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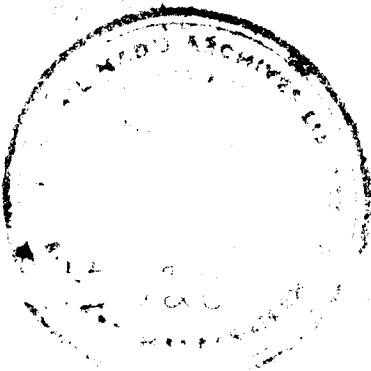
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ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 1 of 1852.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,
at Fort St. George.

We herewith transmit copy of a Memorial from Dr. Murphy, purporting to be a transcript of one stated to have been sent to you on the 6th January last, for transmission to us. We have not yet received that Memorial, although, in conformity with established usage, it ought to have been forwarded to us, with your opinion, within twenty days of its coming before you.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) JOHN SHEPHERD,

„ J. W. HOGG,

and other Directors.

London, }
7th January 1852. }

No. 42.

*Extract from the Minutes of Consultation,
dated 17th February, 1852.*

1. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council proceeds to take into consideration a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 7th January, No. 1 of 1852.

2. The Memorial referred to was received with a letter from the Right Rev. Dr. Fennelly, which treated of other subjects. This letter and its enclosures, of which Dr. Murphy's Memorial formed one, were transmitted to the Honorable Court with paras: 7 to 9 of the General Letter, dated 11th November, No. 7 of 1851.

3. Dr. Murphy was requested to conform to the usual custom of furnishing duplicate and triplicate copies of his Memorial, and the Government waited for these papers in the usual course, before bringing his Memorial specially to notice. It will now be forwarded 10th Oct. No. 8 of 1848.
for the consideration of 8th Nov. „ 10 of „
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LONDON, 1st October, 1851.

TO THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

OF THE HONORABLE EAST INDIA COMPANY,
London.

The following Memorial of the Right Revd. Daniel Murphy, D. D., Bishop of Philadelphia, and Vicar Apostolic of Hyderabad, India, respectfully sheweth.

That your Memorialist forwarded a Memorial, dated the 6th January last, to your Honorable Court through the Government of Madras.

That that Memorial has not been received as yet by your Honorable Court, and that your Memorialist has in consequence been subjected to a very long and prejudicial delay.

That he is desirous to return to his mission as soon as possible, and that he respectfully requests your Honorable Court will take his case into its kind consideration at its earliest convenience.

That the following, which states his case, is a copy of the Memorial which he forwarded through the Madras Government.

"That your Memorialist is Vicar Apostolic of Hyderabad in the Deccan, and authorized by the Holy See to exercise spiritual jurisdiction over the Roman Catholics of the greater part of the Deccan, which forms his Vicariate.

That he resided in Secunderabad, both before and after he became Bishop, up to the 14th September, 1848.

That owing to the destruction of a small Catholic Chapel in the Lines of the 8th N. I., Secunderabad, by some men of H. M.'s 84th Regiment, a Court of Enquiry was held at Secunderabad, on the 28th July 1848, on the evidence supplied by which the Governor of Fort St. George, Madras, ordered that your Memorialist, with two of his Priests and an Ecclesiastical Student, should be removed from Secunderabad, and the British Resident at Hyderabad is requested to move H. H. the Nizam to require us to quit H. H.'s Territories immediately.

That the grounds on which this decision is founded are, as appears by the Order of the Governor in Council, that the men of H. M.'s 84th Regiment were incited by the Priests to commit the above outrage.

That your Memorialist appealed to the Governor General of India to rescind this decree in his regard, on the grounds that he was not connected directly or indirectly with the outrage, and that the evidence taken before the Court of Enquiry did not prove the charges alleged, nor justify the punishment inflicted.

That the Governor General did rescind said order, as far as it regarded Memorialist's removal from H. H. the Nizams' dominions, but that it has been enforced fully with regard to two of his Priests and one Student, and that Memorialist is not, up to this, allowed to reside in Secunderabad, which is the cause of

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That your Memorialist confidently refers your Honorable Court to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Court of Enquiry at Secunderabad, and especially to that of Drum-Major Daly, 84th Regiment, Drummer Woods, 84th Regiment, Rev. T. McSwiney, Lieutenants Jones and Leahy, H. M.'s 84th Regiment, Mr. John McSwiney, Rev. Dr. Guin, and Rev. Messrs. O'Brien and Hampson, from which it will appear that the commission of the outrage was sincerely regretted by your Memorialist and his Priests, and that, instead of encouraging it, they had done all that was in their power to prevent it.

That two specific charges are alleged against Memorialist; the first that he had refused to obey the orders of the Brigadier Commanding the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, by prohibiting the Rev. Mr. McSwiney from surrendering the key of the Chapel in the lines of the 8th Regiment N. I. into the hands of the Rev. Mr. Fernandez, a Goa Priest, not in communion with the Catholic Church, when directed to do so by the Brigadier.

That your Memorialist did prohibit the Rev. Mr. McSwiney, under the following circumstances, from giving up the key of the Chapel, but with the full persuasion that he violated no Military Regulation, or legitimate right or privilege of the Brigadier, and that he only availed himself of the advantages, which he believed the law to afford regarding disputed property, by merely refusing possession, and appealing to higher authority.

That it was by the direction and pecuniary assistance of Memorialist and several Roman Catholics that the above Chapel was built or rebuilt, that it was in his exclusive possession, and that of the Priests subject to the Vicar Apostolic, from the time of its erection, until it was claimed by Mr. Fernandez, a space of nearly four years, that during that period, Mr. Fernandez had not performed Divine Service in it even once, whilst the Catholic Priests were in the habit of doing so, and that the first time Mr. Fernandez, according to his own evidence at the Court of Enquiry, offered up Divine Service in it, was when he received forcible possession of it from the Brigadier, and was attended by a guard of Peons. That the Brigadier had ordered this Chapel to be given to Mr. Fernandez, without having instituted an enquiry into my right of ownership; that an enquiry of this kind was sought for and that it was peremptorily refused.

That your Memorialist, conceiving that the Brigadier was thus acting unjustly, and exceeding the limits of his own authority, and knowing that a great spiritual injury would be inflicted on his flock by the loss of the above Chapel, refused to comply with the Brigadier's orders, and forwarded an appeal to the Government of Fort St. George, at the same time informing the Brigadier to that effect, and hoping that further proceedings would be staid until its decision would be made known. Forceful possession, however, was immediately taken, by direction of the Brigadier, and the schismatical Priest was introduced, accompanied by a guard of Peons. Hence the irritation of the Roman Catholics, and the unfortunate outbreak that took place, which your Memorialist deplored sincerely.

The second charge is, that it was under the orders of Memorialist, and with his concurrence, that the Rev. Mr. McSwiney and his brother proceeded forcibly to place a padlock on the door of the Chapel, after it had been removed by the direction of the Brigadier. That your Memorialist denies this charge *in toto*, for it was not under his orders nor with his concurrence or consent, the Rev. Mr. McSwiney and his brother proceeded to place a lock forcibly or otherwise, after it had been removed by the direction of the Brigadier, nor has any such evidence been afforded by the Court of Enquiry.

That your Memorialist begs to repeat here the solemn declaration made in his appeal to the Governor General, and also in his Memorial to the Governor of Fort St. George, given in the Appendix, that he had no connection, direct or indirect, with the outrage committed by the men of H. M.'s 84th Regiment, that he is authorized to declare that the Priests concerned were not guilty of the charge of inciting the men to that outrage.

That your Memorialist intreats the serious attention of your Honorable Court to the accompanying Appendix.

That the Cathedral Church of Memorialist is at Secunderabad, and that, as Bishop, he cannot officiate in it, nor discharge his duties to the Roman Catholics of the Station, as long as the order for his exclusion, or the restrictions imposed upon him, continue in force.

That your Memorialist confidently appeals to the Members of your Honorable Court, as the rulers of a vast Empire, with whom religious toleration is a wise and fundamental principle, and requests that your Honorable Court will be pleased to rescind the entire order of the Government of Fort St. George, regarding him and the Priests concerned.

(Signed) DANIEL MURPHY,

Bishop of Philadelphia,

Coadjutor V. A. of Madras,

and P. V. of Hyderabad.

APPENDIX.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE LORD DALHOUSIE,
Governor General of India in Council.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to state, for the information of your Lordship, that Brigadier James, Commanding the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, has communicated to me a decision of the Madras Government, ordering my immediate removal from the Cantonment of Secunderabad.

This decision has been formed in consequence of a charge connected with a small Roman Catholic Chapel in the Lines of the 8th Regiment N. I., which was partially destroyed by some men of H. M.'s 84th Regiment. In my address to the Court of Enquiry assembled by order of Government to investigate this unfortunate affair, I have given my candid opinion, to which I still adhere, and the reasons of my conduct, to which I beg to call your Lordship's attention.

The only fault that can be imputed to me, is my having prohibited the Rev. T. McSwiney from surrendering the key of the Chapel when directed to do so by Brigadier James. And here I would beg to observe that I did not object to the key being delivered to the Military Authorities, but to its being surrendered to Mr. Fernandez, a Goa Priest, whom I do not consider to be in communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

In acting thus I was not aware that I was violating any Military Regulation, and thought that, as the Brigadier must have known that Mr. Fernandez was considered a Schismatic by our Church, he would not have deemed my conduct disrespectful or insubordinate to himself or any other Military Authority, than which I assure your Lordship nothing could have been further from my intention. It was not by my orders, nor with my consent, that the lock was placed on the door, after it had been removed by direction of the Brigadier, nor has this been stated by any evidence before the Court.

I solemnly declare that I had no connection, directly or indirectly, with the subsequent outrageous proceedings of the Soldiers of H. M.'s 84th Regiment, nor did I entertain the remotest idea that such a lamentable occurrence was likely to happen. On learning what had been done I was astonished, and I at once saw that the bitterest enemies of our Religion could not have inflicted upon us so severe an injury as had been done by the misguided zeal of some of our friends. But alas! however much I might have deplored the circumstance, it was not in my power to prevent the evil.

With the images and their concealment, confessed by the Rev. T. McSwiney, I had nothing whatever to do, I knew not where they were placed, and when I accidentally heard what became of them, I immediately ordered them to be recovered. During this period I was confined to my bed for ten days with an ulcerated throat, which rendered me unable to speak and attend to business of any kind.

In conclusion, My Lord, I respectfully beg to state that I never contemplated resistance to the Government Authorities, and only erred in supposing that my refusal to give the key to the Goa Priest would *not* be construed as such.

I can appeal with confidence to the British Resident, and to every Officer who held command of the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force during the seven years of my residence in Secunderabad, and feel assured that each and all of them will testify that I have ever inculcated on the Soldiers of my flock the most prompt and unhesitating obedience to their Officers, and that my teaching, in this respect, was enforced by personal example.

Under these circumstances, I would venture to indulge a hope that your Lordship will take a more favorable view of my case than has been done by the Madras Government, and that your Lordship will not deem it inconsistent with the interest of the British Government to permit my return to Secunderabad, the most important part of the Hyderabad mission, which has been entrusted to my care by the Holy See.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) DANIEL MURPHY,
Bishop of Philadelphia.

Hyderabad, }
19th September, 1848. }

FROM H. M. ELLIOT, Esq.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

with the Governor General.

TO THE RIGHT REV. DR. CAREW,

Archbishop of Bengal.

REV. SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that your letter dated the 2nd instant, enclosing a Memorial from Dr. Murphy, regarding the order for his removal from the territories of His Highness the Nizam, was duly laid before the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council.

2. His Lordship has had under his consideration the whole of the proceedings which led to that Order, and is satisfied of the necessity of removing from the Nizam's Territories three Roman Catholic Priests, who were concerned in the outrage at Secunderabad, their removal has accordingly been ordered.

3. With respect to Dr. Murphy, he was to blame, but in a much smaller degree than the Priests referred to; the Governor General has therefore modified

the order of the Government of Madras for his removal from the Nizam's Territories, into an order for his removal only from Secunderabad.

4. Dr. Murphy's Memorial having been received through you, I am directed to request that you will communicate this decision to him, and at the same time warn him, that if such acts should be repeated, or such language held from the Pulpit, as appears by the evidence before the Court of Enquiry to have been employed by the Priests in Secunderabad, the Government will promptly adopt much more severe and stringent measures in reference thereto.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed) H. M. ELLIOT,

Secretary to the Government of India,

with the Governor General.

On the River off Marghye, }
27th October, 1848. }

FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

with the Governor General.

TO THE RIGHT REV. DR. CAREW,

Archbishop and Vicar Apostolic, Bengal.

SIMLA, 24th May, 1849.

RIGHT REV. SIR,

In reference to my letter dated the 1st March last, No. Home Department. 55, informing you of Dr. Murphy's Memorial, praying for permission to return to Secunderabad, had been referred for the consideration of the Government of Fort St. George.

I am now directed to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor General has been pleased, in concurrence with the sentiments of that Government, to direct Dr. Murphy shall not be permitted to reside in the Cantonment of Secunderabad, but that he shall be admitted there for the performance of his Episcopal functions, only when his duties may require his presence, on his submitting written applications to that effect to Brigadier James or to the Officer in Command at Secunderabad.

I have the honor, &c.,

(Signed) H. M. ELLIOT,

Secretary to Government of India,

with the Governor General.

Simla, 24th May, 1849.

HYDERABAD, 1st October, 1850.

TO SIR HENRY POTTINGER,

Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

The following Memorial of the Right Rev. Dr. Murphy, Bishop of Philadelphia, Pro. Vicar Apostolic of Hyderabad, and Coadjutor V. A. Madras.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That owing to the restrictions which accompanied the Order of the Governor General of India, dated 24th May 1849, your Memorialist is still excluded from Secunderabad, and that the R. C. Troops at that Station are thereby suffering grievous spiritual injury.

That the Roman Catholic Cathedral is situated within the Cantonment, and that the Memorialist, to whose care the spiritual charge of this District has been entrusted by the Holy See, cannot perform the various Episcopal functions (which are of constant occurrence) connected with his office and with his flock, of which the Military form a large portion, unless he has access at all times, and without condition and restriction, to his Cathedral.

That your Memorialist again confidently appeals to the Minutes of Evidence before the Court of Enquiry, assembled at Secunderabad, on the 28th July 1848, to shew that he has been treated with severe and unmerited punishment; that every word and act of his, both during the seven years that he had officiated to the Troops of the Station, previous to his appointment as Roman Catholic Bishop, and since his arrival at Secunderabad in 1847, as R. C. Bishop, had in view the promotion of order, regularity, and good conduct amongst the Troops, as well as obedience to their Superiors.

That the only act chargeable against him was that of directing the Rev. T. McSwiney not to deliver the key of the Chapel in the Lines of the 8th Regiment N. I. to the Rev. Mr. Fernandez, when ordered to do so by the Brigadier Commanding the H. S. Force, and that Memorialist was under the conviction that he was transgressing no Military Law in withholding the key of a Chapel, which he considered his own property.

That your Memorialist again solemnly declares that he was not, directly or indirectly, connected with the outrage committed by the men of H. M.'s 84th Regiment on the Chapel in the 8th N. I. Lines.

That your Memorialist, therefore, expresses a certain hope that in justice to himself and flock within the Cantonment of Secunderabad, your Excellency will remove any further restriction, and restore to him the privilege he formerly enjoyed as Resident of Secunderabad.

That your Memorialist is authorized also to declare that the Priests who were removed from Secunderabad for inciting the men of H. M.'s 84th Regiment to the outrage on the Chapel in the Lines of the 8th Regiment N. I., were not guilty of that charge, and that it is the opinion of Memorialist that it was not proved by the evidence before the Court of Enquiry.

That your Memorialist stands in great need of the services of those Priests.

That your Memorialist has no doubt that, on favourably re-considering their case, your Excellency will admit the justice of their claims, and cause the order regarding their removal to be entirely rescinded.

And your Memorialist will pray, as in duty bound.

(Signed) DANIEL MURPHY,

Bishop of Philadelphia, Pro Vicar Apostolic of Hyderabad, and Co-adjutor V. A. Madras.

No. 238.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 3rd November 1850.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Ultimo, and to state that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, having given his careful consideration to the Memorial of the Right Rev. Dr. Murphy which accompanied it, is unable to accede to any modification of the prohibition against Dr. Murphy residing in the Cantonment of Secunderabad, nor can he see any grounds for altering the decision passed on the case of the Roman Catholic Priests concerned in the outrage committed at that Station in 1848.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) H. C. MONTGOMERY,

Chief Secretary.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND DR. J. FENNELLY.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 83.

No. 2 of 1852.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

The Rev. Henry Taylor has been permitted to return to his duty on your establishment, without prejudice to his rank.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) JOHN SHEPHERD,

„ J. W. HOGG,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 14th January, 1852.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 6th April, 1852.

2. It is observed that Mr. Taylor's return was published in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 16th December last.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 3 OF 1852.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

1. We forward a No. in the Packet, copy of a letter which has been addressed to us by The Reverend John Rowlandson, an Assistant Chaplain on your Establishment, in which he represents that a deduction at the rate of eight instead of four Rupees per diem has been made from his allowances, for Table Money whilst he was on board the "Hugh Lindsay" Steamer, in attendance upon the Bishop of Madras, during his visitation on the coast.

2. We desire to be furnished with an explanation of the grounds upon which this deduction was made, in order that we may reply to Mr. Rowlandson's communication.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) JOHN SHEPHERD,

,, J. W. HOGG,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 14th January 1852.

No. 92.

*Extract from the Minutes of Consultation,
dated 15th April 1852.*

This Despatch and its enclosure will be communicated to the Civil Auditor, who will submit any explanation he may have to offer on the subject.

Soon after my arrival there, the Bishop started, and I accompanied him. His route was first to the Stations lying on or near the Western Coast, and up to Bombay, thence down the Western Coast again to Travancore, and so on to Tinnevely, &c. For the accomplishment of considerable portions of this course a passage was given to the Bishop and his suite in the Government Steamer "Hugh Lindsay;" and we were on board that vessel, off and on, say 33 days.

During the period of actual absence on Visitation, a Travelling Allowance is granted to the Domestic Chaplain at the rate of Rupees 200 per month.

By the beginning of January, my health was so utterly broken down again, that I was a second time ordered home. I instructed my Agents at Madras, Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., to draw for me in due course what pay and allowances might be accruing up to the date of my departure for England, and I am now advised by them, that from the amount of the same a retrenchment has been made of Rupees 264, on account of *Table Money*, for the days of my sojourn in the Steamer, being charged to me at 8 Rupees a day.

I was aware, from the first, that I should be liable to some retrenchment on this account, but I was informed that, according to usage in such cases, I should be chargeable with table money in the Steamer as in the rank of a Captain, at a rate not exceeding Rupees 4 per diem.

The actual deduction at 8 Rupees a day, which has been made against me, amounts to more than the total amount of Travelling Allowance granted for the same number of days; and taking into account the numerous other unavoidable extra expenses of such sort of service, leaves a man actually a loser by the performance of it.

Judging from my own grateful experience of the equitable and just treatment uniformly adhered to by the Honorable Court towards those employed under them, I am persuaded that a result which falls on me so hardly cannot be in accordance with their intention; and I beg leave to present, through you, to the Honorable Court, my respectful petition, that I may be reimbursed out of their Treasury at least one Moiety of the sum above stated (Rupees 264,) which has been taken from me as herein set forth.

Should the Honorable Court be pleased to grant such reimbursement in my favour, I shall still have paid towards Table money in the Steamer, at the rate of Rupees 4 a day, which I believe is the full amount customarily charged to an Officer of my rank under similar circumstances.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your faithful servant,

(Signed) JOHN ROWLANDSON,

Assistant Chaplain on the Madras Establishment.

To J. C. MELVILL, Esq.,

The India House.

SIR,

Knowing how valuable your time is, I will state the circumstances and object of this communication as briefly as I can, and hope that you will be good enough to admit the facts as a sufficient excuse for my troubling you with it.

In 1848, I was sent home from Madras, on account of sickness; and the formal certificate recorded the unanimous opinion of all the Medical Officers who had dealt with my case, that I could not return to India with any prospect of permanent health.

Last year, however, being very anxious to attempt a resumption of active service in the Honorable Company's employment, and being solicited by Bishop Dealtry to accompany him as Domestic Chaplain, on his first Visitation Tour, I returned to Madras.

KIRBY MOORSIDE, YORKSHIRE,
4th November, 1851.

No. 4 of 1852.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,
at Fort St. George.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 20th April 1852.

Letter dated 26th June (No. 2) 1851, paras : 7, 10 and 14.

Referring for Court's orders an application from the Bishop of Madras : 1st, for the appropriation of the 2,000 Rs. sanctioned for the provision of a place of worship at Mercara, to the erection, with the aid of private subscriptions, of a Church at that Station; and 2ndly, for making Mercara, instead of Mangalore, the Head Quarters of the Chaplain who officiates at these Stations.

1. We have, in various cases, in the Presidencies of Bengal and Bombay, sanctioned contributions towards the erection of Churches, to be built in part by means of private subscriptions. So far from regarding the practice as objectionable, we think it under due regulation to be deserving of encouragement, and we accordingly authorize you so to apply the amount sanctioned by us for a place of Worship at Mercara.

2. We are not prepared, however, without further information, to consent to the transfer of the Church when completed, to the Bishop and Archdeacon of Madras, "in trust for the use of the Church of England." As at present informed, we think that the property in all Churches, built either wholly, or in part at the public expense, should be vested in the Government, the Church being maintained and repaired at the expense of Government. As uniformity of practice, however, is desirable on this point, we direct that a reference be made to the Government of India, for the purpose of ascertaining the forms observed in the Diocese of Calcutta, previously to the consecration of Churches, and that if the practice there be found conformable to the views we have expressed above, you at once adopt that practice as the rule in the case of Churches built with the aid of your Government.

1. Ordered that a copy of these paras : be furnished to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop and the Military Board, and that a reference be made to the Government of India, as directed in para : 2.

2. Under the foregoing authority, the Governor in Council is prepared to authorize the immediate disbursement of the sum sanctioned by the Court in aid of the private Collected 1700 contribu- Promised 1200 tions for 2900 the erection of the Church at Mercara.

3. On being apprized of the subscriptions being in course of realization, the Governor in Council will instruct the Military Board to review the plan and estimate, and the work will, in its progress, be open to the general supervision of such Officer as they may appoint, whose report must certify that it has been substantially and properly executed.

3. With regard to the proposed transfer of the Head Quarters of the Chaplaincy from Mangalore to Mercara, we are unwilling to pass a positive decision on a question which, we think, would be best settled on the spot. We will therefore only remark that in the settlement of it, consideration should not be exclusively given to the number of the congregation attending Divine Service at the two Stations at any particular time. The extent and importance of the Stations, and the number of Protestant Christians in the service of Government which they severally contain, are the principal points to be considered, as well as the facilities which their respective situations may afford for the visits of the Chaplain, to the other outstations included in his sphere of duty. We think that changes of arrangement, as regards stations, unless clearly necessary, are undesirable, and ought only to be made when the local Government and the Bishop concur in the proposed change, and with the above remark, we leave it to you to determine, in communication with the Bishop, whether sufficient grounds exist for the change proposed in the present case.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) JOHN SHEPHERD,

„ J. W. HOGG,

and other Directors.

LONDON,
18th February 1852.

No. 5 of 1852.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,
at Fort St. George.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 16th April 1852.

Letter from dated 19th August, No. 3, 1851. Stating that the Court's Despatch of the 18th June last, No. 2, has been furnished to the Rev. W. T. Blenkinsop, and transmitting, for the Court's attention and orders, copy of a letter from that Re-

1. We have considered the representation which the Rev. Mr. Blenkinsop has made, and have communicated with Miss Woodcock's surviving Trustee upon the subject; and we must decline to alter the existing arrangement for the payment of her Annuity.

A copy of this despatch will be furnished to the Rev. W. T. Blenkinsop, with reference to the Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 19th August 1851, No. 156.

verend gentleman, in support of his former request, for a discontinuance of stoppages from his salary on account of Miss Woodcock's Annuity, for any period subsequent to the decease of her Mother

2. The equivalent of the stoppages advised in your Secretary's letters, noted in the margin, has accordingly been issued to Miss Woodcock's surviving Trustee.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) JOHN SHEPHERD,

„ J. W. HOGG,

and other Directors.

LONDON,
25th February 1852. }

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 6 of 1852.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,
at Fort St. George.

Letter from No. 4, dated the 23rd October, 1851.

Transmits Memorial from the Assistant Chaplains, praying that their promotion to the rank of Chaplain may be accelerated; that a graduated scale of pensions may be adopted; and that the pension, after full Service, may be increased to £385 per annum; also

Letter from No. 8, dated the 11th November 1851.

Transmits Memorial from the Chaplains appointed since 1836 praying that the pension, after full Service, may be increased to £365 per annum.

We are under the necessity of declining to comply with the prayer of these Memorials; the various points therein referred to having been fully considered by us, when the Ecclesiastical Establishments were revised and increased in the year 1836. Our sentiments on the subject were communicated to you in our Despatch in this Department, dated the 31st August 1836, No. 6.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) JOHN SHEPHERD,

„ J. W. HOGG,

and other Directors.

LONDON,
17th March 1852. }

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.
No. 7 of 1852.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,

at Fort St. George.

Para. 1. We now reply to your letters in this Department dated in 1850.

Letter dated 12th January, No. 1, 1850.

Forwarding a further explanation from the Rev. G. W. Mahon, relative to his refusal to inter a Corpse without the verdict of the Inquest, for which he was removed from the appointment of Garrison Chaplain at the Fort.

Also letter dated 9th July, (No. 8) 1850, paras : (3 and 13.)

Reporting the notification finally issued for regulating the conduct of the Chaplains with regard to the burial of persons on whom an Inquest may be held.

2. Under the notification here referred to, the Chaplains are bound to consider the Coroner's Warrant whether it be issued before or after the verdict, as a sufficient authority for the performance of the burial service, if it would be their duty to perform it "under ordinary circumstances." These orders appear to be in conformity with the Law as stated in the Advocate General's Letter of the 1st October 1849, but we hope that the practice of issuing a Coroner's Warrant before the verdict be returned may still continue to be resorted to only in the event of such a course proving unavoidable, and it would be right on such occasions that the grounds on which it has been adopted should be communicated by the Coroner to your Government.

