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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 sepoys. 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, 26*th 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.

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Rs. 3668 May 1877 No. 1837.

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Nos. 536-537.

FAMINE RELIEF No. 1201.

With recent Mahomedan Burial-ground at Chingleput.

Thomas Mount—Communicating to the Collector of Chingleput Proceedings, Military Department, regarding—, and requesting him to direct Major Murray to carry out the work by means of relief labor in a substantial manner.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Conmunicate. Burial grounds

No. 1036

Proceedings of the Madras Government,

23rd May 1877.

READ the following paper :—

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

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Order. Ordered that the foregoing letter and returns 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 on as a famine relief work. A trench and bank

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Com[mu]n[icat]g the Collector of Customs Cape Coast Castle
Dist[rict] Major Ramsay
to make known the amount of relief [illegible] in a
late protracted sentence

1. Sec[retar]y to the Collectors Chief Asst
BOPC of 9 June 77 on 29 May
2. the Lieut Gov[ernor] Dept or
3. the Principal Officers
4. the Financial Dept
5. the Treasury

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26 May 1877

M. D.

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 a part as a burial place for Mahomedans

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I would sanction a Fence & Gate to be put round the Ground & suitable Notice given to the Native Authorities

Just sanction
pit [illegible]
in his camps away.
Men accustomed to the
work it may be well
properly done - so as
to [illegible] Famine Victims

By 6/5

Capt Mapp Murray
to the Person to see
to this

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