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FUNERALS IN THE MELBOURNE DISTRICT.

TENDERS will be received until Eleven o'clock a.m. on Friday, the 15th June, from persons willing to undertake Funerals, as required in the several Departments of the Government, from 1st July, 1894, to 30th June, 1895, in the Melbourne district, which includes the following police sub-districts:—Melbourne City, Bourke-street west, Little Bourke-street, East Melbourne, West Melbourne, Albert Park, Armadale, Ascot Vale, Auburn, Balaclava, Brunswick, Brunswick East, Brunswick West, Burnley, Camberwell, Carlton, Carlton North, Clifton Hill, Coburg, Collingwood, Essendon, Essendon North, Fitzroy, Malvern, North Fitzroy, Flemington, Hawthorn, Hotham Hill, Kensington, Kew, Middle Park, Montague, Northcote, North Melbourne, Port Melbourne, Port Melbourne North, Prahran, Prince's Hill, Richmond, South Richmond, Royal Park, St. Kilda, East St. Kilda, St. Kilda West, St. Kilda-road, South Yarra, South Melbourne, South Wharf, Toorak, and Windsor.

Separate prices must be stated for adults, for children under seven years of age, and for still-born children—one sum is to be stated for each, including interment, conveyance, and all charges whatsoever, except ministers' fees.

The trustees of the Melbourne General Cemetery have notified that the following reduced charges will take effect from 1st July, 1888, for burials upon Police orders:—

	£	s.	d.
Every adult	0	8 6
Child under seven years	0	5 6
Still-born	0	3 6

Tenders must state the prices in words as well as in figures, without alterations or erasures.

Tenders must be accompanied by a preliminary deposit in bank notes, or a bank draft payable to the order of the Secretary to the Tender Board for £5 (cheques will in no case be received), which will be returned within ten days to unsuccessful tenderers on their application. Such deposit to be forfeited in the event of the successful tenderer failing to complete the security within the prescribed period.

Security will be required, either in cash or Government debentures, in the sum of £50. Ten days will be allowed to complete the security.

Tenders, indorsed "Tender for Funerals," are to be deposited in the Tender-box at the Pay Office, Treasury, or addressed to the Chairman, Tender Board, Pay Office, Treasury, Melbourne.

The Government will not necessarily accept the lowest or any tender.

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

1. The services are to be performed upon an order signed by a member of the Police Force. Under 31 Victoria No. 310, section 9, cemetery fees are not payable in the cases of paupers buried upon an order signed by a Justice, and in such cases the contractor's account for the burial will be correspondingly reduced.

2. The funerals are to be of the most economical description consistent with propriety. A plain hearse for an adult, and a covered, plain, suitable four-wheeled vehicle for a child under seven years of age, to be provided. The body shall be taken direct to the cemetery, and no more than one body shall be carried in the hearse at a time.

3. Coffins to be sufficiently long, deep, wide, and substantial to bear the corpse and permit it to lie extended at full length, and to be fastened down with screws. The contractor shall provide two inches of sawdust for the bottom of the coffin; a small block of wood to keep the head of the deceased in position, and sufficient white calico to cover the body. In the event of a body being decomposed, or whenever it may be considered necessary by the member of the Police Force issuing the order for the burial, a coffin must be supplied sufficiently large to leave at least 2 inches between the body and the sides and top and bottom of the coffin, and this space must be filled up round the body with pine or phenyle sawdust by the contractor at his own expense; and in the event of any neglect in so providing or filling up the coffin it will be competent for the Tender Board to inflict a fine not exceeding £5 to be deducted as in Condition 9. Coffins to be properly lowered into the graves, and the graves filled up again.

4. The graves to be dug of the proper depth, and in conformity with the Cemetery Regulations.

5. In the event of the contractor failing to attend punctually to the order, the work will be otherwise performed, and the extra expense, if any, incurred will be charged to the contractor.

6. When burials are required to take place on Sunday, no delay must take place in complying therewith, and any additional fees charged by the cemetery authorities will be repaid to the contractor.

7. The attendance of a minister of the denomination named in the order for the burial must, if practicable, be provided, and the contractor must inform the Police of the hour when the funeral service will take place, so that the friends of the deceased may attend at the cemetery if they wish. Such order to be produced at the cemetery when the contractor gives the order for interment. The contractor must pay the minister's fee for reading the burial service should it be claimed, and he will be reimbursed, on producing the minister's receipt, which must specify that the burial service was duly and properly performed, and that he received the fee for so doing; the receipt must also specify the name, age, and denomination of deceased, the name and denomination of the minister who performed the burial service, and the hour when the service was performed.

8. The account is to be rendered monthly to the officer ordering the service for payment at the Treasury, Melbourne. The charge for the minister's fee should be included in the account for the funeral.

9. In the event of any charge of impropriety or neglect in conducting the funerals being established against the contractor, the Government may for the first offence deduct from the security money, by way of fine, £5; and for the second offence a similar amount, and, in addition thereto, may forthwith cancel the contract.

10. Under no circumstances will a contractor be permitted to abandon his contract. In the event of the contractor failing to carry on the contract, the security money will in that case be absolutely forfeited, and, in addition, the contractor will be held liable for any loss which the Government may sustain in consequence of such failure.

11. Contractors are not at liberty to transfer their contracts under cover of power-of-attorney, coupled with an interest or otherwise; and no such transfer will be recognised by the Government.

Treasury,
Melbourne, 8th June, 1894.

G. D. CARTER,
Treasurer.

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