3. We do not observe, however, that you have had any communication with the Bishop previously to the issue of the order in question. It is always desirable that in the settlement of Ecclesiastical questions, you should act in concert with the Authorities of the Church.

Letter dated 12th January, No. 2, 1850.

An expenditure of Rs. 63-11 for completing the Punkahs formerly authorized at St. George's Cathedral brought spe-

4. When we issued the prohibiting orders to which you refer, it had not been brought to our notice that there were any funds from which the expense of the Punkahs might be defrayed. When such funds exist,

No. 161.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 11th June 1852.

2. Needs no orders,

3. A copy of para : 2 will be furnished to the Coroner, with reference to paras : 2 to 6 and 10 of Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 11th June 1850, with a request that he will keep in view the suggestion contained at its conclusion.

4. Attention will be paid to the instructions conveyed in para 3.

5. This para : will be communicated to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, and to the Military Board.

cially to Court's notice with reference to their orders prohibiting the provision of Pankahs in Churches at the *public expense*. It is explained that the outlay in this case was sanctioned in consideration of the large amount of Pew rent and rent of the Church Compound carried annually to the credit of Government.

Letter dated 1st February, No. 3, 1850.

Reply to Court's Dispatches, Nos. 4 and 5 of 1849.

we leave it to you to decide whether or not these articles of Church furniture shall be provided.

5. In para: 3 of this letter you inform us that the Diocesan Committee of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, decline to receive charge of the Church at Cochin, on the ground that the Society "being in the Country a Missionary Society for the benefit of the Natives," they could not comply with the condition of perpetually providing a Clergyman for the performance of English Service. Under these circumstances, we wish to know what arrangement has been made for the custody of this Church, with reference to our desire that the joint occupancy of it by your Government and the Missionary Society, should be terminated, and what provision now exists for the due performance of Service therein.

(6.) Forwarding a communication by the Senior Presbyterian Chaplain with reference to Court's remarks on the establishment of Peons at St. Andrew's Church, and observing that from Mr. Macfarlane's letter, it would seem to be neither safe nor practicable, having regard to the protection of the Church and other property, to dispense with the service of either of the Watching Peons.

6. Under the explanation given by the Rev. J. R. Macfarlane we shall not require the discontinuance of the second watching Peon at St. Andrew's Church.

6. A copy of this para: and of paras: 3 to 5 of the Honorable Court's Despatch, dated 22nd August 1849, No 4, will be furnished to the Lord Bishop, with a request that his Lordship will inform the Government as to what provision is made for the performance of Divine Service in the Church at Cochin, and suggest such arrangements as may occur to him for the future custody of the Church.

7. A copy of this para: will be communicated to the Senior Presbyterian Chaplain, with reference to the Rev. J. R. Macfarlane's letter of the 17th Novr. 1849.

Letter dated 12th February, No. 4, 1850.

(1.) Reporting proceedings in continuation of letter, No. 11 of 1849.

(2 to 5.) Enlargement of St. John's Church, Secunderabad.

(6 & 7.) In consequence of the representations of the Archdeacon with regard to the irregular administration of the Ordinance of Baptism by two Military Officers, the G. O. of March, 1805, was cancelled, and an Order substituted by which Laymen are permitted to administer the rite only in urgent cases, the service for "Private Baptism" being further prescribed for use on such occasions. At the same time the form of Certificate required in order to enable a Soldier to draw pay for a Child was altered, and a certificate of *Birth* substituted for that of *Baptism*.

(8.) Transmitting returns of Births and Marriages solemnized at St. Andrew's Church for the 2nd half of 1849.

(9 & 10.) Communication from the Archdeacon with reference to the judgment of the Metropolitan of India in the case of the Rev. R. W. Whitford.

Letter dated 12th April, No. 5, 1850.

(1.) Reporting proceedings in continuation of letter No. 4.

(2 to 5.) Further proceedings respecting the erection of a Church at Seetabuldee.

7. No reply

8. Answer 21 of letter, d 1848.

9. Approv

10. No remark.

11. Answered with para: 13 of letter, No. 3 of 1848.

12. No reply.

13. Answered with paras: 10 and 13 of letter, No. 11 of 1848.

(6.) Estimate sanctioned amounting to Rs. 649-11-6 for necessary repairs to St. Andrew's Church.

Letter dated 12th April, No. 6, 1850.

Transmitting an application from the Bishop of Madras for the provision of a residence at the Presidency.

Letter dated 9th July, No. 7, 1850.

(1.) Reporting proceedings in continuation of letter, No. 5.

(2 to 6.) Arrangements for regulating the supply of Church Furniture and the provision of establishments to the several Churches throughout the Presidency.

(7.) Repairs sanctioned at St. Mark's Church, Bangalore, at an expense of Rs. 23-2.

(8 & 9.) A revised Estimate sanctioned, amounting to Rs. 1,756-13-3 for the erection, with the help of Convict labor, of a wall round the burial ground attached to St. Mary's Church, Masulipatam.

(10.) The erection of Punks for the use of the officiating Ministers at St. George's Cathedral was considered necessary for the due performance of Divine Service, and was accordingly sanctioned; the expense being chargeable to the pewage fund.

(11.) The suspension of Punks over the Pulpit and Reading Desk, and over the Aisles occupied by the Non-Commis-

14. No remark.

15. Answered in Despatch dated 14th August, (No. 4), 1850.

16. No reply.

17. Answered with paras: 30 and 39 of letter, No. 5 of 1848.

18. No remark.

19. See our remarks in para: 4 of this Despatch.

sioned Officers and Privates at St. Mary's Church in the Fort, was sanctioned at an expense of Rs. 309, chargeable to the Church Funds.

(12 & 13.) In reply to an application from the Archdeacon for the supply of an Iron Chest for St. Paul's Church, Mangalore, it was intimated that the request could not be complied with till Court's orders as to the supply of such Articles should be received.

Letter dated 9th July, No. 8, 1850.

(1.) Reply to Court's Dispatches Nos. 1 and 2 of 1850.

(2.) Return of the Reverend R. K. Hamilton to his duty.

(3 to 13.) Reporting measures consequent on receipt of Court's Dispatch relating to the case of the Reverend G. W. Mahon, and reporting further proceedings connected with the burial of persons on whom a Coroner's Inquest may be held.

Letter dated 31st July, No. 9, 1850.

Memorial from the Venerable Archdeacon Shortland praying for a portion of the undrawn allowances of the Bishop during his absence.

Letter dated 9th September, No. 10, 1850.

Forwarding at the request of the Bishop of Madras a copy of his Lordship's decision on the charges of immorality brought against the Re-

20. Our orders on this question were conveyed in para: 32 of our Despatch, dated 16th July, (No. 3), 1851.

21. No remark.

22. Answered with letter, No. 1 of 1850.

23. See our Financial Dispatches dated 5th March, (No. 6), and 27th August (No. 15), 1851.

24. With regard to these proceedings, we need only repeat the these paras: and of the remark contained in our Despatch, papers to which they refer, will be forwarded No. 3 of 1851, that "the case of Mr. Whitford was disposed of, as far as to the Lord Bishop.

8. A transcript of

verend R. W. Whitford, late a Chaplain on the Madras Establishment, the investigation of which had lately been undertaken at the wish of the Metropolitan of India and of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

"we are concerned, by his dismissal
"from the Service, on the grounds
"set forth in our Despatch, No. 7 of
"1848."

25. In January, 1851, we received from Mr. Whitford, a Memorial in which he urged the decision of the Bishop, as a ground for his restoration to our Service, and we now transmit for your information a copy of the above Memorial, and of our reply, as well as of a further Memorial which Mr. Whitford has since submitted to us, and of the reply which we have addressed to that gentleman, since his arrival in England.

Letter dated 10th September, No. 11, 1850.

(1.) Reporting proceedings in continuation of letter, No. 7.

(2 to 5.) With reference to the proceedings of the Government of India in a similar case have permitted the Venerable Archdeacon Shortland, who stands third on the list of Chaplains, to draw so much of the forfeited allowance of the Reverend W. T. Blenkinsop, Senior Chaplain, absent on leave as would raise his salary as Chaplain to the rate allowed to the second Senior Chaplain on the establishment.

(6.) An Estimate sanctioned amounting to Rupees 187-6-5 for petty repairs executed on emer-

26. No reply.

27. Answered in Despatch, dated 3rd December, (No. 7), 1851.

28. Our reply to your reference on the subject of the maintenance and repair of Churches was contain-

gency to the Churches at Vizagapatam and Waltair, an intimation made to the Archdeacon and to the Military Board that with reference to a recent communication to the Court no further expense should be incurred in the Ecclesiastical Department on emergency, without the previous sanction of Government.

(7 to 9.) The inadequate accommodation afforded by the Church at Cannanore having been brought to the notice of Government by the Archdeacon, an Estimate for the enlargement of the building amounting to Rupees 7,601-10-3 was eventually sanctioned, a further expenditure being at the same time authorized for the enclosure of a small compound about the Church and for various other petty works. No sufficient grounds were perceived for recommending to the Court the expenditure necessary for the erection of a new Church.

ed in paras : 44 to 46 of our Despatch, No. 3 of 1851, dated 16th July.

29. We must express regret that you authorized so large an expenditure on this Church, the inconvenience situation of which, at one season obliges the Soldiers "to march under a tropical sun for twenty minutes," in order to reach it, and "in a severe monsoon prevents the Troops from attending Divine Worship for several successive Sundays." We are not informed when the existing Church was built, or who is responsible for its erection at such a distance from the Cantonments; but when the serious inconvenience of its position had been placed before you, the proper course would have been to postpone the execution of any extensive alterations, till our pleasure could be ascertained, especially as the Church Committee offered, in the event of a new Church being sanctioned, to "endeavour to raise a considerable portion of the sum required by private contributions."

30. We much regret to discover from the representations of the Archdeacon, that this is not by any means the only instance in which a Church has been erected, at the expense of Government, in an ill-chosen and inconvenient situation,

9. These paras will be communicated to the Military Board, who will afford the information called for by the Honorable Court regarding the erection, &c., of the Church at Cannanore.

10. Resolved that para 30 be communicated to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, who having now visited nearly all the stations of this Presidency, will be able to inform the Government whether, as asserted by the Venerable the Archdeacon, the position of places of worship "at almost every principal station in the country," is so ill-chosen and inconvenient as has been represented.

but that a great want of consideration or of judgment, in regard to the position of places of worship for our establishment is exhibited "at almost every principal station in the country." For the future an arrangement being made for the construction of a new Church, particular attention should obviously be directed to this important point.

(10) Transmitting the Annual report of the School in connection with St. Andrew's Church for 1849.

(11 & 12.) An outlay of Rupees 92-8 was sanctioned for the repair of the organ of St. Mary's Church in the Fort, payable from the Church fund, but as it appeared that the organ could never be rendered really sound, Government ordered that no further expense should be incurred on it. The question of providing a new organ for this church is referred for Court's consideration.

(13.) Transmitting the Account Current of the Receipt and Disbursements of St. Mary's Church Fund for 1849-50.

(15.) Transmitting Statements of the Receipts and Payments on account of Woolley's Scholars in the Protestant charity School attached to St. Mary's Church from 1st May 1849, to 30th April 1850.

Letter dated 11th November, No 12, 1850.

Transmitting an application from the Reverend W. T. Blenkinsop, soli-

31. No remark.

32. In accordance with our uniform practice, we must decline to sanction the provision of an Organ for St. Mary's Church at the public expense.

33. There seems to be at present no balance available for other purposes than the payment of the establishments already charged on this Fund.

34. No remark.

35. Answered in Despatch 18th June, (No. 2), 1851.

11. Ordered to be communicated to the Town Major, Fort Saint George, with reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation, No. 111, dated 4th June 1850.

citing a refund of a portion of the payment made by him on account of Miss Woodcock's Annuity. Letter dated 12th November, No. 13, 1850.

(1.) Reporting proceeding in continuation of letter, No. 11.

(2 to 4.) Further memorial from the Venerable the Archdeacon Shortland relative to his Allowances.

(5.) Instruction solicited with regard to the application of the Rev. J. Guest for the restitution of the Allowance granted for the performance of divine Service at Tanjore.

(6.) Forwarding a Statement of the expences of the Ecclesiastical Department in the year 1848-49.

(7 & 8.) The Bishop of Madras having expressed his intention of entering on his primary visitation of his Diocese, a Medical Officer was appointed to attend his Lordship and he was provided with a passage on board the "Hugh Lindsay," Steamer to Bombay, whither his Lordship was about, in the first place, to proceed for the performance of certain episcopal duties at the request of the Bishop of that See.

(9 to 16, also paras: 7 & 8 of letter dated 13th February (No. 1) 1851.) In consequence of objections stated by the Medical Officer of the Lying in Hospital to the formation of the proposed Cemetery to be attached to St. Andrew's Church, in the immediate neighbourhood of the Hospital, the Kirk

36. No reply.

37. Answered in Financial Despatch, dated 5th March, (No. 6), 1851.

38. Answered with para: 7 of letter dated 17th January, (No. 1), of 1848.

39. Transferred to the Financial Department.

40. No remark.

41. The consideration which you manifested towards the Kirk Session, was no more than was merited by their voluntary abandonment, on public grounds, of the situation first fixed on for the Cemetery, and in the preparation of which they had incurred some outlay.

Session expressed their readiness to abandon that site and were requested to select another piece of ground in an unobjectionable situation. In consequence of the exposed situation of the ground ultimately selected, the Kirk Session requested that a wall of enclosure might be substituted for the iron railing which had been procured from England for the Cemetery as originally proposed. Government having declined, however, to relieve the Session of the rails, the intention of erecting them was reverted to, Government contributing the amount (Rs. 2,388-2-8) originally sanctioned for the enclosure of the ground, and the Kirk Session bearing the remainder of the expense.

Letter dated 9th December, No. 14, 1850.

Claim of the Rev. J. C. Street to a portion of the forfeited Salary of the Senior Chaplain the Rev. W. T. Blenkinsop.

Letter dated 10th December, No. 15, 1850.

Replying to Court's Dispatches, Nos. 3 to 5 of 1850.

Letter dated 11th December, No. 16, 1850.

(1.) Reporting proceedings in continuation of letter, No. 13.

(2 to 4.) In reply to a memorial from the Right Rev. Dr. Murphy, praying for the restoration to himself and other Roman Catholic Priests of the privilege of residing at Secunderabad Govern-

42. With paras: 2 to 5 of letter No. 11.

43. No reply.

44. No reply.

45. Will be noticed to the Government of India.

ment declined to modify the former orders passed on the subject.

(5.) An estimate amounting to Rs. 716-8-8 sanctioned for constructing a wall round the piece of ground recently added to the burial ground at Jaulnah for the interment of persons not in communion with the Church of England.

(6 to 14.) It having been reported that the old materials, the amount of which was deducted from the estimate for the works at the Church of Secunderabad, would not realize so much as was expected (Rs. 505), Government sanctioned the arrangement, by which the whole amount of the estimate, Rs. 8,629-1-5, would be passed to the Engineer, the old materials being sold on account of Government, and the Engineer engaging to complete within that sum certain other petty works the necessity for which had arisen, for the most part, after the estimate had been framed. Attention is requested to the Minutes recorded on the occasion.

46. No remark

47. We approve of the manner in which you disposed of this subject, as well as of the communication made to the Military Board, with reference to our orders on the subject of supplementary Estimates generally.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) JOHN SHEPHERD,

„ J. W. HOGG,

and other Directors.

LONDON,
March, 31st 1852. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

The Respectful Memorial of the Rev. R. Wells Whitford, M. A., Oxon.

SHEWETH,

1. That your Memorialist urged by pressing necessities addressed a hurried Memorial to your Honorable Court, on the 14th September last, and which he forwarded to his late Diocesan with a respectful request that His Lordship would be pleased to submit the same to your Honorable Court, but that he has since

been advised, it was still open to him, in the more regular course, to forward all such papers through the Government of this Presidency, and in now again therefore intruding on your attention, he begs to append a copy of the same former Memorial.

2. That your Memorialist entered the service of the Honorable East India Company as a Chaplain in the year 1839, and continued thus employed on this establishment, till his departure for England on furlough in the year 1847.

3. That in 1844, your Memorialist had the misfortune to fall under the severe displeasure of your Honorable Court, as expressed in the Despatch No. 11 of that year, dated 6th November, but that in No. 8, of the succeeding year, dated the 13th August 1845, your Honorable Court was pleased to record its satisfaction at the report of the late Diocesan, regarding your Memorialist's Chaplaincy.

4. That at a later period, viz. in 1847, the conduct of your Memorialist was made matter of complaint to Government by the Venerable the Archdeacon, who on charges of *neglect* of duty and official *disrespect* recommended his suspension from the service; but he humbly would submit that whatever of the *former* might appear, was to be reasonably ascribed to his infirm and failing health (more particularly adverted to in para: 14 of his Memorial of the 14th ultimo, herewith repeated); and as to the *latter*, he had hoped the circumstances might themselves have been sufficient to excuse any so construed *acts*, and to acquit him, as he *was* and *is* unconscious, of the slightest such intention.

5. That on the 15th September of the same year 1847, your Memorialist left Madras for England on furlough, having had the grant of such leave notified to him by the Commissary, only *ten* days previous to the departure of the Steamer, and having thus had barely time to hurry down to Madras, and complete the most ordinary arrangements for the voyage.

6. That on the 11th March 1848, your Honorable Court was pleased to intimate to your Memorialist in reply to an application from himself, and in advertence to the aforesaid complaint of the Venerable the Archdeacon, that *it was not desirable he should return to his duty* at Madras.

7. That after your Memorialist left India, charges most deeply affecting his purity of life and conduct, were brought forward against him, and a purely *ex-parte* enquiry into them (not only in absence of your Memorialist, but without the least intimation to him of what had been said, or was going on) was instituted first* by the Rev. Chaplain, and the Station Staff Officer at Poonamallee, and thereafter,† under the orders of Government, by the Magistrate of Chingleput.

* 30th November 1847.

† 24th January 1848.

8. That all the papers thus accumulated, and which appeared to implicate your Memorialist in most criminal acts, were forwarded by the Government of Madras to your Honorable Court, on the 9th May 1848 (as well as next month, notice of the revocation of his License); and that your Honorable Court, at a date subsequent to the receipt of both, viz. on the 21st September, caused a letter to

be addressed to your Memorialist informing him that he had been dismissed from the service of the East India Company from the 6th of that month.

9. That the Right Reverend the Metropolitan had in a communication made to the Governor General of India, on the 9th February 1848, and on a reference to His Lordship of the first papers connected with the charges of impurity of life against your Memorialist, observed among other remarks, as follows:

Para: 7. "In the meantime I would recommend the Venerable Archdeacon, as Commissary, to revoke summarily his License, and the Honorable Governor to suspend his official connexion with the establishment of Madras, as one of the Company's Servants;" but Para: 13, "in the event of Mr. Whitford establishing by legal evidence in the Court of Arches, his innocency, and receiving the acquittal dependent on the Judge's sentence there, his suspension may of course be removed and his License again granted, so that no ultimate injustice may be done, should the Authorities deem it right."

10. That on learning the nature of the vile accusations thus preferred against him, and finding that no steps taken at home by him could induce an enquiry which might admit of their being adequately tested, your Memorialist hastened back to India to take in person such measures as might serve to prove his innocence and vindicate his slandered name; and, not to weary your Honorable Court, with a sad narrative of his bitterly painful, and almost frantic efforts (from the day he landed) to obtain a hearing, to be brought before whatever tribunal, to have in some way the opportunity given him of meeting his accusers face to face, and before the Church and the world establishing his entire innocence of the terrible crimes imputed to him; it may suffice to say, that after the arrival* of the present Bishop of Madras, an enquiry was at length† accorded to him by his Lordship.

* January.
† July 1850.

11. That this enquiry lasting four long days from July 30th to 2nd August last, was held by the Lord Bishop in the presence of the Venerable the Archdeacon and others, the prosecution (so to speak) being conducted by two of the Rev. Gentlemen, Messrs. Lugard and Symonds, who had signed the original letter of accusal; and that the result was the entire acquittal of your Memorialist as conveyed (and subsequently in a personal interview most fully confirmed as such) in the following para: of a letter (hereafter appended at full length) from the Lord Bishop to your Memorialist.

B. Para 8. "Having made these remarks I would now proceed to express my views as to the result of his present investigation. I have given my best attention to the charges made against you, and to the evidence which has been adduced in support of them, and also to the defence which has been made by yourself with the able assistance of Mr. Ouchterlony, and I must pronounce them unsubstantiated. Indeed, when the character of the testimony of the chief witnesses is regarded, so entirely untrustworthy and completely contradictory of their former statements solemnly deposed to on oath before the Magistrate, it can admit but of one verdict, viz. that of acquittal and I acquit you accordingly."

12. That with this triumphant (and inevitable) issue of an enquiry into his moral conduct, your Memorialist now comes before your Honorable Court humbly suing to be restored to that position from which these frightful charges had so serious an influence in causing his removal.

13. That if your Honorable Court should still consider him to be liable to censure for the matter charged against him by the Venerable Archdeacon, in the year 1847, he yet ventures to hope that your Honorable Court will be induced to consider that more than two years loss of life and ministry, the agony of mind endured, the wretched anxiety of hope deferred, while resting thus long under so thick a cloud of apparent guiltiness, and the (least, but still acute) sufferings of two years of penury and destitution; form (had they been even graver) a sufficiency of punishment for errors, free, at least, from all intent, and belonging rather to the infirmity of bodily weakness than to any wilful negligence at heart.

14. That your Memorialist implores your Honorable Court to take all this into its serious consideration, earnestly hoping that your Honorable Court may be inclined to view his case, as one calling for its sympathy and generous indulgence, and to which the spirit of the Right Reverend Metropolitan's letter before quoted, may be justly made applicable, and "*his innocency*" being now *established* and "*the sentence of acquittal*" having been *received*, will deem it right now to "*remove*" that sorest penalty of *his* prolonged "*suspension*" from his sacred functions, and as now the only means whereby, the very *spot* wherein alone, the injury inflicted on his character both ministerial and moral, can effectually be undone, or its efforts rebutted, sanction the replacement of his name and immediate resumption of his duties, on the list of Chaplains attached to the Madras Establishment.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

(Signed) R. WELLS WHITFORD, M. A., Oxon,

Presbyter of Lincoln and Madras.

MADRAS, WEDNESDAY, }
23rd October 1850. }

EAST INDIA HOUSE, 5TH FEBRUARY 1851.

SIR,

I have received and laid before the Court of Directors of the East India Company your Memorial, dated the 23rd October last, representing that you had been acquitted after an enquiry conducted by the Lord Bishop of Madras, of certain grave charges affecting your moral character which had been brought against you, and expressing a hope that, under such circumstances, the Court will sanction your restoration to the service of the East India Company as a Chaplain on the Madras Establishment.

In reply, I am commanded to acquaint you that the grounds of your dismissal from the Company's Service were altogether unconnected with the charges,

to which you refer, and that consequently your acquittal from those charges constitutes no reason whatever for a reversal of the Court's decision on your case.

I am, &c.

(Signed) J. C. MELVILL,

Secretary.

THE REV. R. W. WHITFORD,

Madras.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY,

The Respectful Memorial of the Rev. R. Wells Whitford, Clerk, M. A., Oxon.

SHEWETH,

1. That your Memorialist, after eight years service as Assistant Chaplain, returned home on furlough, chiefly with a view to a more full enquiry into certain matters, as to which he ventures humbly to submit, however, to your Honorable Court, that unless much exaggerated and misunderstood, they hardly could be stigmatized as charges, but which, till thus cleared, he felt still affected his usefulness at least as Chaplain to your Honorable Company.

2. That your Memorialist accordingly applied immediately for a fresh enquiry, but received for answer simply a decision, yet from which the worst he could infer, was, that if not meanwhile mitigated by some friendly intercession, his return to Indian duty, as thought "*not desirable*," might ultimately be refused him when applied for, a contingency not likely to occur, however, till within 6 months, at longest, of the expiration of such furlough, *viz.* on September 15th 1850.

3. That your Memorialist, hoping time would bring such mitigation of the Court's displeasure, acquiesced in silence, and sought comfort in the duties of his sacred office; but had scarcely found a permanent and suitable curacy to which he was in course of being licensed, when, to his astonishment, the usual testimonial promised by his then Diocesan was unexpectedly refused, with reference entirely to obscurely hinted but grave imputations on his moral character, not definitely known however, nor at all officially communicated to his Lordship it appeared, but to your Honorable Court.

4. That your Memorialist no less suddenly, and almost simultaneously, received the scarce more overwhelming tidings of his instant ignominious dismissal from the list of Chaplains, without any definitely stated reason: whereby all beyond the limits of the Court were naturally led to the inevitable, even if mistaken, inference, of close connexion between such dismissal and such charges, as effect and cause.

5. That your Memorialist at length became acquainted, through the Bishop's kindness, with the real and sore libels on his purity of life, made known (it then appeared) extensively to the Authorities, Ecclesiastical and Civil, not only long previously within this Diocese, but in Calcutta also, till they reached at last the India House, and as presented to your Honorable Court, assumed the shape of sundry depositions taken under orders from this Government before the Magistrate of Chingleput, in your Memorialist's absence, and professedly *ex parte* and preliminary merely to some regular Ecclesiastical Enquiry: being mainly an embodiment and reproduction of what had already been received as depositions, but without even the form of oath, by other parties on the spot, most palpably unauthorized.

6. That your Memorialist, in duty to your Honorable Court no less than to himself, applied forthwith for aid and opportunity to meet such slanders, mainly then relying on the interest your Honorable Court must needs feel in the character of all its servants, and especially the spotless reputation of its Chaplains; but could your Memorialist have possibly supposed himself, as now implied, already irreversibly dismissed from office, he would have employed the yet more cogent argument at once of justice and humanity, soliciting your Honorable Court to clear one, thus left destitute, from charges drawing all their seeming force from the official acts of Government itself; in order that, without the ruinous expense of personal pursuit, enquiry might be ordered, and that only the more readily as it could less affect or alter a foregone decision, while it might suffice to shew his innocence.

7. That your Memorialist respectfully submits he could afford no stronger pledge or proof of such innocence, as well as of undeviating confidence in the paternal justice of the Honorable Company, than by contentedly referring the whole trial of this vital question, though in absence, and while under such displeasure, to the very same tribunal which alone had given it any substantive existence, merely pleading for the hearing of both sides, with liberty of answer by whatever proxy.

