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2 To the Board of Rev (L. R) 2-2-97

New Washermanpettah Cemetery.

Transferring to the Church of England the portion of the — allotted to the Nonconformist community; communicating to the Revenue Department the statement of the President, Municipal Commission, that land to the east and west of the cemetery has been unlawfully taken possession of; and requesting that officer to report further in regard to the provision of a new cemetery to the north of Madras.

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## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., No. 41, Ecclesiastical, dated 6th July 1896.

READ—also the following papers:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. MOORE, C.I.E., President, Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 29th October 1896, G. No. 453.

With reference to G.O., No. 41, Ecclesiastical, dated 6th July 1896, I have the honour to submit as follows.

2. I strongly deprecate the extension of the new Washermanpettah cemetery to the east or west—in fact, it is practically impossible owing to the land having been unlawfully taken possession of. A new cemetery to the north is preferable.

3. But in the meantime I would ask that the Nonconformist portion of the new Washermanpettah cemetery be handed over to the Church of England. This, I am informed, will meet their requirements for the present.

4. Since the cemetery was handed over in April 1887, there has not been one burial in the Nonconformist portion. Further, they have still space in the old Washermanpettah cemetery for about 400 more graves.

5. There have been 316 Nonconformist burials in this cemetery since January 1887, so that it may be taken that it will last for ten years more. As the Church of England wants are pressing and it is impossible to provide a new burial-ground at once, I do not think it is too much to ask that the portion allotted to the Nonconformists, which they have never used and are not likely to require, be transferred to the Church of England.

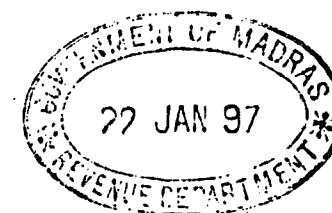
From the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, dated 7th December 1896, No. 3277.

From the Venerable W. WESTON ELWES, M.A., Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 28th December 1896, No. 3317.

With reference to endorsement, No. 2316, Ecclesiastical, dated 10th November 1896, on Current No. 282, and my letter, No. 3277, of 7th December 1896, I have the honour to enclose copy of a letter from the Secretary, Madras Conference, from which it will be seen that he withdraws on behalf of the Nonconformists the objection to their portion of the new Washermanpettah cemetery being handed over to the Church of England.

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of the letter of the President of the Municipal Commission, G. No. 453, dated 29th October 1896, I have the honour to state that I have visited the General Cemetery, Pursewaukum, and from measurements taken have ascertained that there is room for over 400 graves in that cemetery, so that with the ground referred to by Colonel Moore the Nonconformists have room for some 800 more graves.

3. Under these circumstances, I would respectfully ask that Government will be pleased to assign to the Church of England the piece of ground in the new Washermanpettah cemetery which is at present in the hands of the Nonconformists.



## ENCLOSURE.

From the Reverend H. W. KELLET, Secretary, Madras Missionary Conference, to the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, dated Royapettah, 18th December 1896.

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter, No. 3239, of 23rd November 1896, with enclosures, from Government regarding Washermanpettah cemetery.

2. Since my letter of 5th October 1895 was written in which I stated the objections to handing over the Nonconformist portion of the new Washermanpettah cemetery to the Anglican Church, the situation has been altered in two important particulars. First, Government has prepared for use a large addition to the Pursewaukum General Cemetery, though, as you yourself have noticed, the preparation is not yet complete. Secondly, it seems probable that a new cemetery will be formed to the north of the city, which will be a substitute for Washermanpettah when that is full.

3. Under these altered circumstances, I am instructed to say that our committee is prepared now to withdraw its objections to the transfer proposed, on the understanding, of course, that in the new cemetery which is contemplated a sufficient portion be reserved for Non-Anglican Protestants.

4. The committee sees some reasons for doubting whether our portion in the Washermanpettah cemetery will last for ten years; but as it is to be presumed that the new cemetery to the north will be ready long before ten years have elapsed, it is unnecessary to argue that point.

5. As requested, I return the papers from Government.

ORDER—No. 4, Ecclesiastical, dated 14th January 1897.

The portion of the new Washermanpettah Cemetery which was allotted to the Nonconformist community will accordingly be transferred to the Church of England, and the proposal to extend the cemetery will be held in abeyance. The statement of the President, Municipal Commission, that land to the east and west of the cemetery has been unlawfully taken possession of, will be communicated to the Revenue Department.

2. The President will be requested to report further on the suggestion that a new cemetery should be provided to the north of Madras.

(True Extract.)

*for* 20/1/97  
Chief Secretary.

To the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

" Venerable the Archdeacon.

" Secretary, Madras Missionary Conference.

" Revenue Department.

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