Department, in order that the enclosing of the burial-ground may be carried out as a famine relief-work. A trench and bank would probably suffice.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government, M.D.

Revenue Department, 26th May 1877, No. 1,827.

No. 527.

ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1877, No. 1,827.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of Chingleput, who will direct Major Murray to carry out the work by means of relief labor in a substantial manner.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Chingleput.
,, the Military Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Granting of Burial Grounds

No. 1146

Proceedings of the Madras Government,

23rd May 1877.

Read the following paper:—

From the Quarter Master General, No. 2900, dated 11th April 1877—

Order. Ordered that the foregoing letter and estimate, with notes by the members of Government, be transferred to the Revenue Department, in order that the enclosing of the burial ground may be carried out as a famine relief work. A trench and bank would

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THE COLLECTOR, CHENNAI

11th April 1877

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It is requested that the Quarter Master General be directed to the Collector of Chingleput District, Military Department, to request him to direct Major Murray to carry out the work by means of the labor in a suitable manner.

Recd 1877 Sept 22 3819

Per. M. D. Dept

2nd 4. 1877
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Mr. S. W. M.
Washington

Requies order on
a letter from the
22. 1877
the subject of building
a wall around the
Mahomedan tomb
at St. James.

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Comd of the Collection of Ching Lian ho
like Dist. Major Murray to send out
to work by means of relief labour in a
substantial manner.

In Capt. J. C. G. Collection of Ching Lian ho
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7 a. the land at St. James
35 a. the Pond at St. James
5 the Farm at St. James

24/ 7/77

J. H. P.
26 Aug 1877

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FOR ORDERS.

Letter No. 2320 of 1877.

From the Quarter Master General.

No. 2900, dated 11th April 1877.

Nothing can be traced
in the records of the Military
Department showing how the
ground came to be set apart
as a burial place for Mahomedans.

I would sanction
if Col. Drevon has
in his camp any
men accustomed to the
work it may be well
to properly close - so as
to occupy Famine Relief
labour.

Mr.

By 4/5-
Capt. Murray
the person to see
8/5 1877

Attach & send to the
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