8. That your Memorialist is sensible how ill it would have become him to impeach the grounds of this refusal, further than to state its unavoidable result, the loss irreparable of *two more* years miserable expectation, and some hundred of pounds expenditure which might have otherwise been spared, and that, ascribing such refusal to presumption of his guilt, your Memorialist encountered cheerfully the painful sacrifices requisite to clear his own good name; and having at length done so, ventured to reiterate his humble suit for means to quit a Diocese wherein the still subsisting weight of Government displeasure would appear to cut off any hope of his employment.

9. That for this end your Memorialist, though requesting restoration while preparing for the full enquiry he still hoped for, into any previous charges which were said to have occasioned his dismissal, an enquiry so much the more needful and yet graceful to accord, if restoration were preclosed, in order to enable him

to exercise his holy calling elsewhere, urged by pressing need, addressed a new* Memorial, for some part at least of his arrears of furlough; but which, being, transmitted through his late Diocesan, then absent on the Continent, entirely failed of its effect, if even it has ever reached its destination.

* September 14th 1850.

10. That your Memorialist having subsequently understood that any application might, and therefore should be sent home regularly through this Government, prepared one for that purpose, under date October 23rd, enclosing the preceding one, in hope to be in time for the November Mail, but which being returned unforwarded to your Memorialist, was sent, at length, directly to your Honorable Court by the December Steamer.

11. That your Memorialist had the honor to receive a letter from the India House, dated 5th February last, acknowledging receipt of such Memorial, and simply stating, in reply to the request for restoration, (which though least immediate, your Memorialist had felt obliged, by its importance, to put first) that his dismissal being no way founded on these later charges, his acquittal was no reason in itself for its reversal.

12. That your Memorialist regrets exceedingly that, owing doubtless to his own defect of language, his appeal could possibly be so misunderstood, and begs to be permitted to explain, that, in announcing such acquittal, his design, beyond the satisfaction to your Honorable Court in the refutation of such scandal, was not any way to urge it as a plea sufficient of itself, but chiefly as removing the alone insuperable barrier to their free exercise of that pure sympathy and generosity on which only he had ventured thus far to rely; assured that any member of your Honorable Court, who could in feeling realize the falling of such consequences on a Son or Brother of his own, would gladly be delivered from so cruel a necessity of duty as involved exposure of an earnest Clergyman of 20 years or more of diligent and zealous ministry to all but remediless ruin, such as none could wish to see, on grounds of past official censure, for at worst involuntary failures of duty or mistake of judgment visited thus heavily with loss of all, to recommence at 47 years of age, at once the toils of life, and doubly arduous, his pastoral career; and that, with all the weight oppressing him, a pressure no way to be obviated or so much as lightened, that of the apparently unmitigable anger of the Honorable East India Company.

13. That on grounds like these, implied rather than expressed, your much afflicted Memorialist would not deny that he did venture to place some reliance for the graceful amnesty of voluntary restoration; were it but so nominal as to include immediate retirement on such trifling pension as might be indulgently awarded for some eight years indefatigable service in a climate so exhausting even to the strongest; so as to avoid, also, the still harder forfeiture not only of all future claims, but of his past payments to the Military Fund; and your Memorialist trusts he may be pardoned, in his penury, for feeling a proportionate regret and disappointment that the very helplessness and hardship of his case had raised him yet no friend to plead his cause.

14. That painful as it was, and must needs be to your Memorialist after so long waiting, thus at once to have his worst fears as to the main point confirmed, and yet the two other, and so much the more pressing objects of his late Memorial past by unnoticed; it left still the hope that on the first point, better reasons being offered, restoration might be yet hereafter possible; and, as to the two others, some reply was yet to be expected after due consideration, for which certainly there had not then been time.

15. That your Memorialist accordingly has waited now two months without result, and hopes therefore to be excused, in his continually growing difficulties, if he venture to anticipate such answer, (waving for the present all appeal for restoration) by repeating here the real and immediate prayer of all his previous Memorials, *viz.*

I. As prayed for, both in that of May 1st 1849, ere he left England, and in that of last 14th September, on acquittal, for such portion as your Honorable Court may think fit to accord him of his long arrears of furlough as might, if not reimburse the past, at any rate provide the means of seeking elsewhere that which seems denied him at Madras, some source at once of income and employment, having now obtained the Bishop's Countersign to testimonials (Duplicate originals of which are hereunto appended) adequate for such a purpose, and from parties having in this case a special fitness and importance, *Dr. Powell*, who had acted on the late enquiry as Assessor to the Bishop (now His Lordship's Commissary), *Mr. Symonds*, as joint Prosecutor (Secretary to the G. O. S. M. D. Committee), *Mr. Griffiths*, Chaplain then at the late station of your Memorialist.

II. As urged so far back as his first letter of January 1848, and equally implied in each of his Memorials, and so much the more urgent now, as being made the sole ground of dismissal, *viz.* such enquiry into any previous charges, as he ventures still to hope will prove him less unworthy of his office, than all here to whom he is unknown must unavoidably surmise, and no way wilfully deficient in his duty whether to the Church, or to the Company.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

(Signed) R. WELLS WHITFORD, M. A., Oxon.

Madras, June 9th 1851.

EAST INDIA HOUSE, 6TH JANUARY 1852.

SIR,

I have laid before the Court of Directors of the East India Company your letters noted* in the margin, together with your Memorial to the Court's address dated 9th June last, in which you urge on the Court a reconsideration of the grounds of your dismissal from the service, and apply for the grant of the amount of furlough allowance which you would have received had that dismissal not taken place.

* Dated 10th June 1851,
" 2nd October "
Not dated, but received
27th October.

In reply I am commanded by the Court to inform you that your application for the grant of furlough allowance for a period subsequent to your removal from the service is inadmissible, and that having deliberately considered the circumstances which led to your dismissal, they are fully satisfied of the necessity of that measure, and are unable to see in the circumstances you bring before them any grounds for its reversal.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) JAMES C. MELVILL,

Secretary.

THE REV. R. W. WHITFORD,

4, Notting Hill Terrace, Notting Hill Square.

A.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

The Humble Memorial of the Reverend R. Wells Whitford, M. A., Oxon.

1. That your Memorialist from* his first entrance on the duties of Assistant Chaplain served full seven years and upwards† without one day's leave; but having some time felt the need of a brief respite from incessant labours, twice or more while Chaplain at Punamali; applied for and obtained the usual short leave from the Lord Bishop and as often cancelled it, unusual, on the unusually frequent arrival and long detention at the Depôt of some Queen's Corps landed or embarking, thus entailing a necessity (though self-imposed and but in conscience) of renewed and increased efforts, in addition to the other duties usual and extraordinary of the Station with diminished energies, *e. g.*

1845 Feb. 18th April 29th @ 71 days Left Wing 94th embarking for Moulmein 10 weeks.
1845-46 Decr. 24th April 16th @ 114 days Hd. Qrs. 57th embarking for Europe 16 do.
1846-47 Octr. 29th Jan. 9th @ 73 days Hd. Qrs. 51st landed from N. S. Wales 10 do.
1847 March 11th April 20th @ 41 days Hd. Qrs. 63rd embarking for Europe 6 do.
or in all more than $\frac{1}{3}$ d or to 2 weeks out of 113, a period not much above two years.

2. That though by the great blessing of a constitution singularly strong and fitted to this climate, never once laid up from work by sickness, he had been twice counselled by his friends, the Depôt Surgeons Dr. Bisset, first, and Dr. James Mouat, since, (who saw and can both testify his wanting strength) to seek as soon as *due** the customary furlough as from never being under medical treatment, they had no case technically speaking to sustain sick Certificate.*

* 20th August 1846.

3. That your Memorialist (on embarkation of Her Majesty's 63rd) just previous to the late Bishop's leaving India had, through His Lordship's intervention, at length realized the three *month's* leave, to which April—July 12th. he had become entitled by accumulation, hoping a short stay at Bangalore might supersede the long and undesired remission of his labors by the voyage to Europe; but it pleased God that so far from health he there contracted such a serious indisposition as obliged him both to call in medical assistance and return even before quite able to the warmer climate of the plains.

4. That the new Commissary of the Diocese, who even previously had shown (*justly* or *not* he will not here enquire) a disposition to deal hardly with your Memorialist, had, during his absence from his district and (as he has heard) since even his departure from this country, brought against your Memorialist, but more especially on his return from Bangalore (not merely sickened by the uncongenial climate, but yet more disabled by the journey back, while unrecovered) a variety of charges; as to which he will here say no more than to plead *not* guilty to the least *intentional* neglect of duty or omission of respect, however he may possibly (or not) have failed or erred in judgment, being in a state of health which after all compelled him to solicit and at last (though* not till he had made such answer to them as he then best could) obtain his three years' furlough, at the same time having intimation that his further hearing was remitted to your Honorable Court.

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5. That your Memorialist accordingly, soon after his landing in England and before making any engagement for professional employ during such furlough,* sought such hearing from your Honorable Court, but in reply was merely† told that "*under all the circumstances, it was not desirable he should return to his duty in India,*" words admitting of the widest latitude of meaning, but which your Memorialist, however painful to his feelings, thought it his duty for the time, to leave unquestioned, hoping, ere his furlough ended, a more favorable opportunity might be presented for a full consideration of his case.

6. That meanwhile new, shameful, and unheard of libels on his purity of life broached here quite unawares to him against an absent man, came* privately to your Memorialist's knowledge, and while taking steps to meet and deal with these he was quite suddenly† without the slightest previous warning or communication whatsoever ignominiously dismissed from the service of the Honorable Company, a ruinous and extreme step, which it is not too much to say *but* these awful charges could not possibly have been thus instantly determined on, whatever may have been the feelings of the Court as to his "*previous conduct,*" upon which he had not nor has *yet* had any opportunity afforded of appealing, whether to the justice or the mercy of the Court, by pleading guilty or not guilty in defence or mitigation such joint plea (relying

* August.

† September 6th

* 1848 January 25.
† March 11.

on the hopes and personal assurances vouchsafed him at the India House) he cannot but firmly and fondly trust, may yet be heard; but will need further previous elucidation here; which your Memorialist has sought, and in due time doubts not to find, at the just hands of his existing Ecclesiastical Superiors.

7. That having vainly tried by *letter* to procure such an enquiry as might clear at least his moral character, your heart-stricken Memorialist's *voice** appealed to the humanity of your Honorable Court, for means to come and face the charge in *person*, but thus far without effect; whereby left destitute at once of income and the means of earning it, his sole resource was to obtain a passage hither by advance on loan to be repaid in India, this alone well nigh exhausting his remaining means.

* October 1848, 3rd May 1849.

8. That having lost no time on landing* here in seeking and for *two* long months, but all in vain, a further hearing from the Commissary, your Memorialist most reluctantly considering the further and great scandal to religion any way of publishing such filthy details as his *last* resort, was driven† to the painful and imperfect remedy of a suit for libel in Civil Court; affording, thus at his own cost and risk, to those who had ascribed to him such awful deeds, the utmost possible facility of bringing forward all the evidence they had or could collect, to prove and thereby justify their libel, they however, contrary to their own earnestly long expressed desire and duty of removing from the Church so foul a stain, and after more than two *months* taken to draw up their plea,* instead of offering a shadow of defensive proof and shewing the least particle of truth in all they had before so boldly vouched, though now not even venturing to say they *thought* them true; or, in default of their acknowledging the falsehood of the charge;—defeated his whole honest aim in this investigation by relying as their *sole* plea on the letter signed by *ten* to the Archdeacon being still a private *privileged communication*; even this, had they confessed their error, *might* have been an *adequate*, and notwithstanding *was* a *virtual* acquittal of your much slandered Memorialist, but (by the utterly unexpected, and it is believed, unprecedented judgment of the Court, against which with whatever surety of success, he could have neither time nor money

* 5th July 1849.

† September.

* December.

* February 21 & April 2.

* April—July 17.

† May 1st 1849.

the small pittance in her hands for present maintenance.

* January 31st 1850.

9. That the (*then* unforeseen) appointment and arrival* of our new Diocesan, having *since* made a more

appropriate enquiry possible, his Lordship after long but doubtless unavoidable delays, and in the face of many and great difficulties graciously† accorded one, and as its first result on the 24th‡ Ultimo recorded emphatic and unhesitating verdict of “acquittal” as to these disgraceful charges, a deliverance which, quite apart from any feeling for the individual and whether as regards the honor and welfare of our pure Faith and Holy Church, thereby defiled, or the repute and credit injured of the Honorable Company’s Covenanted Service, can scarce fail to be at home, as it is here, a common subject of congratulation; but which hardly the most hostile or indifferent could desire to see purchased by the helpless victim of such slander at the present fearful price of personal and utter destitution, shared too as it has been and still is, these two years past and more, by one at any rate quite innocent, and yet more helpless and which otherwise it must take long to terminate and longer for to remedy its consequent embarrassments and disadvantages.

10. That your Memorialist is therefore diligently occupied in clearing up such previous matters as may put it in his power humbly to submit his whole case to your Honorable Court for reconsideration, but that, meanwhile, though by the Lord Bishop declared capable and thereon promised restoration of his license, your Memorialist remains without all means either of employment, or support, for himself here, or for his niece in England, and he need scarce add, far less for passage home is requisite, or for remuneration of his law Advisers, who to their loss at once and honor have thus far all aided him gratuitously.

11. That your Memorialist then purely irrespective of his real case, and independent of its merits or demerits, ventures humbly to put forward, whether in the name of Justice or Humanity, the latter of the two petitions of his late Memorial on which no answer then was given (*passage money* only whether out or home being refused as altogether without precedent,) viz. That your Honorable Court would any way be pleased to grant him such arrears of* furlough now arrived at its full term on this mail’s sailing and of which since 6th September 1848, now upwards of two years amount (he would respectfully submit) is or would now have else been due, and most assuredly continued to be paid to him by order of your Honorable Court, but for the not unreasonable ground (if true) of these vile slanders:—an effect however which he cannot doubt your Honorable Court will gladly and as promptly abrogate with its removed occasion.

12. That your Memorialist having (till if it may be graciously restored) no recognized or practicable claim as intercessors, either on the Government of Fort Saint George, or on the present Bishop of this Diocese, is fain to approach your Honorable Court, as through the fittest and sole channel open to him, and he feels assured also the most effectual and favorable, the Right Reverend Prelate, who as his Diocesan was Judge at once and witness, nearly of his whole career in India, and in spite of long since bygone matters, on which he will not here dwell unseasonably, has borne frequent and most flattering testimony to his

zeal and faithfulness, far more than your Memorialist could think himself of claiming for his earnest but imperfect and unworthy labours.

13. That if granted, as he hardly can think doubtful, urged as he is confident it will be by the warm sympathy of so persuasive and affectionate a pleader, it would much enhance the grace of such a boon to your Memorialist, if it might please your Honorable Court to authorize its *payment* (for his niece’s use, who, as was shown at close of Para: 8, is in yet more immediate and pressing danger than himself of destitution, and has his instructions for its further application) on the *signature* and the announcement of this goodness (and if possible before the next month’s mail) to the *address* of her cousin and next friend Miss M. C. Soden, sister of the Chief Secretary to the Covenant of your Memorialist J. R. Soden Esq. of the *Stock Exchange*, at Sir James Wigram’s, 68 *Portland Place*.

And your afflicted but relieved Memorialist, in gratitude will ever pray &c.

(Signed) R. WELLS WHITFORD, M. A. Oxon,

Presbyter of Lincoln and Madras.

Madras, 14th September 1850.

B.

TO THE REV. R. W. WHITFORD,

&c. &c. &c.

REVEREND SIR,

Before giving my decision on the grave charges against you which have formed the subject of investigation, I must be permitted to remark that I undertook it solely in deference to the expressed wishes of the Metropolitan and at your own earnest and repeated request.

2. I must also advert to the unfavorable circumstances under which I have been called upon to make the investigation after a lapse of three years, it is difficult to arrive at truth in the examination of evidence under the most favorable circumstances; but that difficulty is greatly increased when the evidence of the natives of this Country is all that is to be relied upon. It may also be added that the grave charges against you were not confined to one solitary instance; but extended to several cases, and had been solemnly deposed to before a Magistrate.

3. I would also observe that I confine this investigation *solely to the charges above referred to*. After mature deliberation, I consider it no part of my duty to enter upon enquiry into your previous conduct as testified by Government Papers now before me.

4. I cannot help, however, remarking that from the voluminous correspondence they exhibit, from the trouble you have constantly given; from the complaints made against you by Commanding Officers; from your misconduct in the Church at Quilon; and from the strongly expressed opinions of your Ecclesiastical Superiors;—I cannot be surprised at the Honorable Court's dismissing you from their employment; and especially when I read such language as the following from the Right Reverend Prelate who preceded me, addressed to the Government of the country. "Having been already removed from four stations, it is for your Lordship (in Council) to consider whether it would be proper to send Mr. Whitford to take charge of a fifth; as the Bishop of this Diocese I have no hesitation in saying, that he should never again be entrusted with a cure of souls under my sanction, because he is either mad (which I do not believe him to be) or of an incurably mischievous disposition and one upon whom kindness and forbearance are thrown away."

5. And still further when the Government declared that they can never propose you to take charge of another Station unless the Right Rev. Prelate withdraws the above statements, I find His Lordship reiterating them in the following terms; "He, (Dr. Spencer,) could not withdraw the statements in the sense of acknowledging they are met, supported by the distressing facts, submitted by him to Government, and by his personal experience of the results of Mr. Whitford's ministry, at the four Stations enumerated."

6. In reading all this and connecting it with the whole of the correspondence, I feel thankful that I am spared the task of entering on the enquiry. As, however, your Ecclesiastical rulers have left you without public condemnation in reference to these matters, neither will I condemn you, but would only express my earnest hope that you will learn wisdom from the things you have suffered.

7. I would further observe that I consider the nature of the rumours against you such as to justify the Clergy, who addressed the Venerable the Archdeacon in calling upon him for enquiry. I give no opinion as to whether they expressed themselves too strongly in their letter on the subject, as it was only by your own act that it could ever have been made public. I would only observe that, whilst it is the duty of Christian people to come forward and defend the Church from immorality in its teachers, they cannot be too cautious in avoiding anything like prejudging a case, or condemning character on charges which may not be substantiated.

8. Having made these remarks, I would now proceed to express my views as to the result of this present investigation. I have given my best attention to the charges made against you, and to the evidence which has been adduced in support of them, and also to the defence which has been made by yourself with the able assistance of Mr. Ouchterlony, and I must pronounce them unsubstantiated. Indeed when the character of the testimony of the chief witnesses is regarded, so entirely untrustworthy and so completely contradictory of their former state-

ments solemnly deposed to on oath before the Magistrate, it can admit but of one verdict, *viz.* that of *acquittal* and I acquit you accordingly.

9. I am prepared to restore your license on your obtaining employment in the Diocese. I consider the revocation of your license by the Venerable the Archdeacon justified under the circumstances. It was the same thing as an officer being placed under arrest until charges against him should be disposed of. If acquitted, he is restored to his position. Nor do I think that the informality in the mode of revocation was of such a nature as to invalidate the act. But this is a point for the Metropolitan to decide, if called upon to do so.

10. The above decision, it will be seen, has reference solely to the question of annulling the revocation of your license, or the restoration of it, in case of your obtaining a nomination or employment within this Diocese. It remains to consider your application for Letters Testimonial, which is quite a distinct and separate question.

11. You have not stated your object in requesting these testimonials to be the ordinary and legitimate ground of your desiring to quit the Diocese in order to engage in the ministry elsewhere.

12. The object, therefore, may possibly be, or it may become so, that through them or by their aid you may seek to exercise your ministry within the Diocese; but it is not the ordinary course for the Bishop of a Diocese to give testimonials, but to require both them, and also a nomination to the cure of souls within his Diocese, and *therefore* to grant his license and not *testimonials*.

13. If all that be sought from the Bishop, is to refrain from any adverse measure or to overlook or pardon any matter of charge, I might be willing after the example of my predecessor, to concede so far, and to leave you in the position you were already in, and allow you, as my predecessor had done, to officiate in the ministry so long as you might remain a Chaplain. But if it is desired that the Bishop, instead of leaving you in the position in which he finds you, should interfere by any actual step, and through means of Letters Testimonial, to influence the Honorable the Court of Directors, to reconsider or reverse their own measure of removing you from your Chaplaincy, I consider such a step uncalled for, and hardly justifiable, particularly under the circumstances of the case already adverted to.

14. The Honorable Court very expressly refrained from interfering with the exercise of the Honorable Court.

15. As far as regards any supposed influence of the recent charges of immorality, upon the decision of the Court, you now have the benefit of my decision, but I must decline taking any further step with reference to any resolution of the Honorable Court, or its reconsideration so far as it is founded on the matters testified on the Government Records.

16. In the event of your quitting the Diocese and desiring Letters Testimonial solely for the purpose of enabling you to obtain employment elsewhere, I

am prepared in this, as in all other cases, to countersign the usual testimonials when signed by three licensed clergymen.

17. You are at liberty to make what use of this letter you may deem advisable.

I am,
Reverend Sir,
Your faithful Brother in the Gospel,
(Signed) T. MADRAS.

Madras, August 24th 1850.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 166.

No. 8 of 1852.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 15th June 1852.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,
at Fort St. George.

Letter from No. 9, dated the 9th December 1851.

Paras 1 & 2. Transmit a Letter from the Lord Bishop soliciting that the sum of Rs. 30,000 may be placed at his disposal for providing the Bishop of the Diocese with a suitable residence to belong to the See in perpetuity.

Submitting an application from the Bishop that an office establishment at the rate of Rs. 106 per mensem may be granted for himself and the Archdeacon.

1. We cannot depart from the decisions upon this subject which have been communicated to you in our Dispatches dated the 4th May 1836 and 14th August 1850.

2. We observe that in the year 1844 the sum of Rs. 100 per mensem for an Establishment was, at the request of the Bishop, added to the office of the Registrar of the Archdeaconry for official correspondence of the Diocese in addition to Rs. 35 drawn by that Officer as the salary of a Clerk, making in the aggregate Rs. 135 per mensem, the allowance for the purposes in Bengal being limited to Rs. 100 per mensem. We entirely concur in the decision passed upon this subject by the Government of India.

A Copy of this Despatch will be furnished to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, with reference to his Lordship's address to the Honorable Court of the 23rd October 1851.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) J. W. HOGG,

„ RUSSELL ELLICE,
and other Directors.

LONDON,
28th April 1852.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 223.

No. 9 of 1852.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 31st August 1852.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

Para 1. We now reply to your letter in this Department, dated 11th November (No. 5.) 1851, and to paras: 13 to 17 of that dated 11th November (No. 7.) 1851.

Letter dated 11th November, (No. 5.) 1851.

Transmitting papers relating to an application from the Church Committee at Ootacamund for a grant of Rupees 1,200 towards the extension of the accommodation in St. Stephen's Church, the whole cost of the proposed alterations being estimated at from Rupees 2,500 to 3,000, of which the greater part will be raised by subscription, referring to accompanying Minutes for the sentiments of the various members of Government, and requesting instructions as to the grant solicited. The duty has been remitted on a new Clock and Bell which have been purchased in England by means of private subscriptions at Ootacamund.

Letter dated 11th November, (No. 7.) 1851, paras 13 to 17.

Previously to commencing the erection of the Church at Palamcottah, for which an estimate amounting to Rupees 3,980-13-5 had, under the

2. We informed you in a recent Despatch that we approve of the principle of affording assistance to the efforts made by private individuals for the erection of Churches. The principle is equally applicable to the extension of accommodation in Churches which already exist, when it is clearly shown that additional Church room is required.

3. It appears from the statement of the Church Committee that this is the case at Ootacamund, but the irregular course having been taken by the Committee of forwarding their letter direct to your Government, and not through the Bishop, you have not had formally before you his opinion. If he considers additional accommodation to be required, and concurs in the propriety of the proposed alterations, we authorize you to make a grant of Rupees 1,200, towards the expense of carrying them into execution.

4. We sanctioned in 1848, the erection of a place of Worship at Palamcottah, in pursuance of the principle, which we were anxious to enforce, of terminating the joint oc-

2. A copy of these paras: will be furnished to the Military Board, also to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, with a request that his Lordship will favor the Government with his opinion on the alterations and additions proposed to the Church at Ootacamund.

3. These paras: will be communicated to the Military Board, in reference to former papers on the subject, with instru-

Court's authority, been sanctioned, the Military Board represented to Government the willingness of the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," to make over to Government their Church in the Fort at Palamcottah, for the occupation of which Government had previously paid rent at the rate of Rs. 35 per mensem. The sum to be paid to the Society for the surrender of the Church was Rupees 1,000, and the Civil Engineer reported that an expenditure of Rupees 466 would place it in proper repair for present use, though further works would eventually be required. Government declined to sanction this proposal, from a belief that the Church was not capable of repair; and directed that a plan might be prepared for the erection of a building as a place of worship at Palamcottah in accordance with the principle proposed by Lord Hardinge for the Military Stations in Bengal. In answer to a further representation on the subject from the Military Board it was directed that no further proceedings be taken in the matter till further orders.

cupancy of Churches by your Government and Missionary Societies. We are desirous that no further delay should take place in the accomplishment of this object at Palamcottah, and being of opinion that the erection of a new building is preferable, on the grounds both of convenience and of eventual economy, to the purchase and repair of the existing Church, we think that the plan for a Church which has already received your sanction, should be at once carried into execution.

tions to take early measures for the erection of a Church at Palamcottah according to the plan submitted by them, under date the 1st August 1848, at a cost of Rs. 3,980-13-5.

4. A copy of these paras : and of the foregoing resolution will be communicated to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop.

5. We may remark that the provision of a Church, as distinguished from the room contemplated in the plan of Lord Hardinge, was sanctioned by us on the ground that Palamcottah is a Civil as well as a Military Station.

The plan in question was framed with special reference to the peculiar circumstances of isolated Military Stations.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) J. W. HOGG,

„ RUSSELL ELLICE,
and other Directors.

LONDON, }
1st July 1852.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 10 OF 1852.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

(Ecclesiastical Letter, dated 9th January, (No. 1) 1852.

Transmitting the result of the communication made to the Government Agents, with reference to

Para 1. In consequence of a further letter from Archdeacon Shortland, calling our special attention to

No. 218.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 20th August 1852.

Resolved, in reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 11,

Court's Despatch, No. 6 of 1851, on the subject of Archdeacon Shortland's complaint of the course taken by the Government Agents with regard to the administration of certain Trust Funds standing in the name of the Archdeacon of Madras for the time being, during his absence from India.

the terms of the Letters Patent under which the Archdeaconry of Madras was constituted, we thought it right to obtain the opinion of our Standing Counsel on the question raised by the Archdeacon in his letter which accompanied our Despatch, No. 6 of 1851.

2. We now transmit to you a copy of the documents above specified, and we direct that you issue immediate orders to the Government Agents to act on the opinion given by Mr. Wigram.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) J. W. HOGG,

„ RUSSELL ELLICE,
and other Directors.

LONDON, 7th July, 1852.

15, MARLBOROUGH ROAD, ST. JOHN'S WOOD,
20TH MAY 1852.

J. C. MELVILL, Esq.

Secretary to the East India Company.

SIR,

In addressing you under date the 2nd of September last, on the subject of the conduct of the Government Agents in connexion with the Trust Funds of the Archdeacon of Madras invested in Government Securities, I omitted to request the attention of the Honorable Court of Directors to the Letters Patent of the 54 Geo. 3 (2nd May 1814) constituting the Archdeacon a "Body Corporate," with the fullest powers for the legal custody, management, and conveyance, &c. of property vested in him.

I the more regret this omission, as I am advised that this is a point of great importance, and as also, circumstances have come to my knowledge which leave me no alternative, but either to obtain the decision of a Court of Law with regard to the management of these Funds, or to relieve myself of all further trouble and responsibility by a legal resignation of the Trusts in question, with which view I am about to place myself in communication with the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, as a party principally interested.

I would however first beg the favor of your requesting the attention of the Honorable Court to that part of the Letters Patent referred to in the first para-

dated 9th January 1852, that this Despatch and its enclosure be communicated to the Government Agents, with instructions to act on the opinion given by the Honorable Court's Standing Counsel in England.

graph of my present letter (in case it has hitherto escaped notice) and I indulge the hope that its interposition will relieve me from the painful position in which I find myself placed, and which, from all the information I can obtain, I venture to say is altogether without *precedent* in the history of the Church and of the Indian Dioceses.

I shall feel obliged by your returning to me the enclosures to my letter of the 2nd of September last, and

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) VINCENT SHORTLAND,

Archdeacon of Madras.

No information is afforded as to the Trusts on which the property in question is held, if "*according to the Tenor of such Trusts*", a Clergyman appointed by the Bishop to act as Archdeacon, in the absence of the Archdeacon, has power over the Trust Funds, this would of course be material. But I must assume that such is not the case.

I apprehend that the Bishop's appointment of Mr. Powell, to act as Archdeacon during Archdeacon Shortland's absence, was an appointment for Ecclesiastical purposes only; and that the Bishop could have no authority to invest Mr. Powell with any control over Funds standing in the Archdeacon's name. Accordingly, I am of opinion that the control over such Funds rests exclusively with Archdeacon Shortland, notwithstanding his temporary absence from India.

(Signed) LOFTUS WIGRAM.

June 15th 1852.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 225.

No. 11 of 1852.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort St. George.

Letter dated 23rd February, No. 3, 1852.

With reference to Court's Despatch, dated 7th January (No. 1) 1852, which transmitted a copy of the Rev. Dr. Murphy's Memorial to the Court's address, which Government had failed to forward in the usual way, explain that the Memorial was not transmitted within the prescribed period of twenty

Para 1. With reference to the expression of your opinion on the subject of Dr. Murphy's Memorial we have resolved not to interfere with the orders on his case, formerly passed by your Government with the concurrence of the Government of India.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 31st August 1852.

Copy of para: 1 of this Despatch will be furnished to the Right Reverend Dr. Fennelly, for communication to Dr. Murphy, with reference to his Memorial of the 6th January 1851.

by days in consequence of Dr. Murphy's not having conformed to the usual practice of furnishing duplicate and triplicate copies to Government. With regard to the prayer of the Memorial, viz. the reversal of the orders prohibiting Dr. Murphy from residing in the Cantonment of Secunderabad and restricting him to occasional visits for the performance of his functions as Roman Catholic Bishop, Government are not inclined to modify the orders formerly passed on the case.

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2. This resolution renders it unnecessary for us to enter on any review of the letters and paragraphs noted in the margin, which we formerly reserved for consideration when your proceedings with regard to the occurrences at Secunderabad should have been brought to a close.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) J. W. HOGG,

„ RUSSELL ELLICE,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 21st July 1852.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 12 of 1852.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort St. George.

We have permitted the Venerable the Archdeacon Shortland to return to his duty on your Establishment.

We are, Your loving friends,

(Signed) J. W. HOGG,

„ RUSSELL ELLICE,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 31st August 1852.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 13 of 1852.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort St. George.

We have permitted the Reverend Henry Deane, B. A. of your Establishment to retire from the Service; his retirement dating from the 13th Ultimo.

We are, Your loving friends,

(Signed) J. W. HOGG,

„ RUSSELL ELLICE,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 2nd September 1852.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 14 of 1852.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort St. George.

We have appointed the Reverend Alexander McCape, an Assistant Chaplain on your Establishment.

We are, Your loving friends,

(Signed) J. W. HOGG,

„ RUSSELL ELLICE,

and other Directors.

LONDON, the 20th October 1852.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 1 of 1853.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort St. George.

We have permitted the Reverend A. H. Alcock to return to his duty on your Establishment by the Overland route on the 20th Instant.

We are, Your loving friends,

(Signed) J. W. HOGG,

„ RUSSELL ELLICE,

and other Directors,

LONDON, 9th February 1853.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 106.

No. 2 of 1853.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort Saint George.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 13th April 1853.

Letter from dated 1st November 1852, No. 8.

Paras 2 to 7. State that the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras has been required to include in his list of Ecclesiastical Returns the Sacred Rites performed by Ministers of the Church of Scotland, and that his application for some additional recompense for this duty cannot be favorably entertained. The renewed application of the Lord Bishop for an Office Establishment is submitted to the Court.

1. You properly declined to entertain the application of the Registrar of the Diocese (Mr. F. Orme) to be granted extra remuneration for the discharge of that portion of his duty which appertains to the Returns of the Sacred Rites performed by Clergymen of the Scotch Church, and which duty appears from some unexplained cause to have been neglected for several years past.

2. A copy of these paras : will be furnished to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop with reference to his letter of the 21st June 1852.

2. We are unable to depart from the decision communicated to your Government on the 28th April 1852 with reference to the request of the Bishop for an Office Establishment in addition to that at present allowed to the Registrar for conducting the official correspondence of the Diocese.

Para 8. Forwards a Statement of the expences incurred in the Ecclesiastical Department during the Official year 1850-51.

3. Requires no remark.

3. Needs no order.

Letter from dated 9th November 1852, No. 9.

Transmit for favorable consideration a Memorial from the Chaplains and Lay Elders of the Kirk Session of Saint Andrew's Church soliciting an augmentation to the present number of Presbyterian Chaplains in Madras.

4. This subject must be reserved for the consideration of Parliament.

4. Ordered to be communicated to the Senior Presbyterian Chaplain, with reference to the Extract from Minutes of Consultation, No. 269, dated 1st November 1852.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) J. W. HOGG,

„ RUSSELL ELLICE,

LONDON, 16th February 1853.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 121.

No. 3 of 1853.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 29th April, 1853.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

Para 1. We now reply to your Letters in this Department dated in 1851.

Letter dated 13th February, No. 1, 1851.

1. Report Proceedings in continuation of No. 16 of 1850.

2. No reply.

2. Need no orders.

2. and 3. Reporting that in answer to a reference from the Bombay Government, the opinion had been expressed that the allowances granted to the Bishop of Madras while on visitation at Bombay should not be debited to the Madras presidency.

3. We have informed the Bombay Government that the portion of the allowances here referred to, which was granted to the Bishop on account of having charge of the Diocese of Bombay, was illegally granted. The amount has since been refunded by the Bishop.

3. Communicated to the Civil Auditor for information, with reference to the opinion expressed by him on the subject under date the 16th December 1850.

4 and 5. In consequence of renewed failure of health, leave of absence to Europe has again been granted to the Rev. J. Rowlandson, recently returned from furlough.

4. No remark.

6. No suitable site being available for the new Church at Cuddalore for which a plan had been sanctioned under Court's Orders, it was decided that the Mission building should continue for the present to be used for Church purposes. With reference however to Court's desire that Govt. should be entirely disconnected from Missionary Churches, the Chaplain has been requested to bring to the notice of the Military Board any ground which may hereafter become available for the erection of a Church.

5. We regret the delay which has unavoidably occurred in carrying out the object, for the attainment of which we originally sanctioned the construction of a Church at Cuddalore. We direct that you communicate with the Collector of the District, with the view of ascertaining from him whether a site for the Church cannot be obtained free from the objections which apply to those mentioned by the Chaplain.

4. Ordered that this para : be communicated to the Military Board, with reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 11th December 1850, No. 267, also, that a copy of it and of the letter from the Reverend W. T. Blenkinsop, addressed to the Secretary to the Military Board, under date the 14th November 1850 be furnished to the Collector of South Arcot with a request that he will report whether :

suitable site can now be obtained for the erection of a Church at Cuddalore.

7 and 8. Grant of Rs. 731-5 to the Kirk Session on account of the railings round St. Andrew's Church.

6. Answered in Despatch, dated 31st March (No. 7) 1852, para 41.

9. The Venerable Archdeacon Shortland permitted to proceed to Europe on Medical Certificate.

7. No remark.

Letter dated 26th June, No. 2, 1851.

1. Reporting proceedings in continuation of No. 1 of 1851.

8. No reply.

2 to 4. The old Mess House in the Cantonments at Arcot having been put up for sale on account of Government were purchased by the Roman Catholic Priest at that Station for the purposes of a Roman Catholic Chapel. The destination of the building having been brought to the notice of Government, it was decided with reference to its position in the Cantonments and to all the circumstances of the case, that the sale should not be confirmed. The payment of the sale price and of all the money subsequently expended on the premises was at the same time sanctioned, and the materials were ordered to be disposed of by public Auction.

9. These proceedings require no special remark.

5. Return forwarded of Baptisms and Marriages at St. Andrew's Church during the 2nd half of 1850.

6. It being necessary that the Sexton of St. George's Cathedral should reside in the Church Compound and the building intended for his quarters being much dilapidated, the erection of a new building was sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 1,580-6. The repair of the Chorister's room was also sanctioned at an estimated expense of Rs. 279-0-11.

7 to 10 and 14. Orders requested relative to the proposed erection of a Church at Mercara.

11 and 12. The construction of a small gallery at the West end of Trinity Church, Bangalore, now in course of erection sanctioned for the purpose of affording accommodation to about 140 of the Children of the Regimental Schools. The estimate amounted to Rs. 1,612 15-9, and the plan will admit of the extension of the gallery should this be found necessary hereafter.

13. Statement of the expenses incurred in the Ecclesiastical Department during 1849-50.

Letter dated 19th August, (No. 3,) 1851.

With reference to Court's Despatch, 18th June, (No. 2), 1851 regarding Miss Woodcock's Annuity, forward a letter from the Rev. W. T. Blenkinsop.

Letter dated 23rd October, (No. 4,) 1851.

1 and 2. Memorial from Assistant Chaplains regarding their promotion.

10. Answered in Despatch, dated 18th February, (No. 4) 1852.

11. Approved.

12. Transferred to the Financial Department.

13. Answered in Despatch, dated 25th February, (No. 5) 1852.

14. Answered in Despatch, dated 17th March (No. 6) 1852.

Letter dated 11th November, (No. 5) 1851.

1 to 9. Application from the Church Committee at Ootacamund for a pecuniary grant towards the extension of accommodation in St. Stephen's Church.

Letter dated 11th November, (No. 6,) 1851.

1. Replying to Court's Despatches, Nos. 1 to 5 of 1851, 2 to 6, 9, and 12 to 28. Reporting the directions given for carrying out Court's orders on various subjects.

7. In accordance with the authority given by the Court in Despatch, No. 3 of 1851, para : 7, the Roman Catholic Archbishop was informed that Government were prepared to make a limited grant towards the erection of a Roman Catholic Chapel for the European Veterans at Vizagapatam.

8. The Court having sanctioned the provision of a single bell for those Churches where Divine Service is habitually performed by a Government Chaplain, orders have been given for supplying one to each of the Churches of Kamptee and Jaulnah, as well as for the erection of a belfry at each of those Churches, if necessary.

10 & 11. The Government contributions for 1846-7 and 1847-8 to the Funds of the Male and Female Orphan Asylums were paid under the Court's orders. The private contributions for 1850-51 having reached the

15. Answered in Despatch dated 1st July (No. 9) 1852.

16. No reply.

17. These proceedings are approved.

amount required by Government, the usual donation has also been paid for that year. Ten Copies of the Report of 1850-51 forwarded.

Letter dated 11th November, (No. 7) 1851.

1. Reporting Proceedings in continuation of No. 2 of 1851.

2 to 4. *Also Letter dated 9th December, (No. 10) 1851.*

Submitting further papers and requesting Orders with regard to the proposed Church at Mercara.

5. The Military Board were authorized to expend any sum not exceeding Rs. 2,000, in repairing the seats in St. Andrew's Church which had been much injured by white ants.

6. Disbursements amounting to Rs. 1,125-5-10 sanctioned for additional Works required to the Church at Cannanore recently enlarged at the expense of Government.

7 to 9. An outlay of Rs. 859-10-10 for the repair and improvement of the Roman Catholic Church at Trichinopoly sanctioned, on the understanding laid down on a former occasion, viz., that though Government did not claim any right in the building, the Chapel was nevertheless not to be considered private property, but was to be available at all times for the accommodation of European Troops and other public Servants of the Roman Catholic Religion. Government refused to

18. No reply.

19. Our orders on this subject were communicated in our Despatch, dated 18th February, (No. 4) 1852.

20. No remark.

sanction an allowance to the Roman Catholic Priest at Palamcottah on the Ground of the small number of Roman Catholic Soldiers at that place.

10. Statement of receipts and payments for Woolley's Scholars in the Fort School for 1850-51.

11. The Account Current of receipts and disbursements of Saint Mary's Church Fund for 1850-51 forwarded, a further investment of Rs. 1,500 was ordered to be made in Government Securities.

12. Returns of Sacred Offices solemnized in Saint Andrew's Church for the year ending 30th June 1851, transmitted.

13 to 17. The erection of a place of Worship at Palamcottah deferred.

Letter dated 11th November, (No. 8,) 1851.

Memorial from Chaplains on the Madras Establishment appointed since 1836, on the subject of the new Pension Regulations.

Letter dated 9th December, (No. 9,) 1851.

1 to 3. Further letter from the Bishop of Madras on the subject of an Episcopal residence.

Letter dated 9th December, (No. 10,) 1851.

Church at Mercara.

21. Answered in Despatch, dated 1st July, (No. 9) 1852.

22. Answered in Despatch, dated 17th March, (No. 6) 1852.

23. Answered in Despatch, dated 28th April, (No. 8) 1852.

24. With paras : 2 to 4 of letter, dated 11th November, (No. 7) 1851.

We are,
Your loving friends,
(Signed) J. W. HOGG,
" RUSSELL ELLICE,
and other Directors.
LONDON, 2nd March 1853.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 4 of 1853.

Letter from, dated 21st
January 1855, No. 1.
paras : 2 to 5.

Report the arrangements which have been made consequent on the Establishment of a Chaplain for Jackatalla and Coonoor. The Government do not concur with the Lord Bishop in his proposal that the Stations upon the Hills should be made absolute, so that any Chaplain who may accept his tour there, should be considered as having no claim to return to the Station he had left at the expiration of his time on the Hills.

6. The Rev. W. T. Blenkinsop, Chaplain at Cuddalore, has been permitted to proceed to the Cape on Medical Certificate.

7. The attention of the Court is solicited to the want of Additional Chaplains on the Madras Establishment, which was shown by the Bishop being unable immediately to appoint a Chaplain to succeed Mr. Blenkinsop, at Cuddalore.

12 and 13. Archdeacon Shortland has been appointed to be an additional Chaplain at the Presidency, subject to the Court's confirmation.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

Para : 1. We approve of the reply which you gave to the proposition of the Lord Bishop regarding the Officiating Chaplains at the Hills.

2. Requires no remark.

3. We are glad to observe that, upon the arrival of the Rev. Mr. McCape from this Country, the Bishop was able to afford Clerical aid to the station of Cuddalore, so that the delay in supplying the Rev. Mr. Blenkinsop's place was not long protracted.

4. With regard to the position of your Ecclesiastical Establishment, we must remark that the retention of Archdeacon Shortland as an "additional Chaplain" at the Presidency "to render such general aid to the several Chaplains, as they may require," is in itself a measure tending to weaken the available strength of the Establishment as respects the Out-stations. We are informed that

No. 176.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 24th June 1853.

3. Ordered to be communicated to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, with reference to Extract, from Minutes of Consultation, dated 2nd November 1852, No. 275.

Need no orders.

4. A transcript of these paras. (3 to 6) will be furnished to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, with reference to the Orders of Government, dated 23d November 1852, No. 284, and 14th January last, No. 10, with a request that His Lordship will suggest what arrangement should be made for the employment, in the regular duties of a Chaplain, of the Venerable the Archdeacon in the event of his health permitting him to undertake them.

this appointment was considered advisable on account of the delicate state of the Archdeacon's health, and the necessity of nominating him to some Chaplaincy for the purpose of enabling him to draw his allowances.

5. We cannot approve of this arrangement, and the case which is quoted as a precedent for it, is not at all in point, for when the Archdeacon of Calcutta was relieved by us from station duty in the year 1850, it was with the view of enabling him, to render active assistance to the Metropolitan, whose increasing age and infirmities precluded any great exertion upon his own part.

6. If the state of the Venerable Archdeacon Shortland's health is likely permanently to preclude him from satisfactorily discharging his duties as a Chaplain, we are of opinion that, the efficiency of the Ecclesiastical Establishment should not be impeded by his deferring to avail himself of the liberal retiring provision to which his length of service entitles him. But with every desire to acknowledge the meritorious services of the Archdeacon, we cannot, consistently with our public duty, sanction an arrangement for which we can admit no necessity, and which affords a partial explanation of the deficiency of Chaplains available for the Out-stations which is stated to exist.

7. The equivalent of this sum has been issued by us to Mr. Bayford, the surviving Trustee for Miss Woodcock.

Secretary's Letter from dated 15th December, 1852.

Reports recovery of Rupees 562-8 in payment of three quarters' Annuity to the 22nd September 1852, due by the Rev. W. T. Blenkinsop to Miss Woodcock.

We are,
Your loving friends,
(Signed) RUSSELL ELLICE,
J. OLIPHANT,
and other Directors.
LONDON, 4th May 1853.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 5 of 1853.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.*Letter dated 22d March,
(No. 2) 1853 paras : 4 & 5*

Forwarding correspondence relating to the removal of Mr. Anderson from the situation of Clerk of Saint Matthias' Church Vepery, for habitual neglect of duty with reference to the Register Books, discovered on the occasion of the loss of an important Register and transmitting a Memorial from that individual praying that he may be restored to the office in question.

1. The removal of Mr. Anderson seems to have been thought necessary as much with reference to the circumstances immediately connected with the loss of the Register Book, as on account of the general carelessness and neglect imputed to him in connection with the Register. We see no reason to dissent from the view of the case taken by the Bishop and by your Government, and we accordingly direct that Mr. Anderson be informed that we decline to interfere in the case.

2. We observe with much surprise that the custody of the Registers of the Vepery Chaplaincy is considered to appertain to the Sexton of the Church, and we infer from the correspondence that the practice of entrusting this important duty to that class of Servants is general throughout the Diocese of Madras, and is grounded on some supposed orders of your Government, we are of opinion that no time should be lost in putting a stop to so improper and hazardous an arrangement, and we direct that you take the matter into your early consideration with the view of issuing orders in communication with the Lord Bishop for making the Chaplains either

No. 253.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 13th Sept. 1853.

2. Resolved that a copy of para : 1 of this Despatch be furnished to Mr. Anderson, with reference to his Memorial, dated 1st January 1853.

alone, or jointly with the Lay Trustees, responsible for the safety of the Register Books of the several Churches and Station.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) RUSSELL ELLICE,

„ J. OLIPHANT,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 2nd August 1853.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 6 of 1853.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

No. 254.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 13th September 1853.

1. With your Letter in this Department, dated the 5th April 1853, No. 3, you have forwarded a Memorial to our address from the Committee of the Madras Diocesan Additional Clergy Society, of which the Lord Bishop is President, soliciting our assistance in enabling them to provide Clergymen at such Stations under your Presidency as are at present without a resident Minister, and suggesting, in furtherance of this object, the grant to them on the part of the Government of a moiety of the monthly salary paid by the Society to each of the Clergymen employed by them.

2. We entertain strong objections to our Governments in India associating themselves with the Agents of Voluntary Societies, and whilst appreciating the value of the Additional Clergy Society as an aid towards supplying the spiritual wants of the Christian Community, we feel it necessary to decline to

Ordered to be communicated to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, with reference to the Memorial submitted with his Lordship's letter of the 8th March last.

accede to the request which the Committee of the Society have preferred to us.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) RUSSELL ELLICE,

„ J. OLIPHANT,

and other Directors.

LONDON,
2nd August 1853. }

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 7 of 1853.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

Para. 1. We now reply to your Letters in this Department dated in 1852.

No. 308.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 5th November 1853.

2. Need no orders.
Also 2 to 8, 10 and 11,
13 to 15, 22 to 27 &
29 to 32.

Letter dated 9th January, (No. 1) 1852.

(1). Stating that last letter was dated 9th December (No. 10) 1851.

(2 to 4.) Transmitting information required by the Court respecting the administration of the Trust Funds standing in the name of the Venerable the "Archdeacon of Madras for the time being."

Letter dated 11th February (No. 2) 1852.

Forwarding returns of the number of Roman Catholic Priests officiating in the Madras Presidency, and of the number and stations of the Roman Catholic Churches and Chapels in any way subject to the control of Government.

2. No remark.

3. Answered in our Despatch, dated 7th July, No. 10 of 1852.

4. No remark.

Letter dated 23rd February, (No. 3) 1852.

Transmitting a Memorial from the Right Rev. Dr. Murphy with explanation regarding the delay in its transmission.

Letter dated 23rd March (No. 4) 1852.

(1). Reporting Proceedings in continuation of Letter, No. 7 of 1851.

(2). Orders given that the allowance for the performance of Public Worship at Tanjore, the continuance of which has been sanctioned by the Court, should be paid in arrear from the date of its suspension.

3. Returns of Baptisms and Marriages solemnized at St. Andrew's Church for Second Half of 1851, transmitted.

4. Bills passed amounting to Rs. 1,717-8-0 for the Lamps provided for the Church at Bangalore by Messrs. Griffiths and Co. and to Rs. 57-12-0 for the carriage of the above to Bangalore.

(5 to 7). Information having been obtained from the Government of India in obedience to Court's Orders regarding the regulations in force in Bengal as to the provision of Church Furniture, it appears that no fixed principle was then acted on, and accordingly the scale formerly laid down for this purpose was ordered to be adhered to until further orders.

(8 and 9). Modification in the form of Returns for Burials, sanctioned.

5. Answered in our Despatch, dated 21st July, No. 11 of 1852.

6. No remark.

7. Approved.

8. No remark.

9. We are of opinion that you may continue to be guided, as regards the supply of Church Furniture, by the rules adopted by your Government after full consideration in April 1850, subject to the modification of the orders prohibiting the provision of Punkahs, authorized in para. : 4 of our Despatch, dated 31st March, (No. 7) 1852.

10. Approved.

3. Ordered to be communicated to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, and to the Military Board, with reference to Extracts from Minutes of Consultation, dated respectively 23d April 1850, No. 79, and 11th June 1852, No. 161, para : 5.

(10 to 13). Estimates sanctioned amounting to Rs. 668-5-5 for repairs to St. Stephen's Church at Ootacamund. The expense of painting the interior walls of the Church throughout proposed with a view to eventual economy, was disallowed as it was thought that the experiment should first be tried on a less extensive scale.

(14 to 16). Reporting the arrangements which have been sanctioned for extending the benefits of St. Mary's Church Fund.

(17). Estimates for repairs, &c. to the Church at Cochin, to St. George's Cathedral and to the Church at St. Thomas' Mount, sanctioned at the expense respectively of Rs. 817-15-2, Rs. 1,542-9-5 and Rs. 769-11-11.

Letter dated 10th August, (No. 5) 1852.

(1). Replying to Court's Despatches, Nos. 6 and 7 of 1851, and Nos. 1 to 8 of 1852.

(6 & 7). Transmitting the explanation called for in Court's Despatch, No. 3 of 1852, regarding the allowances of the Reverend J. Rowlandson for table money while on board the "Hugh Lindsay" Steamer.

11. No remark.

12. The application of the surplus income of this Fund to the improvement of the condition of the boys in St. Mary's School and to the special training of a limited number for particular callings in after life, is in accordance with the sentiments we formerly expressed, and we approve the arrangements which you have sanctioned for accomplishing these objects.

13. No remark.

14. We shall notice such paras : only of this letter as appear to call for remark.

15. This explanation has been furnished to the Rev. Mr. Rowlandson.

4. This para : will be communicated to the Accountant General, and to the Superintendent and Chaplain of Saint Mary's Church, with reference to the resolution of Government, dated 8th March 1852, No. 59.

(8 to 10). Reporting with reference to Court's Despatch dated 18th February (No. 4) 1852, the measure taken with regard to the erection of the new Church at Mercara towards which Court authorized a contribution of Rs. 2000 and the result of the enquiries ordered by Court as to the party in whom the proprietary right of Churches should be vested, and as to the forms observed previous to consecration.

(18 also paras : 12 to 14 of Letter, dated 1st November (No. 8) 1852.)

Reporting that a Clergyman has been stationed at Cochin by the Additional Clergy Society to which Society the Church has been made over for such time as it may provide for the residence of a Clergyman of the Church of England at Cochin. An application from the Bishop is forwarded requesting a grant of Rs. 125 per mensem towards the stipend of the above Clergyman, and it is explained that the amount saved to Government by the discontinuance of the periodical visits to Cochin of the Chaplain at Quilon amounts to Rs. 53-12-5 per mensem.

16. In accordance with the practice prevailing in Bengal, as ascertained by your reference to the Government of India, the Churches built within the Madras Presidency either wholly or in part at the Government expense will remain vested in the Government whose consent will be applied for previously to the performance of the act of Consecration.

17. With reference to your Minutes of Consultation of the 21st June 1852, we have to observe that in the case of any Church to be built with the assistance of your Government, the Engineer Officer of the Station or district should be instructed to afford any aid which may be in his power both in the preparation of the plans and in the prosecution of the work.

18. The arrangement here reported is in accordance with the wish which we formerly expressed for the termination of the joint occupancy of this Church by your Government and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

19. We are, as you observe, opposed, as a general rule, to Grants from the public revenues in aid of the operations of voluntary religious Societies ; but as it is not our wish, on the other hand, that the Government should derive any pecuniary advantage from the payment of Clergymen by such Associations, we authorize you to place the sum of Rupees 100 (one hundred) per mensem at the disposal of the Bishop towards making provision for the spiritual wants of Cochin, so long as no Government Chaplain is required to take part in the duties of that Station.

5. A copy of these paras : (76 & 17) will be furnished to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, also to the Military Board who will keep in view the Orders contained in para : 17.

6. Ordered (Paras : 18 & 19) to be communicated to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, at whose disposal the sum of (100) one hundred Rupees per mensem will be placed from the 1st November for the purpose and on the condition therein stated.

(21 & 22, also paras : 15 to 17 of Letter, dated 1st November (No. 8) 1852.)

Furnishing with reference to Court's Despatch dated 31st March (No. 7) 1852, information procured by the Military Board regarding the Church at Cannanore, together with the answer of the Bishop of Madras to the enquiry made of him as to the alleged inconvenient situation of that and of other Churches within his Diocese.

Letter dated 12th October (No. 6) 1852.

(1 to 6). Replying to Court's Despatches, Nos. 9 to 11 of 1852, and stating the measures taken for giving effect to Court's Orders.

Letter dated 1st November (No. 7) 1852.

Forwarding Deed of conveyance of Saint Mathias' Church at Vepery, to be executed by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

20. We learn with great satisfaction from the statement of the Bishop that the situations of the Churches throughout the Diocese of Madras "are on the whole as eligible and convenient as could have been selected;" his Lordship adding "nor do I think the Church at Cannanore an exception to this remark". This latter observation is borne out by the report of the Military Board, who ascertained, by actual measurement, that the distance between the Church and the Barracks was no more than four furlongs and forty yards. Under these circumstances it is greatly to be regretted that Archdeacon Shortland should have made the strong observations regarding the position of the Churches erected by Government which attracted our notice when the subject was last before us.

21. We are not yet acquainted with the result of your correspondence with the Bishop as to the proposed additions to the Church at Ootacamund.

22. Will be replied to hereafter.

7. Communicated to the Lord Bishop, with reference to the concluding para: of Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 17th September 1852, No 237.

8. Under date the 31st August 1852, the Lord Bishop was requested to favour Government with his opinion on the alterations and additions proposed by the Committee to the Church at Ootacamund, and as no reply has been received, a further reference on the subject will be made to His Lordship.

Letter dated 1st November (No. 8) 1852.

(1.) Reporting Proceedings in continuation of Despatch, dated 23rd March, No. 4 of 1852.

(2 to 7). The Registrar of the Diocese required to include in his list of Ecclesiastical Returns the Sacred Rites performed the Church of Scotland; submit a renewed application from the Bishop for an Office Establishment.

(8). Statement of expenses incurred in the Ecclesiastical Department during 1850-51.

(9.) An estimate amounting to Rs. 710-2-4 sanctioned for repairs to Christ's Church & the Porch of the Burial Ground at Mhow. A communication ordered to be made to the proper Department at Calcutta with regard to the former repairs of this Church as well as to the buildings generally in the Saugor Division.

(10). Transmitting the Account Current of Receipts and Disbursements of Saint Mary's Church Fund for 1851-52.

(11). The Burial Ground at Cannanore being too full for further use, the enclosure of a new piece of ground was authorized at an estimated cost of Rupees 1500.

23. No remark.

24. Answered in our Despatch, dated 16th February 1853, No. 2, Paras : 1 and 2.

25. Transferred to the Financial Department.

26. No remark.

27. We observe that the surplus of receipts over the current expenditure amounted to the sum of Rupees 1,222.

28. We presume that the opinion of the Commander-in Chief, that the site selected for the new burying ground was unobjectionable, had reference only to military considerations. It is a question whether on sanitary grounds the establishment of a new Cemetery "in the middle of the Cantonments" was not open to objection.

9. Ordered to be communicated to the Military Board, with reference to the Resolution of Government, dated 7th August 1852, No. 208, also, to the Medical Board, who will state their opinion as to whether the formation of the new Cemetery in the middle of the Cantonment of Cannanore is objectionable on sanitary grounds.

(12 to 14.) Arrangements for the transfer of the Church at Cochin to the "Additional Clergy Society."

29. With para : 18 of Letter, dated 10th August (No. 5) 1852.

(15 to 17). Correspondence relative to the Construction of the Church at Cannanore.

30. With paras : 21 and 22 of same letter.

(18 to 20). A reduced scale of Fees for Chaplains, Clerks and Sextons, having been proposed by the Bishop with a view to the relief of the poor classes of the community, the same was sanctioned by Government and published for general information.

31. Approved.

(21 and 22). Sanction given to the purchase of a piece of ground for the purpose of a Cemetery for Protestant Dissenters at the Presidency at a cost of Rupees 1300 and to the erection of an enclosing Wall round it at an expense of Rupees 3,164-14-3. The Military Board directed to draw up rules for managing the Cemetery inclosing a scale of Fees which will be credited to Government in payment of current expenses.

(23 to 26). Reporting the adoption of a revised plan for the location of Chaplain and the arrangement of the subordinate Stations.

Letter dated 9th November (No. 9) 1852.

Memorial from Chaplains and Lay Elders of the Kirk Session of Saint Andrew's Church, praying an augmentation of Presbyterian Chaplains.

32. Answered in our Despatch, dated 16th February 1853, No. 2, para : 4.

We are,
Your loving friends,
(Signed) RUSSELL ELLICE,
J. OLIPHANT,
and other Directors.

LONDON,
31st August 1853. }

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 8 of 1853.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at St. Fort George.

We have permitted the Reverend Mr. Nagle to return to his duty on your Establishment by the Mail Steamer of the 4th Proximo.

We are, Your loving friends,

(Signed) RUSSELL ELLICE,

J. OLIPHANT,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 26th October 1853.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 9 of 1853.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort Saint George.

With reference to your letter in this Department, No. 6, dated the 9th August last, we have to inform you that the Reverend W. G. Mahon was permitted to retire from the Service from the 10th July 1852, and that the Reverend John Rowlandson, Junior Chaplain on your Establishment since the resignation of Mr. Mahon, was permitted to retire from the 13th July last.

We are, Your loving friends,

(Signed) RUSSELL ELLICE,

J. OLIPHANT,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 23rd November 1853.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 1 of 1854.

No. 62.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort. St. George.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation,
dated 7th March 1854.

Having had under consideration the period of Service required from Chaplains in order to qualify them to retire with Pension, we have to inform you that we have determined to alter the existing Rule with respect to all Assistant Chaplains who

2. Ordered to be communicated to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, and to the Bishop's Special Commissary, also, to the Civil and Military Auditors General.

may in future be appointed to our service, and to require from them, as a qualification for Pension on retirement, a minimum service and residence in India of 17 years, or a service of 20 years including a furlough of three years.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) RUSSELL ELLICE,

„ J. OLIPHANT,

and other Directors.

LONDON,
the 11th January 1854. }

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 2 of 1854.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort St. George.

1. We have appointed the Rev. Robert Murphy, now in India in the employment of the Colonial Church and School Society at your Presidency, an Assistant Chaplain on your Establishment, upon your being satisfied that his age does not exceed forty years, and that he has been regularly ordained Deacon and Priest; subject also to such enquiry as to his general fitness for the appointment as the Lord Bishop of Madras may think fit to make.

2. You will administer to Mr. Murphy the Oath of Fidelity to the East India Company: and will cause him to enter into Covenants and to give Bond for the due fulfilment of the same.

No. 100.
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 21st April, 1854.

2. Ordered that a copy of the 1st para: of this Despatch be furnished to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, who will be pleased to report to Government whether the Reverend Mr. Murphy possesses the qualifications for the appointment of Asst. Chaplain, regarding which the Honorable Court direct enquiry to be instituted; if so, to direct that Rev. Gentleman to attend on the Resident at Hyderabad, who will be requested to administer to him the Oath of Fidelity to the East India Company.

3. The Covenants must be signed in Duplicate, the one part to be retained at your Presidency and the other to be returned to us by an early opportunity, on the receipt of which the counterpart bearing the Company's Seal will be forwarded to you to be delivered to Mr. Murphy.

Fee on appointment.....	£ 7 0 0
Stamp on the counterpart Covenant.....	1 15 0
Do. on Bond.....	0 12 6
	£ 9 7 6
Fee paid to the Bishop of London's Secretary.....	2 2 0
	£ 11 9 6

4. You will also obtain Mr. Murphy's signature to the Bond as well as the names of two Householders in this Country, not being in the Company's Service, who will become his Sureties in the sum of £500, and at the same time you will recover the Fees and Stamps amounting together to eleven pounds nine shillings and six pence (£11-9-6).

5. The several documents are forwarded herewith.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) RUSSELL ELLICE,

„ J. OLIPHANT,

and other Directors.

LONDON,
7th March 1852. }

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 101.

TO THE RESIDENT AT HYDRABAD.

SIR,

The Honorable the Court of Directors having appointed the Reverend Robert Murphy, now at Bolarum, an Assistant Chaplain on the Madras Establishment, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to request you will, on his appearance before you for that purpose, administer to that Reverend Gentleman the Oath of Fidelity to the East India Company.

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE, 21st April 1854.

Chief Secretary.

Letter dated 8th November, (No. 8) 1853.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 3 of 1854.

Letter dated 9th November, (No. 9) 1851.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

Transmitting proceedings connected with complaints preferred by the Rev. T. Little, a Wesleyan Missionary at Negapatam, against the Rev. H. Taylor, Government Chaplain of Tranquebar, together with letters received on the subject from the Bishop of Madras, with the remarks of the President thereon.

1. The complaints brought against Mr. Taylor had reference first to his conduct with respect to a case of burial at Negapatam in which the established rules had been departed from, and which, it is to be observed, he had previously brought to your notice with a view to the future prevention of the irregularity; and secondly to his proceedings respecting a Baptism in which he was alleged to have interfered with the functions of the Wesleyan Minister.

2. In the first of these cases you had previously recognized the existence of the irregularity which Mr. Taylor brought to notice and had issued orders to prevent a repetition of it, and the second involving a purely Ecclesiastical question was one which peculiarly appertained to the jurisdiction of the Bishop. The explanation of Mr. Taylor submitted to you after your judgment had been pronounced, gave an entirely different view of the circumstances from that presented by Mr. Little; and we concur in opinion with the Bishop, that, "if the facts alleged in it can be substantiated the censure and prohibition on Mr. Taylor are surely unmerited."

3. The censure passed on Mr. Taylor was couched in very strong terms, and the step which was adopted of suspending him from the exercise of his spiritual duties at Negapatam, on the mere *ex parte* representation of the Complainant, and without any communication with the Bishop of the Diocese was open to serious objection, we are of opinion that this proceeding was calculated seriously to impair the authority of the Bishop and his personal influence

No. 127.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 9th May 1854.

2. Resolved that a copy of this Despatch be furnished to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, with reference to former papers on the subject.

with the Clergy; and that His Lordship had just cause of complaint, in the case being so prejudged and taken out of his hands.

4. We have frequently communicated our desire that the Bishop should receive all possible support from the Government in the discharge of his arduous and important duties, and have expressed the opinion that the settlement of questions depending on strictly Ecclesiastical considerations should, as a general rule, be left in his hands. We greatly regret that the spirit of our injunctions has been departed from in the present case and we have to desire that the principles we have formerly laid down on the subject be strictly adhered to in future.

5. You will make a communication to the Bishop in accordance with the sentiments which we have now expressed.

We are,

Your loving friends,
(Signed) J. OLIPHANT,
C. MILLS,
and other Directors.

LONDON, 22nd March 1854.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 4 of 1854.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort St. George.

We have appointed the Reverend W. Rawlins Capel, and the Reverend Charles Rhenius, Assistant Chaplains on your Ecclesiastical Establishment.

We are, Your loving friends,

(Signed) J. OLIPHANT,
B. MACNAGHTEN,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 20th June 1854.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 5 OF 1854.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort Saint George.

1. We have appointed the Reverend John Tyrwhit Davy Kidd, B. A., now in India, an Assistant Chaplain on your Establishment.

2. You will administer to Mr. Kidd, the Oath of Fidelity to the Company, and we transmit in the Packet, a Bond and Deed of Covenants, in Duplicate, to be executed by him. The Bond and one of the Deeds of Covenants are to be returned to us, the Duplicate you will retain.

3. We desire that you request Mr. Kidd to furnish us with the names and addresses of two parties resident in this country who will attend at this House to execute the Bond in the sum of five hundred pounds (£500) for the due performance of his Covenants, and that you call upon him for the payment of nine pounds, seven shillings and sixpence (£9-7-6) the amount of the Stamp Duty and established Fee, and advise us of the recovery of the same.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) J. OLIPHANT,

„ E. MACNAGHTEN,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 27th September 1854.

No. 30.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 30th January 1855.

2. It is observed that the 1st para : of this Despatch was published in the Official Gazette of the 17th November 1854.

3. Ordered that the Rev. J. T. D. Kidd, B. A., be requested to attend at the Council Chamber in the Fort on Tuesday the 6th proximo, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of taking the Oath of Fidelity to the East India Company.

4. Ordered that the Bond and Covenants adverted to in this Despatch be forwarded to the Reverend Mr. Kidd, with a request that he will return them after execution, and report the names of his Sureties in England, for the information of the Honorable the Court of Directors.

5. Ordered that this Despatch be communicated to the Accountant General, with instructions to effect the recovery of the sum due for Fees and Stamps referred to in the 3rd para: and report the same for the information of Government.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 6 OF 1854.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

Para 1. We now reply to your Letters in this Department, dated in 1853.

No. 307.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 14th December 1854.

2. Need no orders. (Also 2 to 13, 16, 17, 19 to 21, and 24 to 26).

Letter dated 21st January, No. 1, 1853.

(1.) Last Letter dated 9th November (No. 9) 1852.

(2 to 5). Recommendation of the Bishop with regard to Chaplains accepting their tour in rotation to the Stations on the Hills.

6. The Reverend W. T. Blenkinsop permitted to proceed to the Cape on Medical Certificate.

(7 to 12 and 13). Attention requested to the urgent want of additional Chaplains. Archdeacon Shortland appointed an additional Chaplain at the Presidency, subject to the confirmation of Court.

(8 to 11). An application was made for a pecuniary grant towards the repair and improvement of the Roman Catholic Chapel at Kamptee, but as Rupees 4,000 had been contributed to the Building in 1840 and 1841, which appeared to have been improperly applied Government declined to make any further Grant.

(12 & 13). Archdeacon Shortland appointed to be an additional Chaplain at the Presidency.

2. No reply.

3. Answered in Despatch, dated 4th May, (No. 4) 1853, para : 1.

4. Answered in Despatch, dated 4th May, (No. 4) 1853, para : 2.

5. Answered in Despatch, dated 4th May, (No. 4) 1853, paras : 3 to 6.

6. No remark.

7. With par

Letter dated 22nd March,
(No. 2) 1853.

(1). Proceedings in continuation of No. 1 of 1853, reported.

(2, 3). With reference to the Report of the Brigadier Commanding the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force and to the assurance given by Dr. Murphy that he would conform to the conditions on which the residence of individuals within the limit of Cantonment is permitted, the prohibition against Dr. Murphy's permanent residence within the Cantonment at Secunderabad was removed.

(4 and 5). Memorial from Mr. Anderson, late Clerk of the Vepery Church, praying for his restoration to that Office.

(6 to 8). Returns of Sacred Offices performed by the Roman Catholic Clergy for the Quarter ending 31st January 1853.

Letter dated 5th April,
(No. 3) 1853.

Memorial from the Madras Diocesan Additional Clergy Society soliciting support.

Letter dated 6th July,
(No. 4,) 1853.

1. Proceedings in connection with No. 2 of 1853, transmitted.

(2 to 11). The completion of the Church at the Station of Coonoor at the expense of Government was sanctioned on the application of the Church Building Committee in communication with the Bishop. The sum of Rupees 6,900 had been

8. No reply.

9. Under the assurance given by Dr. Murphy, we agree with you that it was unnecessary to continue the prohibition against his residence at Secunderabad.

10. Answered in Despatch, dated 2nd August, (No. 5), 1853.

11. No reply.

12. Replied to in Despatch, dated 2nd August, (No. 6), 1853.

13. No reply.

14. It was necessary that Church accommodation should be provided at Coonoor: and, with reference to the reports of the Civil Engineer, and to the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, we approve your having undertaken the completion of the Building previously commenced.

3. Ordered to be communicated to the Military Board with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No 303, dated 25th October 1853.

raised by private subscription; and the cost of completing the building was estimated at Rupees 5,923-14-2. It will when finished be made over as a Government Building.

(12 to 15). Reporting the provision of Church Furniture for the Church of Saint Matthias, Vepery, and attention requested to a suggestion by the Archdeacon that a supply of Furniture for Communion Tables could be furnished from England better and less expensive than could be procured in India.

16. Statement of Ecclesiastical Expenses incurred during 1851-2.

(17 to 20). The removal of certain Buildings from the site chosen for the new Church at Mercara, was authorized; and the substitution of a new plan for that formerly approved, was sanctioned on the understanding that Government was not to bear any expense in addition to the Rs. 2,000, which, under Court's Orders, has been paid to the Church Committee.

(21). Further correspondence forwarded with reference to the provision of a room for a place of Worship for the Roman Catholic Soldiers at Vizagapatam: and the reasons are pointed out, which led Government to consider it unnecessary to incur the expense of providing such a Building.

15. We shall be ready to comply with any Indent you may forward to us for the Articles specified by the Archdeacon, on being made acquainted with the dimensions of the tables for which they would probably be required, and with the quantity which should be furnished, calculated on the past demand for Church Furniture of that description.

16. Transferred to the Financial Department.

17. No remark.

4. A copy of this para: will be furnished to the Venerable the Archdeacon for information, with reference to the concluding para: of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No 136, dated 17th May 1853.

(22 and 23). In reply to an application for the erection of Punkahs over the seats occupied by the Soldiers in the Churches at Bellary and Secunderabad, it was intimated that the provision of Punkahs by Government is prohibited by the Court, but the present application is nevertheless specially referred for Court's instructions.

18. It is absolutely necessary that proper means of ventilating the Churches should be adopted during the hot season; and we therefore authorize you to provide Punkahs, and the necessary establishment for pulling them, over those parts of the Churches in your Presidency which are appropriated to the Troops, and to the lower classes of Government Servants.

5. A copy of this para: will be forwarded to the Venerable the Archdeacon, with reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation, Nos. 131 and 165, dated respectively 10th May and 16th June 1853; also, to the Military Board, who will submit Estimate for suspending Punkahs in the Fort Church at Bellary and other Government Churches requiring them.

6. The Venerable the Archdeacon will, in communication with the several Church Committees, fix the periods for pulling the Punkahs at the various Stations according to variations in the climate, and submit for the approval of Government a Statement of the requisite Establishment for this purpose.

7. Resolved that the Estimate submitted with the Military Board's letter of the 6th September 1853, for supplying and suspending Punkahs in St. John's Church at Secunderabad, amounting to Rupees (844-3) eight hundred and forty four, and Annas three, be sanctioned; also, the grant of an annual Allowance of (60) sixty Rupees for Punkah Pullers, as applied for by the Church Committee in their letter to the Venerable the Archdeacon of the 14th July 1853.

(24). Account Current forwarded of the Receipt and Disbursements of St. Mary's Church Fund for 1852-53.

Letter dated 9th August (No. 5), 1853.

Replying to Court's Despatches, Nos. 12 to 14 of 1852, and No. 1 to 4 of 1853, and reporting the Orders given for carrying out Court's instructions.

Letter dated 9th August (No. 6,) 1853.

(1). Observe that in the East India Register for 1853, the name of the Reverend Mr. Mahon has been omitted, and that the Rev. Mr. Rowlandson has been advanced to the grade of full Chaplain. State that no intimation of Mr. Mahon's retirement has been received, and that Mr. Rowlandson's promotion has not in consequence, been made under the orders of this Government.

Letter dated 9th August (No. 7,) 1853.

Forward correspondence with the Lord Bishop and state the grounds on which, pending further orders, the Government have permitted the existing arrangement with respect to the employment of the Venerable the Archdeacon as an additional Chaplain at the Presidency to remain undisturbed.

19: No remark.

20. . No remark.

21. Answered in Despatch, dated 23rd November, (No. 9) 1853.

22. We stated very fully our objection to the position which you had allowed the Archdeacon to occupy, in our Despatch in this Department, dated the 4th May, 1853, No. 4, and, although the Lord Bishop and the Archdeacon have submitted detailed explanation why the latter should still be allowed to continue in that position they have failed to remove our objection, which was founded on the principle that there was a Station for every Chaplain appointed to your Establishment, and that the Archdeaconry is not to be recognised as a separate Office.

8. These paras: (22 and 23) will be communicated to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, with a request that His Lordship will report the arrangement which he would propose for assigning a Chaplaincy to the Venerable the Archdeacon, in accordance with the Honorable Court's desire.

23. We cannot depart from this decision.

Letter dated 8th November, (No. 8,) 1853.

Complaint preferred by the Rev. J. Little, Wesleyan Missionary at Negapatam, against the Rev. H. Taylor, Chaplain of Tranquebar.

Letter dated 9th November, (No. 9) 1853.

Transmit Letter from the Bishop on the subject of the Rev. J. Little's complaint against the Rev. H. Taylor.

Letter dated 23rd November, (No. 10,) 1853.

Petition from Portuguese and Native Christians protesting against the transfer to Government of the Vepery Church.

26. Will be replied to separately.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) J. OLIPHANT,

„ E. MACNAGHTEN,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 25th October 1854.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 7 OF 1854.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

No. 23.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 19th January 1855.

1. With your letter, dated 17th January, (No. 2) 1854, you transmit, with a series of observations thereon, a Memorial to our address from the Reverend Henry Taylor, relative to the course recently pursued towards him by your Government.

2. Your proceedings in this case, as reported in your previous letters, have, as you are aware, already engaged our attention, and in our Des-

2. A copy of paras : 1 to 4 of this Despatch will be furnished to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, with reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 14th January 1854, No. 18, and with the request that His Lordship will give effect to the wishes of the Honorable Court, conveyed at the conclusion of para : 4.

patch, dated 22nd March, (No. 3) 1854, we informed you that, for the reasons therein stated, we consider the measures taken by you, open to objection as interfering with the legitimate authority of the Bishop.

3. Considering the questions out of which the correspondence originated to be of a character which brought them properly under the cognizance of Mr. Taylor's Ecclesiastical Superiors, we abstained from giving any opinion on the conduct of that Gentleman in connexion with them; and on the same grounds we think it inexpedient to enter on a consideration of the remarks recorded by your Government in the papers now before us, as to the desirableness of Mr. Taylor's holding intercourse with Ministers, belonging to the various dissenting bodies in India.

4. We have to express, however, our great regret at the instances which you have now brought to our notice, of a want of consideration, good feeling and courtesy towards those individuals and bodies generally, with whom, in the performance of his duties as Chaplain, Mr. Taylor has been brought into contact at the various Stations where he has officiated. We desire that Mr. Taylor be informed of the serious displeasure with which we regard his conduct in the above respects; and we direct that the Bishop be requested, in communicating our sentiments to Mr. Taylor, to accompany them with such an admonition on his part as may seem best calculated to prevent a repetition of the objectionable proceedings referred to.

5. We have now to notice your

proceedings with regard to the Memorial from Mr. Taylor, forwarded to you through the regular channel of communication, viz., the Bishop of the Diocese, for transmission to us; your Resolution with reference to this Memorial was couched in the following terms, "The Right Honorable the Governor in Council cannot admit the right of the Reverend Mr. Taylor to memorialize the Honorable Court, on such a question as the present, nor can he suppose that the Orders of the Court regarding Memorials were intended to apply to such a case, Mr. Taylor, has in truth no ground for memorializing. He has sustained no grievance, has incurred neither deprivation of Office nor loss of Salary, the Government in the exercise of their ordinary powers saw fit, for certain reasons, temporarily to circumscribe his sphere of duty, and the limitation has since been removed, on the occasion for it ceasing. While, however, the Governor in Council declines to recognize the document forwarded by Mr. Taylor, as a Memorial for redress, he nevertheless, out of deference to the Right Reverend the Diocesan, through whom it has been sent, and from a desire that the Honorable Court should be in entire possession of every thing bearing on the case, resolves to transmit one copy of it to that authority."

6. We cannot assent to the opinion on which the above Resolution is grounded, that the conduct of Mr. Taylor and your proceedings with regard to him having been reported for our consideration, the occasion

was an improper one for addressing a Memorial to us. Without reference however to the particular circumstances of any case, it is our desire that you should be strictly guided by the orders we have repeatedly given with regard to the transmission of Memorials to our address, and that, with the exception stated in our Revenue Despatch, dated 1st March (No. 1) 1854, paras: 28 to 31, you should forward to us all such as may be submitted through the proper channel.

We are,
Your loving friends,
(Signed) J. OLIPHANT,
E. MACNAGHTEN,
and other Directors.

LONDON, 15th November 1854.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 1 of 1855.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort St. George.

We have to inform you that we have appointed the Rev. T. T. Pettigrew, M. A., and the Rev. William W. G. Cooper, M. A., to be Assistant Chaplains on your Ecclesiastical Establishment.

We are, Your loving friends,

(Signed) J. OLIPHANT,
E. MACNAGHTEN,
and other Directors.

LONDON, 28th February 1855.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 2 of 1855.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

No. 148.
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 5th May 1855.

1. With reference to your letter, dated 19th May, (No. 7) 1854, relating to the recent marriage of a Staff

2. Copies of this Despatch and of its enclosure will be forwarded to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, also, to the Commissary

Serjeant of the Commissariat Department, with the Sister of his deceased Wife, we caused the question of the applicability to India of the Act 5th and 6th, Will. 4th, Cap. 54, to be submitted for the opinion of our Standing Counsel.

2. We now submit for your information a copy of the opinion given by Mr. Wigram, which you will observe is in accordance with the view of the subject taken by the Advocate General at your Presidency.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) J. OLIPHANT,

„ E. MACNAGHTEN,
and other Directors.

LONDON, 14th March 1855.

Opinion on the subject of Marriage with a deceased Wife's Sister.

I think it clear that the Act 5 and 6, Will. 4, C. 54, S. 2, has no application to Marriages in India, that is to say, no application to Marriages in India between parties whose Domicile is Indian; as in the present instance I must assume to have been the case with the person married.*

* See Forbes, v. Forbes, 1 Kay. 341.

Statutes passed by the British Legislature do not apply to British Possessions abroad unless made so to apply by express Enactment, and accordingly whenever it has been deemed expedient that a Statute passed by the British Legislature should be made to apply to India, an Act of the Indian Legislature has been passed for this purpose. But I am not aware that any such Act has been passed for extending the 5 and 6 Will. 4, C. 54, to India.

Independently of the Statute 5-6 W. 4, C. 54, S. 2, a Marriage within the prohibited degrees of affinity is by the Law of England not void but only voidable, and is for all Civil purposes a valid Marriage unless and until it be declared Null by sentence of the Ecclesiastical Court during the lives of the Husband and Wife.

(Signed) LOFTUS WIGRAM.

LINCOLN'S INN, 19th February 1855.

General in reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 118, dated 5th May 1854.

3. This Despatch and its accompaniment will be likewise communicated to the Advocate General, with reference to his letter of March 1854.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 3 of 1855.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

1. We have attentively considered the papers which accompanied para: 2 of your letter in this Department, dated the 14th January 1854, No. 1.

2. The Bishop of Madras has submitted to us the following propositions:—

First.—That the number now on the list of Chaplains at your Presidency should be augmented from 30 to 47 by the addition of 5 full Chaplains, and 12 Assistant Chaplains, a portion of the Assistant Chaplains to be raised in India to be termed Uncovenanted Chaplains, and to be granted an allowance of Rupees 300 per month.

Second.—That the sum now granted as an allowance to Chaplains for visiting Out-stations, be placed at the disposal of the Bishop towards supplying the Out-stations throughout the Diocese, with the services of Clergymen, who although not in the Company's employ, may be approved by the Bishop.

Third.—That on a Chaplain availing himself of his tour of duty on the Neilgherry Hills, he shall be considered to have vacated his previous appointment.

Fourth.—That an allowance for Establishment purposes may be granted to the Bishop.

3. The Establishment of Chaplains at your Presidency was fixed at 29 in the year 1836, and that is still the fixed number, the same being classed as follows, viz.

2 Senior Chaplains.

No. 167.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 22d May, 1855.

2. A copy of this Despatch will be furnished to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 17, dated 14th January 1854.

3. Adverting to the suggestion at the conclusion of the Despatch, the Government will be prepared to consider any re-arrangement of the present Office Establishment which the Lord Bishop, after communication with the Registrar of the Diocese, may propose, in view to his obtaining the aid of its services.

4. Paras: 3, 4 and 7 of this Despatch will be communicated to the Civil Auditor for information, with reference to the Order of Government, 21st September 1847, No. 321.

9 Chaplains.

18 Assistant Chaplains.

4. The Lord Bishop informs us that there are at present 30 Chaplains on the list, of whom 5 are absent, as appears from the Letter of the Chief Secretary to your Government, dated the 10th January 1854. Consequently only 25 are available for duty. With reference to our intimation many years since, that we should make arrangements to ensure the actual presence in India of the full number of Chaplains authorized for the Ecclesiastical Establishments by anticipating the vacancies which might be expected to occur, we have made an addition to the nominations of Assistant Chaplains to Madras for this season, so as to bring up your available Establishment to the fixed number of 29. We have now to notice the question of further permanent aid brought before us by the Lord Bishop. The addition which His Lordship recommends is virtually that 18 should be added to the fixed Establishment, thus making the total number 47.

5. In the opinion of your Government, the proposed augmentation is unnecessarily large. We entertain the same opinion. We are not surprised that His Lordship should desire to provide the advantage of Resident Ministers of the Church of England, for the Christian population of the Presidency. We cannot however recognise any claim on the part of any portion of the Christian population of India to have Ministers provided for them out of the produce of the Taxes of India, except such persons as are

in our Service, and their families, having considered the claims in this respect of the different Stations, to which His Lordship recommends that Chaplains shall be appointed, we have resolved to add six to the regular Establishment in the proportion of two Chaplains, and four Assistant Chaplains. The effect of this arrangement will be to give promotion to the two Seniors on the list of Assistant Chaplains. The increased Financial Charge will be Rupees 3,400 per month. Your Establishment will thenceforward consist of 2 Senior Chaplains, 11 Chaplains, and 22 Assistant Chaplains, making a total of 35.

6. As respects the employment of Uncovenanted Chaplains, we are not prepared at present to accede to this proposal.

7. If at any time instead of taking Chaplains off their duties, for the purpose of visiting the Out stations, the Lord Bishop may be able to avail himself of the services on that occasion of some other Clergymen of the Established Church, of whose qualifications, although not in our regular employ, he feels assured, we shall not object to the payment to such Clergymen of the amount which would have been received as an Extra Allowance by a Regular Chaplain for the performance of this duty. By this means, the services of the regular Chaplains may be retained more exclusively for the discharge of their own station duties.

8. We see no good reason for altering the existing arrangement with respect to the appointment of Chap-

lains to the Hill Stations by requiring that each Chaplain in succession taking the two years' tour to the Hills should vacate his substantive appointment. If this provision were insisted on, we apprehend that it would be liable to operate with injustice, for it is probable that in many cases, the loss of a Chaplaincy at a Station to which a Clergyman has been posted for some years, would, for various reasons, prevent his availing himself of the intended boon of a temporary residence in the Hills.

9. With regard to the final request of the Lord Bishop, namely, that he may be granted an Office Establishment, we are unable to depart from the decision conveyed in our Despatch, dated 22nd April 1852, No. 8, and reiterated in our subsequent Despatch, dated the 16th February 1853; a sum of Rupees 135 per month is now allowed to the Registrar of the Archdeaconry for conducting the Official correspondence of the Diocese, whereas in Bengal only 100 Rupees per month is expended on the same account. We cannot sanction any further charge being incurred for this object, but we would suggest, if practicable, such a transference, or re-arrangement of the Office Establishment as will give the Bishop greater facility in availing himself of its services.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) J. OLIPHANT,

„ E. MACNAGHTEN,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 4th April 1853.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 4 of 1855.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

1. In your letter dated 8th August (No. 11) 1854, you bring to our notice the case of the Rev. Alfred Kinloch, Chaplain of Kamptee, who incurred the displeasure of your Government in consequence of his delay in joining his Station in 1852, and who now seeks to be relieved from the retrenchments made against him in connexion with his proceedings on that occasion.

2. The principal points in which the conduct of Mr. Kinloch was considered deserving of censure were the following :—

1st. In having, when leaving Egypt on his return from sick leave, failed to proceed direct from Suez to Bombay on his way to Kamptee, in obedience to instructions from the Bishop of Madras.

2ndly. In having, after his arrival at Madras, neglected repeated orders to proceed without delay to join his Station.

3rdly. In having gone to Calcutta and without communicating to the Government of India the previous orders of your Government, obtained permission to postpone his journey to Kamptee and meanwhile to officiate with the Bishop's sanction, in the Diocese of Calcutta.

4thly. In having at a considerably later period when in consequence of representations from your Government, the Government of India had cancelled their previous orders, and consequently annulled the grounds on which he could claim

No 215.

*Extract from the Minutes of Consultation,
dated 30th June 1855.*

2. A copy of this Despatch will be furnished to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, for communication to the Reverend A. Kinloch.

any salary for services actually performed in the Diocese of Calcutta, when moreover your Government had repeatedly refused to recognize his claim to any Allowances for the period passed by him in that Diocese, and finally, when he was actually repeating his application to the Government of India for sanction to these very Allowances, submitted bills founded on the orders, which he knew had been previously cancelled for the payment of his salary for the period in question, namely from the 11th July to 12th December 1852, and obtained the amount Rupees 2,420-15-5 as well as 227-8 for travelling expenses, from the Nagpore Treasury.

3. The proceedings of Mr. Kinloch under the two latter heads called forth the strong animadversion of the Government of India, in compliance with whose directions you ordered the retrenchment of Mr. Kinloch's salary in repayment of the sums, which had been drawn in an improper a manner.

4. It appears to us that the conduct of Mr. Kinloch, up to the time of his leaving Madras for Calcutta, may be attributable to errors of judgment and inexperience in business, and might therefore have been passed over, without any severe mark of the displeasure of your Government.

5. With regard to his subsequent proceedings, his application to the Government of India for an extension of leave, and for permission to discharge his professional duties, while that Government was left in ignorance of your previous orders, was an appearance of disingenuous-

ness which has impressed us very unfavorably and his conduct in drawing at Nagpore the Allowances which he must have been aware it was your intention that he should not receive, appears to us to be deserving of severe censure.

6. We notice with great regret the tone of the letter in which Mr. Kinloch has sought to justify his conduct, manifesting, as it does a total insensibility to the faults he has committed and an entire blindness to the fact that the position in which he is placed by the retrenchment of his Allowances, is owing solely to his own conduct, in obtaining an order from the Government of India which a full acquaintance with the circumstances of the case would have prevented them from giving and which they very properly cancelled on being put in possession of the information kept back by Mr. Kinloch.

7. We desire that our sentiments may be communicated to Mr. Kinloch and we need scarcely state that we entirely concur in the conclusion you have come to that there are "no grounds for setting aside the "ordinary rules of the service in "Mr. Kinloch's behalf."

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) E. MACNAGHTEN,

W. H. SYKES,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 16th May 1855.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 5 of 1855.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

1. Great inconvenience has frequently resulted from the irregularity and delay with which the Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials solemnized at your Presidency have been forwarded to us not any having been received since the 19th August 1854, and then only up to the 31st March 1854, although, we are in possession of similar returns from Bengal and Bombay, to the 31st December 1854.

2. We have on a previous occasion been under the necessity of calling your attention to this subject, and we now desire that these returns made up to latest possible date, may be forwarded without delay, and that in future you will furnish them quarterly, in accordance with the practice observed at the other Presidencies.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) E. MACNAGHTEN,

„ W. H. SYKES,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 8th August 1855.

No. 318.

*Extract from the Minutes of Consultation,
dated 21st September 1855.*

2. Resolved that a copy of this Despatch be forwarded to the Registrar of the Diocese, with a request that he will explain the cause of the delay in submitting the Ecclesiastical and Lay Returns of Sacred Offices for 1854, and for the 1st Quarter of 1855, received with his letters, dated respectively 12th June and 5th July last.

3. The Registrar will submit without delay the Returns for the 2nd Quarter of the present year, for transmission to England, and be careful in future to furnish these Returns quarterly as required by the Honorable Court.

4. A copy of this Despatch will be also furnished to the Right Rev. Dr. Fennelly, in view to his adopting such measures as may be necessary to ensure the regular transmission, in future, by the Clergy under his control, of Returns of Sacred Offices within a month, at latest, after the close of each quarter.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 6 of 1855.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

Para. 1. We now reply to your Letters in this Department dated in 1854.

*Letter dated 14th January,
No. 1, 1854.*

*Letter dated 7th April,
No. 4, 1854.*

Transmitting copies of letters from the Bishop of Madras suggesting certain Ecclesiastical arrangements.

*Letter dated 17th January,
No. 2, 1854.*

Memorial from the Rev Henry Taylor.

*Letter dated 9th February,
No. 3, 1854.*

1. Reporting Proceedings in continuation of letter No. 3 of 1853.

2 to 5. A further sum of Rs. 2,503-3-11 sanctioned for the completion of the Church at Coonoor, the estimate on which the former grant of Rs. 4,673-14-2 was made having proved altogether incorrect.

6. A further outlay of Rs. 395-13-9 sanctioned for the completion of the repairs of the Church at Cochin.

7. Certain alterations and improvements sanctioned in St. Mark's Church Bangalore and in

2. Answered in Despatch, dated 14th April, (No. 3) 1855.

3. Answered in Despatch, dated 15th November, (No. 7) 1854.

4. No remark.

5. We agree with you in regarding Captain Francis' explanation of the inaccuracy of his Estimate, as unsatisfactory. It would, however, have been manifestly wrong on account of the fault of one of your Officers, to refuse to bring to completion a Work for which nearly ten thousand Rupees had been contributed by private Subscribers, and we therefore approve the additional grant sanctioned by you for the purpose.

6. No remark.

No. 360.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 1st November 1855.

1. The Governor in Council proceeds to take into consideration such portions of a Despatch from the Honorable Court of Directors, dated 29th August, No. 6 of 1855, as require orders.

2. A copy of this para: will be furnished to the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 303, dated 25th October 1853, and for communication to Captain Francis.

3. The Government await the reply of the Civil Engineer, 7th Division, to the Military Board's reference of the 28th June last, in respect to the necessity for repairs to the Church at Coonoor at a cost of Rupees 611-4-7, so soon after the construction of the Building.

the furniture and fittings at an aggregate cost of Rs. 5,684-2-7.

8. The Collector of South Arcot reported his inability hitherto to obtain a site for the proposed new Church at Cuddalore.

9. An estimate for Punkahs over the Soldiers' seats at St. John's Church, Secunderabad, and an application for an annual allowance of Rs. 60 for pulling them submitted for Court's Orders.

10. Reporting in reply to an enquiry by the Court that the cost of the alterations and improvements in the Church at Ootacamund has been defrayed from voluntary contributions on the spot.

11. Forwarding a letter from the Medical Board with reference to Court's Despatch, No. 7 of 1853, from which it appears that the site of the new burial ground at Cannanore is in the opinion of the Board unobjectionable.

12. Also letters dated 8th Sept. (No. 12) 1854 23rd " „ 15) „ 7 to 11.

Increase in the allowance for the Choir and Grant recommended of Rs. 10,000 towards the purchase of a new Organ for St. George's Cathedral.

7. In para: 18 of our Despatch, dated 25th October, (No. 6) 1854, we conveyed to you the requisite authority for sanctioning Charges of the nature here referred to in the Churches generally throughout your Presidency.

8. No remark.

9. We have for many years habitually acted on the principle that expenses connected with the Organs and Choirs in the Government Churches should be defrayed by their respective congregations and should not form a Charge on the public revenue. It appears however that this rule cannot be strictly acted on in the case of St. George's Cathedral so long as the sums realized

4. It is observed that, under date the 14th December 1854, an Estimate amounting to Rupees 844-3-0, was sanctioned for suspending Punkahs in St. John's Church at Secunderabad, and a grant of an annual allowance of 60 Rupees for Punkah pullers.

5. A copy of these paras: will be furnished to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, for communication to the Trustees of St. George's Cathedral. It is observed that, under the authority of the Government of India, 3rd August 1855, the Pew rents of the Cathedral are now appro-

from Pew rents are paid into the Public Treasury. We think it desirable that the system observed in the other Churches of your Presidency should be introduced here also and that the Pew rents being left at the disposal of the Trustees, that body should make their own arrangements regarding the Organ and Choir and all other appurtenances of the Church not indispensably necessary for the due and decent celebration of Divine Worship for which alone the Government has undertaken to provide.

10. We desire that you enter into correspondence with the Bishop of Madras and the Cathedral Trustees with a view to the introduction of this change of plan. In the meanwhile, we cannot agree to your recommendation of a grant of Rupees 10,000 towards a new Organ for St. George's Cathedral.

13. Rupees 635-13-4 sanctioned for repairing and painting the Vestry room at St. Mary's Burying ground and Compound wall.

14. A donation of Rs. 500 granted towards a Church about to be erected by the German Missionaries at Calicut.

15. A set of rules sanctioned for the management of the "Parsewaukum General Cemetery" purchased by Government for the use of Christians not Members of the Church of England.

11. No remark.

12. We do not object to this grant in the present instance though it is not in conformity with the General Orders which we have addressed to your Government regarding the joint occupation of Churches by Government and by Missionaries, and we must direct that the course you have taken in the case be not drawn into a precedent.

13. No remark.

priated to the general purposes of the Church. It is also observed that when this Despatch was written, the Honorable Court had not before them the letter from the Trustees of 4th Ultimo, pointing out that upwards of 47,000 Rupees had been received from the congregation as Pew rents and paid into the General Treasury to the credit of Government. That letter, with one from his Lordship the Bishop, was sent to England by the Mail of the 27th September last.

6. Resolved that the Orders of the Honorable Court conveyed in this para: be carefully kept in view.

16. Sanction given to the bills for the erection of Trinity Church, Bangalore, exceeding by Rs. 1,342-1 the estimate sanctioned in 1848.

17 to 21. Also p. 2 of letter dated 8th September (No. 12) 1854.

Correspondence arising out of an application by the Syrian Metropolitan in Travancore for the payment of arrears of interest on a sum of 3,000 Pagodas forming part of the property in dispute between the Church Missionary Society and the Syrian Metropolitan.

14. As the Metropolitan still withheld his acquiescence in the Award of the Arbitrators appointed by mutual consent in 1840 to adjudicate the question between the several claimants you were right in declining to make to him any partial payments. It appears that the Church Missionary Society not unnaturally refuse to refund the amount paid to them under the Award in question, which they accepted in its integrity and unless the representative of the Syrian Christians does the same we do not see any course for your Government but to retain possession of the share adjudged to that Communion till the question shall have been settled by some agreement made between the parties themselves, or decided by an adequate legal tribunal.

15. This conclusion seems to be in accordance with the views expressed in your letter of the 24th April last received since the preceding paras: were written, in which your propose to carry out the Award of the Arbitrators as respects the Syrian Community as effect has already been given to that part of it which relates to the Church Missionary Society, provided that both parties will give their written acquiescence in the whole Award and will in writing forego all further claims against one another.

22 and 23. A request of the Rev. E. Kilvert to be removed from the Chaplaincy of Vellore having been supported by

16. The conduct of Mr. Kilvert which led to his removal from Trichinopoly was highly censurable and his demeanour towards the Bishop

7. A copy of these paras; will be furnished to the Resident at Travancore for communication to the Syrian Metropolitan, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 112, dated 17th April last.

8. A copy of this para: will be forwarded to the Lord Bishop for communication to the

the Bishop on account of some differences between that gentleman and his Congregation, his case is brought to Court's special notice, in connection with his previous removal from the Chaplaincy of Trichinopoly.

called for severe animadversion. We are not acquainted with the particulars of his alleged disagreement with members of the congregation at Vellore, or with the extent to which he may be blameable, and we trust that the admonition he has received may make him in future more guarded in his intercourse with his congregation and more respectful and deferential towards his Diocesan. He must however be made clearly to understand that your Government will peremptorily require the observance in his case of that proper subordination which all the Government Chaplains are expected to manifest towards their Ecclesiastical Superiors.

Letter dated 7th April, (No. 4) 1854.

Further letter from the Bishop forwarded with reference to letter, No. 1 of 1854.

Letter dated 7th April, (No. 5) 1854.

Also letter dated 24th April, (No. 6) 1854, p. 12.

Temporary transfer of one of the Presbyterian Chaplains to the Out stations of Trichinopoly and Jackatalla for affording spiritual services to H. M.'s 74th Highlanders, and arrangements made for the performance of the duties of the St. Andrew's Church.

Letter dated 24th April, (No. 6) 1854.

1. Reporting Proceedings in continuation of letter, No. 3.

2 to 8. Also letter dated 9th Sept. (No. 13) 1854.

Correspondence relating to the functions of the

17. With letter, No. 1 of 1854.

18. This arrangement, very laudably proposed by the Senior Presbyterian Chaplain, for the purpose of meeting a temporary emergency has our approval and we sanction the payment of such travelling Allowances to the Chaplains as you may consider reasonable in the prosecution of the plan.

19. No remark.

20. It appears that a specific portion of the Ecclesiastical business

Reverend E. Kilvert, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 27th January 1854, No. 33.

9. Ordered to be communicated to the Senior Presbyterian Chaplain and also to the Civil Auditor for information.

10. It is observed that further questions

Archdeacon arising out of the appointment of a Special Commissary by the Bishop during his absence from the Presidency, the Archdeacon being likewise absent.

has habitually been committed to the successive Archdeacons of Madras; and that the arrangement for the appointment of a Special Commissary was not intended to have reference to this portion but to certain business of routine which forms part of the duties peculiarly appertaining to the Bishop. This distinction seems to have been lost sight of in your subsequent Orders, enjoining that all communications in the Ecclesiastical Department should be made through the Special Commissary, and thus an act which your President remarks was an intrusion into the Archdeacon's Office was really authorized by your Government. We think it only necessary to remark with reference to your request for our orders on the subject, that the past practice should be hereafter borne in mind and as much as possible adhered to.

9 to 11. Repairs sanctioned to the Cathedral and its Out buildings as well as works in the Cathedral Compound, the cost of the latter to be defrayed out of the accumulated rent received for the ground, from which source all future expenses of the same kind are to be paid.

21. The expenses connected with Church Compounds and Burial grounds being in the case of ordinary Churches defrayed by the Government, we do not think it necessary that similar works connected with the Cathedral should be strictly limited to the amount realized from the letting of the Compound. The sum obtained from that source being as heretofore paid into the Government Treasury, your Government will be at liberty to sanction any expenditure which may be requisite to keep the Cathedral premises in a state befitting the sacred character of the Building.

having arisen in regard to the functions, powers and position of the Archdeacon and Commissary and in regard to his relation to the Bishop, the whole matter has been referred under dates 24th April, 13th September and 12th October 1855, for the consideration and orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors.

11. Resolved that a copy of this para: be furnished to the Lord Bishop's Special Commissary for communication to the Trustees of St. George's Cathedral, and that so much of the Orders of Government of 16th April 1853, No. 116, as sanction the application of Collections for ground rent to the improvement of the Cathedral and grounds attached, be cancelled, and that any Collections from this source be paid in future into the Government Treasury.

12. Visits of the Presbyterian Chaplains to Jackatulla.

22. With letter, No. 5.

13. Rs. 1,282-0-10 sanctioned for the repair of the Government Church at Tranquebar.

23. No remark.

Letter dated 19th May, (No. 71) 1854.

Question of the legality, in India, of Marriage with the Sister of a deceased Wife.

24. Answered in Despatch, dated 14th March, (No. 2) 1855.

Letter dated 19th May, No. 8, 1854.

Reporting the grant of leave of absence to Europe for two years to the Rev. T. Dealtry and with reference to the present paucity of Chaplains, requesting authority to employ on emergent occasions Chaplains not in the regular service.

25. In cases where, it may be impossible, from a temporary emergency to provide the stated services at Stations usually served by Government Chaplains, we authorize you to act on the suggestion of the Bishop, and to pay the regular travelling Allowance to any Clergyman though not in our service, who may be nominated by the Bishop to discharge the duty.

12. A copy of this para: will be forwarded to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, and also to the Civil Auditor, for information.

Letter dated 4th July, (No. 9,) 1854.

Transmitting a letter from the Bishop of Madras bringing to notice the spiritual destitution of the Military Stations in the Ganjam District, and His Lordship's proposition for remedying it.

26. The Stations mentioned by the Bishop may well constitute a separate Chaplaincy whenever the state of your Ecclesiastical Establishment may render the arrangement practicable. In the meantime in accordance with the sanction given by us in para: 7 of our Despatch of 4th April 1855, No. 3, we authorize you to place at the disposal of the Bishop, the amount hitherto paid on account of a Chaplain's visit to those Stations, towards the expense of employing a Clergyman, under His Lordship's direction, to afford spiritual services at those places.

13. Resolved that a copy of this para: be furnished to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, and that, under the authority herein conveyed, the amount hitherto paid on account of a Chaplain's visit to the Military Stations in the Ganjam District mentioned in his Lordship's letter of the 15th June 1854, be placed at his disposal towards the expense of employing a Clergyman to afford spiritual services at those places.

14. A copy of this para: will be also furnished to the Civil Auditor, together with the foregoing resolution thereon.

Letter dated 4th July,
(No. 10) 1854.

Replying to Court's Despatches, No. 5 of 1853 to No. 3 of 1854. 27. This letter reports the mode in which our several orders have been carried into effect and calls for no remark.

Letter dated 8th August,
(No. 11) 1854.

Case of the Reverend A. Kinloch. 28. Answered in Despatch, dated 16th May, No. 4, 1855.

Letter dated 8th September, (No. 12) 1854.

1. Reporting Proceedings in continuation of Letter, No. 6. 29. No remark.

2. Funds of the Cotyam Syrian College in Travancore. 30. With paras: 17 to 21 of letter, No. 3.

3. Repairs to the Church of Saint Matthias, Vepery, and renewal of Church Furniture authorized at a cost of Rs. 1,834-5-2. 31. No remark.

4. An Estimate amounting to Rs. 817-3-10 sanctioned for the removal of the wall of the Fort of Palamcottah rendered necessary by the selection made of the site of the new Church.

5. Account current of the Receipts and Disbursements of Saint Mary's Church Fund for 1853-54, forwarded.

6. An Estimate amounting to Rupees 676-1-8 sanctioned for the repair of the wall enclosing the Hindoo Burial ground at Triplicane.

7. to 11. Improvement of the Choir of Saint George's Cathedral,

32. With para: 12 of letter, No 3.

12. Supplementary estimate sanctioned amounting to Rupees 15-8-7 for the wall of the Ursewankum Cemetery.

13. Correspondence relating to the provision of new Burial Ground at Tanquebar and the sanction given to the Estimate amounting to Rupees 1,331 for surrounding it with a wall.

14. A disbursement of Rupees 634-5-7 for repairs and alterations to the Church in the Black Town, and for certain new fittings.

(15 to 18). A grant of Rupees 2,500 was made towards the erection of a Church, which the inhabitants of the station of Nellore were proposing to construct by means of subscriptions, as it subsequently appeared that the expense was likely to be Rs 8,345-8-3 instead of Rupees 6,000, as originally estimated, a hope was expressed that Government would not be called on for further aid.

33. No remark.

34. You do not appear to have been guided in this case, by our instructions of the 28th April 1852, in which it was laid down that the assistance to be given by Government towards the erection of Churches, is to consist of the provision of the substantial parts of the fabric, leaving the cost of the ornamental parts to be defrayed by private means, we do not apprehend that there will be any difficulty in acting on this rule in all cases; and you will probably find that it will admit of a larger proportion of the cost of the Nellore Church being borne by Government than you have yet undertaken.

(19 & 20). Application from the Colonial Church and School Society, with reference to the appointments of the Reverend R. Murphy, who had proceeded to India in the Society's service, having been nominated to a Government Chaplaincy.

35. Transferred to the Financial Department.

21 to 25. The erection of a Belfry authorized at the Church at Kamptee 36. We approve the order here reported with regard to the request of the Archdeacon that Punkahs

and with reference to this and other cases Orders given that all plans for buildings in Church Compounds should be submitted for the approval or remarks of the Archdeacon before coming up to Government for sanction.

26 to 29. Contribution towards the School at Mootoocherry.

30. An Expenditure of Rupees 777-2-9 authorized for the repair of the wall of the Burial ground at the French Rocks.

31 to 33. The Kirk Session authorized to erect Pulkahs at St. Andrew's Church, an outlay sanctioned for certain repairs and for the purchase of Chandeliers.

Letter dated 9th September, (No. 13), 1854.

Further correspondence respecting the mode in which Ecclesiastical business should be conducted during the absence of the Archdeacon from the Presidency.

Letter dated 22nd September, (No. 14) 1854.

Also para : 11, of Letter dated 30th December, (No. 16,) 1854.

Submitting a plan for the erection of a Church at Mootoocherry in the Cantonments of Bangalore, and requesting orders as to the amount to be contributed by Government towards the cost, which is estimated at Rupees 6,322, for the fabric and Rupees 1,433 for the furniture and fittings.

may be supplied to this Church, we refer you to para : 7 of this Despatch.

37. Transferred to the Public Department for answer, with other Letters relating to Education.

38. No remark.

39. With paras : 2 to 8 of Letter, No 6.

40. Additional Church accommodation is evidently required for the Pensioners and their Families residing at Mootoocherry, and we approve your proposal to provide a Building for their use. We think however that under the circumstances a building of the nature of a Chapel of Ease would be quite sufficient for the purpose; and we therefore approve your refusal to entertain either of the expensive plans first submitted to you, the plan which you have forwarded to

15. A copy of this para : will be communicated to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, to the Venerable the Archdeacon, and also to the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 238, dated 19th September 1854, and with authority to construct a place of Worship at Mootoocherry on

us seems suited to the case, and to be in accordance with our Despatch of the 28th April 1852, we accordingly authorize you to carry it into execution at the cost proposed for the building, furniture, and fittings. the plan submitted with the Military Board's letter of the 9th Idem, No. 153, at the cost proposed, viz. Rupees 7,755, for building, furniture and fittings.

Letter dated 23rd September, (No. 15) 1854.

Application for a pecuniary Grant towards the purchase of a new Organ for St. George's Cathedral.

Letter dated 30th December, (No. 16) 1854.

1. Reporting proceedings in continuation of letter, No 12.

2 to 8. Under the circumstances reported, compensation to the amount of Rupees 4,500, granted to the Rev. H. Wilkinson Missionary at Berhammore in Ganjam, on account of the destruction of his property and that of the Mission by fire.

41. With para : 12 of letter, No 3.

42. No remark.

43. The fire which destroyed the Mission property originated in some thatched huts, which a few months previously had been constructed for the families of the men of the 18th Regiment M. N. I. then proceeding to Burmah, the Missionaries before the site had been chosen, had objected to the location as exposing their property to great danger, and it is apparently on this ground, and with reference to the services rendered to Government by the Missionaries in the instruction and care of Meriah children that you awarded Compensation for their loss. It appears on the other hand that the Mission Buildings would not have been exposed to such risk, had the precaution been adopted of putting on tiled roofs, and with reference to all the circumstances, he must direct that the information made to the Missionaries, that the grant is not to be drawn into a precedent, be strictly acted on.

44. We fear that there was some foundation for the statement that the

tile makers of Berhampore had been subjected to exactions on the part of one or more of the Native officials. The Tahsildar, who had been specifically charged with the offence, has since been dismissed, and we trust that the knowledge that no such exaction will be permitted by the higher Authorities will give confidence to the tile makers, and prevent any deficiency in the supply being henceforth experienced.

9 and 10. Appointments of various Chaplains to different stations reported, with the remark in the case of the nomination of the Rev. H. Taylor to be Joint Chaplain at the Cathedral, that the selection would not have been made by Government, and that the appointment was confirmed in deference to the recommendation of the Bishop.

11. Church at Mootoo-cherry.

12 to 14. A grant of Rupees 2,000 sanctioned towards the construction of a Church at Combaconum, estimated to cost Rupees 4,500, and for which Rupees 2,400 had been collected by private subscription, the Civil Engineer was directed to render aid in the erection of the Building, which when completed, will become the property of Government.

15 to 19. An Estimate amounting to Rupees 297-7-6 sanctioned for the repair of the Church at Tripassore, an Outstation of Poonamalee, but with reference to the expense on buildings and

45. In all these cases you acted on the recognized principle that the Bishop's recommendation is to be adopted unless on strong and special grounds, the Government should assume the responsibility of declining to approve any particular nomination.

46. Answered with Letter, No. 14.

47. We approve of your proceedings in these cases.

16. Ordered to be communicated to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop.

establishments caused by the residence of European Pensioners at that place, it was resolved that the location there of Pensioners be not encouraged for the future.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) E. MACNAGHTEN,

W. H. SKYES,

and other Directors.

LONDON,
the 29th August 1855.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 7 of 1855.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort St. George.

We have to inform you that we have appointed the Reverend J. D. Ostrehan B. A., to be an Assistant Chaplain on your Ecclesiastical Establishment.

We are, Your loving friends,

(Signed) E. MACNAGHTEN,

W. H. SYKES,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 12th September 1853.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 372.

No. 8 of 1855.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort St. George.

Letter from, dated 22nd
May 1855, No. 9.

Transmit a Memorial from several Chaplains and Assistant Chaplains of the Madras Establishment on the subject of the new Furlough Regulations, which they request may not be made obligatory on the Chaplains previously in the Service of the Company.

1. There are two points in regard of which the Memorialists are under a misapprehension, arising from the interpretation placed upon the new Rules by the Government of India previous to their reference to us on the subject.

2. We therefore now again apprise you for the information of the Memorialists, and for the guidance of your Government, that Chaplains and Assistant Chaplains, whilst absent on Medical Certificate beyond Sea, may be allowed to draw at the

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 9th November 1855.

2. A copy of this Despatch will be furnished to the Lord Bishop and to the Venerable the Archdeacon, with reference to the Memorial received with his letter of the 10th May last.

3. This Despatch will also be communicated to the Military Auditor General and to the Civil Auditor, for information.

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rate of £600 per Annum for the first six months of absence, and subsequently the Furlough Pay of their standing. A decision to this effect has been passed in the case of the Rev. Mr. Lugard of your Establishment since his arrival in this country on sick leave.

3. It has also been decided that the New Rules shall not have retrospective effect as regards Chaplains and Assistant Chaplains and consequently that all sick leave taken by them under the former Rules, shall still be computed as Indian residence. This latter advantage was conceded in consideration of the option of abiding by the former Rules having been withheld from our Chaplains. But our decision for withholding the option was come to advisedly after due deliberation and we feel it necessary to adhere to it.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) E. MACNAGHTEN,

„ W. H. SYKES,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 19th September 1855.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 9 OF 1855.

Political Letter, dated
10th October, (No. 9)
1854, paras: 10 to 12.

Correspondence respecting an order of the Travancore Sircar alleged to place Protestant Converts to Christianity in an unfavorable position as compared with other Converts from Hindooism, whether Christian or Mahomedan.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George,

1. The order here referred to was issued by the Dewan on occasion of a recent Convert to Christianity of low caste (Illowan) passing near a Temple in the neighbourhood of the Mission Premises. The Committee of the Church Missionary Society at Madras objected to the order on ac-

No. 475.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 27th November 1855.

2. Ordered that a copy of this Despatch be furnished to the Resident of Travancore and Cochin, and also to the Madras Corresponding Committee of the Church Mission Society, with re-

count of the assertion which it is said to have contained that though "an Illowan, became a Christian" "he still remained an Illowan," and the consequent direction that Converts to the Christian religion should not pass through the public highway but must pass through the field road.

2. It was contended by the Missionaries that this order was of general application, and must be regarded as a backward step towards intolerance and persecution inasmuch as all Converts without exception had been for many years permitted to enjoy the *status* which they allege has been accorded for centuries to all the Syrian Christians, whether recent Converts or not, and to stand on terms of equality with the general population of Travancore. This position was strongly contested by the Dewan whose views were supported by the Resident, a mass of evidence on the subject justly described in your Minutes as contradictory and conflicting in many instances is recorded in your Proceedings.

3. It is not necessary to enter into the details of this controversy. The order out of which it arose is contained in certain instructions sent to a Tahsildar in 1851, directing him to dispose on its merits of a complaint, preferred by an individual to the Travancore Sircar. Though the terms of the order appear to lay down a principle applicable to all Converts to Christianity, it is asserted by the Resident to have had reference only to the individual case then under consideration. There is no evidence of its having been acted on in any other instance and therefore

ference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 14th February 1854, No. 82.

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves to call the special attention of the Resident to the sentiments of the Honorable Court, contained in para: 5, of their Despatch, and directs that he will communicate them to the Dewan of Travancore and to the Missionaries, and will inform them that the Orders of Government, issued in para: 12 of the above Extract Minutes of Consultation, are to be considered as modified to the extent specified by the Honorable Court in their present Despatch.

4. The Resident, as well as the Madras Corresponding Committee of the Church Mission Society, should also impress upon the Missionaries in the Travancore and Cochin States, the necessity of their future conduct being regulated by the views expressed by the Honorable Court in para: 6 of their Despatch.

though the rule it would appear to recognize if published with especial bearing to the whole body of Christian Converts would be objectionable, we approve of your having abstained from directing the Resident to demand its formal rescission.

4. We entirely approve the communication made by your orders to the Government of Travancore impressing on that Government the expediency of exercising the utmost practicable toleration towards Converts and of relaxing gradually all restrictive usages and regulations affecting them.

5. In the course of your deliberations on this subject, an objection was stated to the "assumption of the Missionaries to act as Patrons of their Converts and to advocate their cause when there is any contest between them and the local Authorities," and you directed that the practice be explicitly prohibited, and that the Resident be desired to communicate this resolution both to the Dewan and the Missionaries and to act on it himself in all instances where applications may be made to him personally on behalf of Christian Converts." We do not think that there is any reasonable objection to Missionaries or any other parties who may exercise influence or superintendence over any Sections of the community making known in a respectful and becoming manner any general measures of hardship or other circumstances requiring redress arising out of the administration to the constituted Authorities. We wish the Resident and the Missionaries to be

informed of our sentiments on this point and we consider that the order you have issued regarding it should be modified.

6. To the Missionaries also it should be pointed out that a little discretion on their part might have obviated the measure of which they complain, and that no advantage is ever gained to the cause of Christianity by a violation of the opinions and prejudices of the Government under whose protection they reside. Successive Rajahs of Travancore have shown towards Missionaries a spirit of toleration which cannot be too highly appreciated, and the recent declaration of the Dewan to General Cullen with which we conclude this paragraph, so completely in accordance as it is with the practice of the Circar, satisfactorily evinces that this liberality has in no manner been checked by the indiscretions of some the Missionaries of which he had reason to complain.

"So long as the Missionaries and their Converts do not bring themselves into collision with the Hindoos of high Caste and do conduct themselves peaceably and prudently there is not the slightest objection on the part of the Circar to the dissemination of Christianity in this Country to the widest possible extent, and it ever has been, and ever shall be the care of the Circar, that it shall suffer neither itself nor its Hindoo Subjects to be the first to offend in their dealings with the Missionaries or their people."

We are, Your loving friends,

(Signed) E. MACNAGHTEN,

W. H. SYKES,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 26th September 1855.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 10 OF 1855.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort St. George.

We have to inform you that we have permitted the Reverend Thomas Dealtry, M. A., to return to his duty on your Ecclesiastical Establishment.

We are, Your loving friends,

(Signed) E. MACNAGHTEN,

„ W. H. SYKES,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 31st October 1855.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 11 OF 1855.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

Letter from, dated 13th August 1855, (No. 17).

Forward copy of a letter from the Reverend W. T. Blenkinsop, Senior Chaplain, and, with reference thereto, request information whether the Reverend Messrs. Blenkinsop and Shortland are entitled to the rates of Furlough and retiring Allowances enjoyed by Chaplains prior to the 31st August 1836, also as to the rate of Furlough and retiring Allowances to be granted in future to Chaplains attaining the rank of Senior Chaplains.

2. We have, however, no intention of treating the cases of Chaplains who may hereafter attain the position of Senior Chaplain differently from other Chaplains in respect of their furlough and retiring Allowances. The salaries of the two Senior Chaplains (Rupees 1,200 and 980 per month for the 1st and 2nd respectively) are fixed on a higher scale than is allotted to the rest of the Chaplains, but we

Para: 1. The Reverend Messrs. Blenkinsop and Shortland having been appointed to the Service before the 31st August 1836, are entitled, in conformity with the instructions conveyed in para: 6 of our letter in this Department, No. 6 of 1836, to the benefit of "the then existing scale of Allowances as well for service as on furlough and retirement." These allowances are, on furlough £292 per annum, and on retirement £365 per annum.

No. 410.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 21st December 1855.

2. A copy of this Despatch will be furnished to the Venerable the Archdeacon, for his own information and for communication to the Rev. W. T. Blenkinsop, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 7th August last, No. 273, and also to the Military Auditor General for information.

have never authorized any other difference in their position, nor do we deem it necessary to make any.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) E. MACNAGHTEN,

„ W. H. SYKES,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 7th November 1855.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 12 OF 1855.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

Letter dated 24th April (No. 6,) 1855.

Letter dated 8th May (No. 7) 1855.

Letter dated 22nd May, (No. 10) 1855.

Report the transferring of the Rev. H. Taylor from the Joint Chaplaincy of the Cathedral to the Chaplaincy of Poonamallee, and the nomination of the Venerable Archdeacon Shortland to the former charge: transmitting correspondence relating to the duties appertaining to the Archdeacon of Madras and requesting that the whole subject may be taken into consideration by the Court and all questions connected with it, legally and finally settled.

1. The question of the duties appertaining to the Office of Archdeacon was brought under your consideration by the Venerable the Archdeacon on occasion of his being required, in accordance with our Despatch, dated 25th October (No. 6) 1854, to resume the duties of Chaplain from which he had previously been provisionally relieved by your Government.

2. The Archdeacon maintains that under the Letters Patent constituting the Archdeaconry of Madras, he is legally bound to discharge such duties only as by the Ecclesiastical Law appertain to the Office of Archdeacon in England and that he cannot be required to discharge what he terms the "Departmental duties," which have hitherto been performed by the Archdeacons of Madras. He states that he is positively unable to perform these duties in addition to the duties of Chaplain, and implies that he only consents to do

No. 42.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 28th January 1856.

2. Resolved that a copy of this Despatch be furnished to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Madras, with reference to former correspondence on the subject, and for communication to the Venerable Archdeacon Shortland, whose attention will be particularly drawn to the Honorable Court's remarks contained in para: 7 of the Despatch.

so pending the reference which you have now made to us on the subject.

3. The Bishop of Madras, without professing to give a strictly legal definition of the Archdeacon's duties, has expressed a strong opinion that Archdeacon Shortland having voluntarily accepted the Office lies under an obligation to perform the duties which had been discharged by his predecessors, and duties similar to which are still discharged by the Archdeacons of Calcutta and Bombay, you appear to entertain the same opinion as the Bishop, with regard to the obligation lying on Archdeacon Shortland, but with reference to the repeated representations of the Archdeacon, you request that we will take the subject into consideration, with a view to the question being legally and definitively settled.

4. We have not thought it necessary to take a legal opinion as to the duties properly devolving on the Archdeacon of Madras, under the terms of the Letters Patent constituting the Archdeaconry, because we consider that no such analogy exists between the circumstances of the Church in India and in this Country as renders it reasonable that the duties of Archdeacon in the two Countries should be regulated by the same standard. In India, as observed by the Acting Archdeacon of Calcutta, "we have no incumbents of Benefices, no Church Wardens, and none of the vested rights which are recognized at home, but in their place a machinery peculiar to the Country, with which the Archdeacon must co-operate to be of any use to the Bishop and Clergy, and

"to the Government, in its Ecclesiastical Department." The Archdeacons in India, have up to this time performed without question the "Departmental duties" from which Archdeacon Shortland now wishes to withdraw. "They carry on" as again observed by Mr. Fisher, "all correspondence with the Government as to the appointments to Stations and removals therefrom of Chaplains on the recommendation of the Bishop, applications for leave of absence, references respecting the reduction of salary, under such circumstances and as to the supply of the necessary wants of the Churches throughout the Diocese. These duties though not inherent in the Office of Archdeacon, as set forth in the Letters Patent, nor contemplated by the Canon Law, have yet devolved on the Archdeacon in this Diocese of necessity, owing to the peculiar circumstances of India, Ecclesiastically."

5. The duties above detailed having been discharged by previous Archdeacons of Madras, and Archdeacon Shortland having been fully aware, when he accepted the Office, that such was the case, and having indeed, himself performed the duties for some years with the addition, during the greater portion of the time, of the duties of Chaplain we cannot permit him to renounce them now, and while retaining all the advantages attaching to the Office of Archdeacon, to decline the duties which have hitherto been associated with the title.

6. With respect to the grounds for his present proceedings, which

the Archdeacon seems to think are afforded to him by our refusal to relieve him from the duties of Chaplain as has been done in the case of the Archdeacon of Calcutta, and by the rejection of his application for an establishment, it is sufficient to remark that the arrangement regarding the Archdeaconry of Calcutta was sanctioned by us for strong and special reasons which do not apply to Madras, and as regards an establishment, that no such evidence as to the amount of work to be performed has hitherto been afforded as has seemed to us to render it necessary to grant such assistance to the Archdeacon.

7. We desire that our sentiments may be communicated to the Archdeacon and that he be informed of our expectation that as a Senior Chaplain, on our Clerical Establishment of the Presidency, he will feel the duty incumbent on him of setting an example of due subordination to the constituted Authorities, and by at once acquiescing in the views we have expressed, relieve us from the necessity of taking any further steps on the subject. Without reference to the functions which the Reverend Mr. Shortland may consider legally to attach to the Office of Archdeacon, under the constitution of the Church of England, we must require obedience and subordination to authority from the Members of our Clerical Establishment as the condition of their continuing to enjoy the benefits conferred on its Members.

8. The removal of the Reverend Henry Taylor from the Joint Chaplaincy of the Cathedral took place

on the Bishop's recommendation, and calls for no remark from us. We observe, however, that after the Bishop had represented his views to your Government, you received a communication on the subject from Mr. Taylor through the the Archdeacon, and that the latter in forwarding it took the opportunity of stating his views of Mr. Taylor's general teaching. We apprehend that on questions of this sort your communications should be solely with the Bishop of the Diocese : and it is to be regretted that you consented to receive through any other channel the letter of Mr. Taylor, which was in effect an appeal against the censure of his Diocesan.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) E. MACNAGHTEN,

„ W. H. SYKES;
and other Directors.

LONDON, 5th December 1855.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 13 OF 1855.

No. 59.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, *Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 7th February 1856.*
at Fort St. George.

Para : 1. With reference to the desire expressed by the Lord Bishop of Madras, as communicated in your letter, dated 21st June (No. 11) 1855, for information respecting Iron Churches which His Lordship thought might prove suitable for some of the Stations in India, we forward to you, a No. in the packet, a copy of a letter from Mr. Henning, the Manufacturer, together with the

2. A copy of this Despatch and of Mr. Henning's letter will be forwarded to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, in reference to his Lordship's communication of the 31st May 1855, and copies of these papers will be also sent to the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works with the Drawings alluded to, in view to his favoring Government with his opinion as to the suitability of Iron Buildings to the climate of the Madras Presidency.

Drawings which accompanied it, which affords the desired information respecting the Iron Churches made by him, adapted for warm climates.

2. We are of opinion that before you come to any decision respecting the provision of iron Churches, you should refer the letter and drawings of Mr. Henning to one or more Engineer Officers to consider the suitability of such buildings to the climate of your Presidency.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) E. MACNAGHTEN,

„ W. H. SYKES,

and other Directors.

LONDON, the 12th December 1855.

THE CLIFT HOUSE PORTABLE BUILDING
MANUFACTORY, BOW NEAR LONDON.

TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL BONNER,

Leadenhall Street.

SIR,

I have the honor to hand you herewith several sketches of Churches adapted to warm climates.

The construction is entirely of Iron, with the exception of the seats which is of Teak.

The first cost will be found very economical as compared with stone or brick Buildings, and equally durable.

The cost of repairs will be nominal.

They are easily erected without any skilled labor whatever; detailed drawings being given, corresponding with every portion of the Building properly marked.

Approximate estimate of cost is affixed to each plan.

Present experience has shown that these buildings are not more liable to accidents from lightning than other buildings.

These buildings can be ready for shipment within two months from the receipt of the order. Every part of the building will be fitted together previous to shipment.

The estimate includes packing and delivery to the Docks in London; and am,

SIR,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) SAMUEL HENNING,

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No. 47 from 300 to 600 Sittings at.....	3	10 per sitting.
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ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 1 OF 1856.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

1. We now reply to your letters in this Department noted below, viz: *Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 2nd April 1856.*
- Letter dated 21st June (No. 11) 1855
„ „ 6th July (No. 13) „
„ „ 20th „ (No. 15) „

Letter dated 21st June,
(No. 11,) 1855.

Letter dated 6th July,
(No. 13,) 1855.

Correspondence with the Bishop of Madras relating to a new Church proposed to be built at Ootacamund.

2. The want of additional Church accommodation at Ootacamund was brought before you by a Memorial from Residents at the Station and the application for Government aid was strongly supported by the Bishop, who submitted a Plan of a Church, with an Estimate for its construction, amounting to Rupees 38,462. His Lordship proposed that of this amount Rs. 30,000 should be contributed by Government, grounding his pro-
2. The Honorable Court are under a misapprehension in stating that the Church at Ootacamund was built in great part by means of private subscriptions.
3. It was originally intended to erect the Church at the joint expense of the East India Company and the Church

posal on our orders of the 28th April 1852, wherein we authorized our Government to contribute funds for the "solid and essential parts" of the fabrics of Churches, leaving the ornamental details to be defrayed from private subscriptions.

3. You admit the insufficiency of existing Church accommodation at Ootacamund, as well as the importance of every measure tending to the improvement of that Sanitarium. You however appear to doubt the applicability of the orders quoted by the Bishop to this case, inasmuch as "many of the Residents at Ootacamund are, it is believed, persons who have never been connected with the public Service, or retired Officers and others who have ceased to belong to it," and the present Church is not stated to be inadequate for those Residents, who are actually in Government employment. The remark which you addressed to the Bishop that "you would hardly feel warranted in giving a second place of Worship and a second Chaplain to Ootacamund when so many other places with large Christian Communities are not provided for," drew forth from His Lordship the statement that for the present, at least, he should be enabled to make arrangements, for the Services of the proposed Church, without the appointment of a second Government Chaplain.

4. As regards the case of Ootacamund, it is to be considered that the existing Church was built and subsequently enlarged, in great part, by means of private subscriptions and though now maintained at the pub-

Missionary Society, but as the Government subsequently took the building, together with the right of property, entirely into their own hands, no contributions towards its erection were made by the Society, the cost of the Church and Burial ground, Rupees 30,562-9-9, was all borne by Government.

4. Increased accommodation, however, was subsequently obtained; first, in 1844, by modifying the arrangement of the Pews and adding new Pews in the side

Aisles at

*Rs. 1,057-12-5 the expense of Government. Then, in 1850, by the addition of two new seats, the cost being also borne by Government. Afterwards in 1852-53 by the erection of an Organ Gallery and by pewing the

space before occupied by the

Gallery and other available room, the cost, Rs. 2,000, of this last Work, being defrayed from private sources. In addition to this sum, the cost of a Clock and Bell for the Church, Rupees 1,700, and also of a few improvements to the interior of the Building, was met by voluntary

lie expense, it would be manifestly unjust that Government should claim for the use of their Servants all the accommodation which it affords. In this view it may be found that the proportion of the accommodation in St. Stephen's Church to which Government may fairly lay claim is insufficient for those Residents, with their families, who are in the service of Government.

5. If this should prove to be the case, and if, on a consideration of all the circumstances, you should be of opinion either that, as represented, the further enlargement of the existing Church is impracticable, or that the construction of a second Church at Ootacamund is a preferable plan to such an enlargement, we shall be prepared to sanction a contribution towards the proposed Church. We must previously, however, be furnished with full information as to the additional accommodation required at the Station for those in our Service and also the number of sittings to be provided in the Church, which has been designed, as well as on other points of detail. Under any circumstances we apprehend that the proportion of the cost proposed by the Bishop to be borne by Government is much larger than we could sanction. The suggestion was probably made by His Lordship from a misapprehension as to the precise intention of our orders of the 28th April 1852, and he should be informed that Government intended to undertake so much only of the cost, as would suffice, on a liberal calculation, for the erection of a plain and substantial Building calculated to afford the required accom-

modation. In regard to the extent of accommodation provided in the Church, it appears from the Petition received with the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop's letter of the 8th May 1855, that there are about 320 sittings.

5. Paras : 2 to 5 of this Despatch with the foregoing remarks will be communicated to the Bishop, in reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 183, dated 7th June 1855.

6. The Collector of Coimbatore, to whom copy of paras : 2 to 5 of the Despatch will also be sent, will further be requested, in communication with the Civil Engineer of the Division, to supply the information called for by the Honorable Court, viz. whether the proportion of the accommodation in St. Stephen's Church at Ootacamund, to which Government may fairly lay claim, being, as it would seem, the accommodation as it existed prior to the enlargement effected in 1852-53 at the expense of the Congregation, is insufficient for those Residents, with their families, who are in the service of Government, if so, what additional accommodation is required at the Station

modation in each case; and that the amount, to be furnished from private sources, is to be sufficient, not merely for the execution of the ornaments in detail, but also for the additional cost which may result from the adoption, if it is thought advisable for the whole building, of a more elaborate and expensive style of Architecture.

7. The attention of the Bishop will be particularly requested to the remarks of the Honorable Court contained in the concluding sentence of para : 5.

8. Paras : 2 to 5 of this Despatch will be also communicated to the Department of Public Works, in view to the Chief Engineer being called upon to report whether, in his opinion, the further enlargement of St. Stephen's Church at Ootacamund is impracticable, or, if not, whether the construction of a second Church there a preferable plan to such an enlargement.

*Letter dated 20th July,
(No. 15,) 1855.*

Transmitting, for the favorable consideration of the Court, an application for the grant of Rs. 1,750 towards the construction of the Church at Mercara, in addition to the Rs. 2,000 already granted, the amount of Rs. 5,200 having already been raised by private subscription.

6. This application should have been accompanied with more full information as to the original Plan and Estimate for the Church, and the cause of so large an expenditure being required. With reference however to the large amount raised by private subscription, we sanction a further contribution of Rs. 1,750 for the completion of the Church, subject to a report by a Government Engineer Officer that the building has been planned and so far executed

9. A copy of this para : will be forwarded to the Lord Bishop, in reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, 20th July 1855, No. 246. Before, however, sanctioning, under the authority therein conveyed, a further grant of Rupees 1,750 for the completion of the Church under construction at Mercara, the Govern-

in a thoroughly substantial manner. We are,
Your loving friends,

(Signed) E. MACNAGHTEN,

W. H. SYKES,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 16th January 1856.

ment desire to have before them a report of the nature required by the Honorable Court.

10. The Chief Engineer, to whom this para : will be also communicated, will accordingly be requested, through the Department of Public Works, to obtain and submit to Government, with the least practicable delay, a report whether the Building has been planned and so far executed in a thoroughly substantial manner.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 2 OF 1856.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort Saint George.

We have to acquaint you that we have appointed the Reverend Henry P James, B. A., the Rev. Robert Parker Little, B. A., and the Rev. George Broadley Howard, B. A., to be Assistant Chaplains on your Establishment.

We are, Your loving friends,

(Signed) E. MACNAGHTEN,

W. H. SYKES,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 30th January 1856.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 3 OF 1856.

No 95.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort Saint George.

*Extract from the Minutes of Consultation,
dated 27th March 1856.*

1. We forward to you, a No. in the Packet, a Memorial which has been addressed to the Queen by the Patriarch of Antioch respecting the

Resolved that a copy of this Despatch and of the two Memorials referred to, be forwarded to the Resident of Travancore for his report, and that he may state distinctly

interference alleged to have been exercised in the proceedings of the Syrian Bishops deputed by him to Travancore, and we likewise transnit a Copy of a Memorial addressed to us by Mar Athanasius Stephanos on the same subject.

2. Mar Athanasius Stephanos was informed of our resolution to uphold the rule of strict non-interference in the affairs of the Syrian Church which has for many years been observed; but we are led to doubt from the documents submitted by Mar Athanasius whether our orders in this respect have been carried out to their full extent. We direct that you enter into correspondence on the subject with Lieutenant General Cullen and that our desire be communicated to him, that the Christians of the Syrian Church in Travancore may be left to exercise an entirely free choice as to their submission to any particular Ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and that the British Resident may exercise no kind of interference with individuals claiming to be Bishops of that Church in respect to the giving or withholding of authority to enter the country.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) E. MACNAGHTEN

„ W. H. SYKES,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 6th February 1856.

In the name of Eternal Being and the Almighty.

All the respects, and pure prayers to her Majesty the Queen of England, may God preserve her and give her Victory over her enemies.

whether the orders of the Honorable Court, prohibiting any interference in the affairs of the Syrian Church in Travancore, have been carried out to their full extent.

2. General Cullen will give strict attention to the wishes of the Home Authorities expressed in the latter part of their Despatch.

Grace, peace, salutations and prayers from Egnatius Jacob, Patriarch of the Syrian Sect, to Her Majesty. May God give her Army the Victory, her Sovereignty the continuance and long life to her children, Amen.

I have presented to your Majesty several Petitions respecting the bad treatment which our Bishops and the Churches of our co-religionists, the Syrians, who are inhabiting the Malabar Coast encounter, and hitherto I have not been honored with your assistance, which is well known to all sects of religions.

As I receive communications and news from the Bishops and the Syrian people of Malabar—from which with regret I learn the injustice done to them by the Infidels, the Governors, of Travancore who prevent the Bishops who go from this country thither from entering for the Syrian Church to preach the Gospel, and wish to abolish the rites and customs of the Antioch Church and when the said Bishops and co-religionists bring forward statements of their sufferings to the notice of the Honorable Government of the East India Company, they do not receive any consideration to their applications which has grieved and confounded me.

Consequently to bring the case to your Majesty's notice, I have commissioned our son in the Lord Jesus the Archbishop Athanasius Stephanos who was appointed by me to examine as to the welfare of our co-religionists, and by whom this Petition and some other communications from the Governors of India, and co-religionists will be presented to your Majesty, most earnestly I entreat your kindness to look into the matter as a Christian Sovereign, and bestow upon our Bishops who will go to Malabar your order, that they may by it exercise full liberty of actions and to preach the Gospel in the usual way and according to the principles of our Church, and that the Rajah and those who are under his influence shall not interfere in future.

If your Majesty desires further evidences than I have stated above, the sufferings of our co-religionists and done to them by the infidel Governors of Travancore, you will please command the Governors of Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, &c., to send your Majesty the Petitions, which were presented to them by our Bishops and co-religionists since the year 1843 up to this date, from which you will learn the sufferings and the losses they undergo from the Governors of Travancore.

I think your Majesty will not suffer that the Christians should endure such calamities. We trust in God that you will cause such miseries as these to be removed from the way of our co-religionists in that part of the world.

Your Majesty will have full knowledge of these things from the Archbishop Athanasius Stephanos, as well as from the English papers and letters in his possession. He is my substitute and to act as my Vicar for everything that is necessary to our co-religionists in Malabar.

Hoping your Majesty will take this affair into consideration and let our co-religionists have a share of your good deeds done to every nation, that we

may offer prayers and supplications to God Almighty in the Church at Antioch for your Victory, your long Sovereignty, preservation of your Children, and their happiness, &c., &c.

Convent of Zafaran.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE HONORABLE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

1. I beg to represent to your Honorable Board that after reading the two letters of the Governor of Bombay* you will perceive that he informed me and the Syrians of Malabar, that all the affairs of Malabar are managed by the Governor of Madras. Again, if you read the two letters of the Governor of Madras,* you will understand that he told me that if I wished to use my authority in the Syrian Churches, I must have permission from the Resident of Travancore and Cochin.

No. 53 of 1849. of Government of Madras. "It will be for the Syrian Congregations in Malabar to pay such attention as they deem right to the Mission of Bishop Stephen, who, will meet with no obstruction." The Madras Government also gave me a passport, No. 23 of 1849, but the Resident refused to confirm that passport, and the Madras Government refused me its orders, stating that the permission of the Travancore Territories* was necessary.

2. From the Letters of the said Resident it will be evident to you that all the troubles, persecutions and distresses which I have suffered, were occasioned by this Resident, who was unwilling that I should preach the Gospel among the Syrians.

With reference to the Memorial which I have had the honor to present to your Honorable Board, I respectfully beg to call attention to the following points.

The Resident, General Cullen, has contrary to your express instructions of the 20th of July 1848, (No 20) forbidden Mar Cyrillas and myself to exercise any functions as authorised by the Patriarch of Antioch.

It further appears that, by misrepresentations to the Right Honorable the Governor General and the Government of Madras, he has contravened the authority of the Patriarch of Antioch, and that he was induced to do so by his friendships for Mattheus, a native of Malabar, who, as stated in the Memorial, was excommunicated and expelled by the Patriarch of Antioch, on the complaints of the Priests and Syrian Community of Malabar, which complaints are in my possession.

Your Honorable Board is aware that in Malabar, and in India generally, there exists four religions, the Christian, the Jewish, the Mahomedan, and the Hindoo: that the Christians are to be divided into many sects, and that all of them are allowed to follow the practice of their Faith without let or molestation, since it is the rule of the English Government to extend its protection to the people of every religion within its dominions; that such is the case in Malabar, save in respect to the Syrians, who alone experience oppression, interference, trouble and loss at the hands of the Resident of Travancore.

In consideration of these things I have memorialized your Honorable Board, and beg you to consider our case as similar to that of all other Christians, and consider me not as a Bishop, neither give me the title of Bishop, neither reckon the Patriarch of Antioch as other Patriarchs, or the heads of other Faiths, but look on me as one of God's creatures who hath created us and you and decide equitably, as it is written in the Psalms (XV. 2—4, LXXII. 2—5, LXXXII. 1—4) and grant me an answer to give to the Patriarch of Antioch, and I will ever pray.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient and faithful Servant.

(Signed) ATHANASIVS STEPHANOS,

*The Syrian Archbishop of the Malabar Coast
and Deputy of the Patriarch of Antioch.*

BARNABAS COLLEGE,
PIMLICO,
5th November 1855. }

(Signed) Native Signature.

No. 233 of 1849.

FROM A. MALET, Esq.,

Chief Secretary to Government, Bombay.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND J. STEPHEN,

Syrian Bishop, Bombay, dated 17th January 1849.

Political Department. } SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, and, in reply, to inform you that as the Malabar Coast is under the Madras Government, this Government can issue no orders relative to your Mission.

2. This Government has however forwarded to the Government of Madras, copies of two letters received from the Resident at Bushire and the Political Agent in Bagdad, with translations of all the papers on the subject.

3. His Lordship in Council doubts not that the Madras Government will issue such orders as may be necessary on the subject.

The passport left by you at my Office is herewith returned.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) A. MALET.

Chief Secretary.

(Signed) Native Signature.

BOMBAY CASTLE, 17th January, 1849.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 53 OF 1849.

TO THE CHIEF SYRIAN PRIESTS, DEACONS, AND
CHRISTIANS OF TRAVANCORE, COCHIN AND CALICUT.
GENTLEMEN,

In reply to your petition, dated 22nd of January last, soliciting that assistance may be rendered to a Bishop and others whom you expect will visit Bombay on their way to the Coast, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to intimate that as you reside under the protection of the Madras Government, you should apply to that Government in a case of this nature.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) J. LUMSDEN,

Secretary to Government.

BOMBAY CASTLE, 17th March 1849.

No. 53.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 2nd February 1849.

Read the following letter from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

Transmit for submission to this Government copies of two letters from the Political Agent in Turkish Arabia and the Resident in the Persian Gulf, relative to the deputation of Bishop Stephen to Cochin by the Syrian Primate of Antioch, and that he has arrived in Bombay and proposes to proceed to the Malabar Coast in the course of a fortnight.

Here enter 17th January
1849, No. 229.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sees no occasion for any orders in this case. It will be for the Syrian Congregations in Malabar to pay such attention as they deem right to the Mission of Bishop Stephen, who will meet with no obstruction, so long as he is careful to conduct his tour with discretion and quietness in accordance with the alleged objects of his journey, with the usual and necessary permission of the local Authorities.

Public Department, 26th July, No. 20 of
1848, Paras : 61 and 62.

The Governor in Council further observes that by a recent Despatch from the Honorable Court, any interference in this matter is expressly prohibited.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. THOMAS,

Chief Secretary.

Resident.

(Signed) Native Signature.

*Extract from Public Despatch to Fort Saint George, dated 26th July 1848,
No. 20, paras : 61 and 62.*

61. It appears that after the Patriarch of Antioch had appointed a Metropolitan of the Syrian Churches in Malabar who was recognized by the Authorities there, Meer Coorilos Joachim was appointed by the Patriarch to supercede the former, and that Major General Cullen would not, as stated by Meer Joachim, recognize the appointment.

62. It is not desirable that the Resident should interfere in such cases, and we desire that you will make a communication to this effect to General Cullen, calling on him at the same time for a report of the course actually taken by him on the subject.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) MAR ATHANASIOUS,

Native Signatures.

No. 23.

PASSPORT.

Permit the Bearer hereof to pass without molestation according to the tenor of this passport, viz.

Name, His Grace Athanasius Stephanos, Native of Syria.

Rank or Profession, Syrian Archbishop.

Height, 5 feet 6 inches. 40 years' Age. Brown Hair. Hazel Eyes.

For what period granted, until his arrival at Trevandrum.
 To what Place, Cotyam, Alleppee.
 By route, Trichinopoly, Coimbatore, Palghaut, Cochin and Trevandrum.
 Remarks, accompanied with 4 Servants.

(Signed) S. CLERK,

*Signature of the Public Officer Acting
 Chief Magistrate and Superintendent
 of Police.*

Date of this Passport and where granted,

30th July 1849,
 GENERAL POLICE OFFICE. }

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 125.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 19th March 1850.

Read the following Petition from Mar Athanasius Stephanos, Archbishop.

Here enter 27th February 1850.

With regard to his application for copies of certain orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors, Bishop Mar Athanasius Stephanos is referred to the order of Government of the 19th Ultimo.

The permission Mar A. Stephanos demands, to travel through the Travancore territory, must rest with the Authorities of that Circar.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)—MONTGOMERY,

Chief Secretary.

To BISHOP ATHANASIOUS STEPHANOS,

Cochin.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) Native Signature.

No. 132
 1850.

To MAR ATHANASIOUS STEPHANOS,

Cochin.

SIR,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 6th Magarom 1850, and cannot understand why you address me on the subject of your passport. You must be aware that you quitted Cochin in disregard of my advice, and ap-

pealed in person to the Madras Government, also to the Governor General, and I cannot under those circumstances act otherwise than I have done.'

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) W. CULLEN,

Resident.

RESIDENT'S OFFICE, TRIVANDRUM, }
 21st January 1850.

No. 876 of 1851.

To MAR ATHANASIOUS STEPHANOS,

Quilon.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant, I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of the Order of Government, dated 19th November 1850, given on address, No. 1969 of 1850, requested by you.

I have however to remark that you are in Travancore without a passport and contrary to my injunctions to you at Cochin.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) W. CULLEN,

Resident.

RESIDENT'S OFFICE, TRIVANDRUM, }
 17th June 1851.

No. 2440 of 1850.

The Resident is requested to forward the Orders of Government, dated 19th November last, (if not already delivered) to Archbishop Mar Athanasius Stephanos.

By order.

(Signed) G. D. SIM,

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, }
 20th January 1851.

No. 920 of 1851.

MEMO.

The Resident declines any further interference in the case referred to by the Metropolitan Mar Stephanos.

(Signed) W. CULLEN,

Resident.

ARCHBISHOP MAR ATHANASIUS STEPHANOS

True Copy.

(Signed) Native Signature.

RESIDENT'S OFFICE, ON CIRCUIT, }
NAGORCOIL, 30th June 1851. }

No. 448 of 1850.

To MAR ATHANASIUS STEPHANOS,

Cochin.

SIR,

In reply to your note of to-day's date I have to remark that you have not yourself received authority to attend at, or to preach in any of the Churches under the Travancore or Cochin Circar.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) W. CULLEN,

Resident.

RESIDENT'S OFFICE, COCHIN, 25th March 1850.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 4 of 1856.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort St. George.

We have to acquaint you that we have appointed The Reverend James Johnston Brydges Sayers, L. E. D., and the Reverend Thomas Arthur Cooper Pratt to be Assistant Chaplains on your Establishment.

We are, Your loving friends,

(Signed) E. MACNAGHTEN,

W. H. SYKES,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 12th March 1856.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 170.

No. 5 of 1856.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 8th May 1856.

Letter dated 13th September 1855, No. 20.

Letter dated 12th October 1855, No. 23.

Correspondence connected with the appointment of the Rev. A. H. Alcock to be Special Commissary of the Bishop during the absence of the Archdeacon from Madras on Medical Certificate.

Para: 1. It appears to have been the Bishop's intention that Mr. Alcock, as Special Commissary, should take charge of no part of the Archdeacon's duties except that portion of the correspondence with Government relating to Ecclesiastical Affairs which is usually conducted by the Archdeacon, and his object in the arrangement was to avoid the inconvenience of that correspondence being carried on with a functionary residing at a distance from the seat of Government.

2. We greatly regret the differences which have arisen between the Bishop and the Archdeacon on this subject, and we trust that under the explanation now afforded of the duties to be made over to the Special Commissary it will not be thought necessary to prolong the discussion.

3. Whatever might be the decision on the legal question, we apprehend that you committed an error in making the appointment of Mr. Alcock appear as an act of the Government instead of that of the Bishop as on previous occasions.

4. Our sentiments with regard to the position of the Archdeacon in relation to your Government, so long as he remains a Chaplain on our Establishment, were communicated in our Despatch, dated 5th December, (No. 12) 1855. As regards his Ecclesiastical relations to his Official Superior, though desirous, as you are well aware, to support the just in-

2. Resolved that a copy of this Despatch be forwarded to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, in reference to former papers on the subject and for communication to the Venerable the Archdeacon.

fluence and authority of the Bishop over those of his Clergy who are in public employment, we cannot consent to be mixed up in questions which properly appertain to the Ecclesiastical Authorities, and must be decided in accordance with Ecclesiastical law and custom.

5. With reference to the desire which you have expressed that we should take the opinion of our Law Officers on questions, which on this and on a previous occasion arose in connection with the Archdeacon, we have to remark that your Advocate General is the constituted legal Adviser of your Government, and that to him in the first instance at least, all such questions should be referred, wherever such reference may be necessary.

6. At the same time we must observe that we have decided in our letter above quoted that the Archdeacon must be required to perform the departmental duties hitherto performed by himself and his predecessors in the Archdeaconry, and consequently, if his presence in Madras is necessary for the due discharge of those duties, (a question which it is for you to decide,) we cannot permit him, without leave duly obtained, to quit the Presidency Town, nor do we recognize any right in the Archdeacon as such, to choose his own place of residence within the Presidency of Fort St. George.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) E. MACNAGHTEN,

„ W. H. SYKES.

and other Director

LONDON, 19th March 1856.

Letter dated 1st November, (No. 7) 1852.

Letter dated 22nd November, (No. 10) 1853.

Letter dated 25th August, (No. 18) 1855, paras: 7 to 9.

Questions connected with the transfer of the Church of St. Matthias, Vepery, from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, to Government.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 6 OF 1856.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
at Fort St. George.

Para: 1. The questions raised in this correspondence were brought by us to the notice of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; but the Society saw no grounds for desiring the cancellation of the arrangement, under which the Church has become the property of your Government.

2. We now transmit to you, a No. in the Packet, the Deed of Conveyance of the Church, formally executed by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) W. H. SYKES,

„ ROSS D. MANGLES,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 13th May 1856.

No. 272.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 12th July 1856.

1. Resolved that a copy of this Despatch be furnished to the Madras Diocesan Committee of the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop and to Mr. Bronkhurst, on behalf of the Portuguese and Native Christians of the Church of England residing in Vepery, in reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 309, dated 5th November 1853.

2. This Despatch will be also communicated to the Chief Engineer with instructions to bring the Church of St. Matthias in Vepery on his return of Public Buildings, if this has not already been done. The Deed of Conveyance referred to will be deposited in the Government Record Office.

3. The Building being now the property of Government, the Chief Engineer will submit an Estimate for the erection of a partition Wall and Gate between the Vepery Church Compound and the portion of the Mission Premises situated in the East, as originally called for in Extract Minutes of Consultation, 6th October 1852, No. 253, para: 8.

4. The Chief Engineer, to whom the letter from the Bishop's Special Commissary of 29th March last and its enclosures will be communicated, will be good enough to report on the proposition of the Church Committee for the purchase of the premises situated at the Western Gate of the Church. Should he consider the purchase unadvisable, he will submit an Estimate for the erection of two godowns for the custody of Church Stores, and also for the construction of a well in the Church Compound.

5. It being understood that St. Matthias' Church is still used by the Portuguese and Native Congregations in connection with the Gospel Society, the Committee will be requested to state, in reference to para : 1 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 226, dated 9th August 1853, how soon the Building will be left to the exclusive use of the Government Chaplains.

To all to whom these Presents shall come I, David Salomons, Lord Mayor of the City of London do hereby certify that on the day of date hereof personally came and appeared before me Edmund Reynolds Fayerman named in the declaration hereunto annexed being a person well known and worthy of good credit and who did before me solemnly and sincerely declare to be true the several matters and things mentioned and contained in the said annexed declaration pursuant to an Act of Parliament passed in the sixth year of the reign of King William the Fourth.

In faith and testimony whereof I the said Lord Mayor have caused the Seal of the office of Mayoralty of the said City of London to be hereunto put and affixed and the Deed of Conveyance mentioned and referred to in and by the said declaration to be hereunto also annexed Dated in London the twenty-sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

REYNAL.

I, Edmund Reynolds Fayerman, of No. 79, Pall Mall, in the Parish of Saint James, Westminster, in the County of Middlesex, Gentleman, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I was present and did see the Common Seal of "the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts" affixed to the Deed of Conveyance hereunto annexed bearing date the twenty-first day of November one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five between the said Society of the one part and the Honorable the East India Company of the other part, and that the names "Felix Knyvett" and "E. R. Fayerman" severally subscribed to the said Deed as the witnesses attesting the execution thereof by the said Society are of the respective handwriting of Felix Knyvett of Lambeth Palace in the County of Surrey Solicitor and of me the said Edmund Reynolds Fayerman and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the sixth year of the reign of his Majesty King William the Fourth intituled "an Act to repeal an Act of the present Session of Parliament intituled an Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the State, and substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the more entire suppression of voluntary and extrajudicial oath and affidavits, and to make other provisions for the abolition of unnecessary oaths.

E. R. FAYERMAN.

Declared at the Mansion House in the
City of London, the 26th day of
November 1855, before me.

D. SALOMONS, MAYOR.

This Indenture made the twenty-first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five between the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts incorporated by Royal Charter of the one part, and the Honorable the East India Company of the other part. Whereas the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts are now seized of in fee simple or otherwise well entitled to the piece or parcel of ground and the Church known as the Church of Saint. Matthias standing and being thereon hereafter particularly mentioned. As also to certain other hereditaments and premises partly adjoining to the said piece or parcel of ground on the east side thereof. And whereas the said East India Company have consented and agreed with the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts for the absolute purchase of the said piece or parcel of ground and the said Church standing and being thereon hereinafter particularly mentioned—and described and intended to be hereby released together with the furniture and fittings up of the said Church or used therewith except the communion service belonging to the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts and used by them for the native congregation at or for the price or sum of thirty-four-thousand Three-hundred and thirteen Company's Rupees three Annas and six Pice. And whereas upon the treaty for the said purchase it was stipulated and agreed that the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts should give and grant a right of way over the road leading from the gate opening from Church street (hereinafter mentioned) into the said other hereditaments and premises of the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts and known or distinguished as "The South East Gate" to a Gate in a partition wall intended to be built by the said East India Company at a distance of sixty three feet from the Eastern end of the said Church and intended to run from North to South and to form the partition between the said piece or parcel of ground hereinafter mentioned and described and intended to be hereby released from the said other hereditaments and premises and which are retained by the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts on all occasions on which Divine service or any Rite or Ceremony in conformity with the ritual of the Church of England shall be performed in the said Church or in the Burial ground thereto attached. And whereas upon the treaty for the said purchase it was stipulated by the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts that the said East India Company their successors and assigns should not at any time hereafter block up or in any manner interfere with the Doors or Gates at present affording an entrance into the said piece or parcel of ground hereinafter mentioned and described and intended to be hereby released from certain hereditaments and premises hereinafter mentioned as in part bounding the said last mentioned piece or parcel of ground on the South side thereof and belonging to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge or with the free ingress egress and regress through the said Doors or Gates into the said last mentioned piece or parcel of ground for the said Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge their successors and assigns or their tenants or other occupiers for the time being of

the said last mentioned hereditaments and premises or any of them as also that the said East India Company their successors and assigns should not at any time hereafter build on any part of the said last mentioned piece or parcel of ground which lies between the said Church and the said last mentioned hereditaments and premises other than and except to enlarge the said Church should the same require to be enlarged.

Now this Indenture witnesseth that in pursuance of the said contract and agreement and in consideration of the sum of thirty-four thousand Three hundred and thirteen Company's Rupees Three Annas and six Pice of lawful money of British India by the said East India Company to the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts paid at or immediately before the execution of these presents the receipt of which sum of thirty-four thousand, three hundred and thirteen Company's Rupees three Annas and six Pice and that the same is in full for the absolute purchase of the said hereditaments and premises hereinafter conveyed and assured the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts do hereby admit and acknowledge and of and from the same and every part thereof do hereby acquit release and for ever discharge the said East India Company their successors and assigns. They the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts by these presents (made in pursuance of the Act or Statute passed by the Honorable the President of the Council of India in Council with the assent of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India for rendering a release as effectual for the conveyance of freehold estates as a lease and release by the same parties) do grant bargain sell alien release and confirm unto the said East India Company their successors and assigns—All that piece or parcel of ground situate lying and being in the village of Vepery within the local limits of Madras in the East Indies bounded on the North by Hunter's Street, on the South in part by hereditaments and premises now or lately belonging to Mr. Brookes in other part by hereditaments and premises belonging to the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts and known as the "South West Mission House" in other part by Church street aforesaid and in other part by the hereditaments and premises belonging to the said Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge hereinbefore mentioned or referred to on the East in part by hereditaments and premises belonging to the said Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge and other part by the hereditaments and premises hereinbefore mentioned or referred to as retained by the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and on the West by hereditaments and premises now or lately belonging to Mr. Heal, which said piece or parcel of ground hereby released or intended so to be contains by admeasurement one cawny seven grounds and one hundred and eighty-eight square feet and one-half of a square foot and with the several dimensions abutments and boundaries is more particularly delineated and described in the map or plan drawn in the margin of these presents and is therein colored purple. Together with the messuage or tenement and Church commonly called or known as the Church of Saint Matthias and all erections and buildings erected and built and now standing and being

thereon. As also the right of donation nomination appointment patronage presentation and free disposition of in and to the said Church with all and every the rights members and appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining and all and singular Houses out-houses edifices yards gardens trees mounds fences hedges ways waters water-courses liberties privileges easements profits hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the said piece or parcel of ground messuage or tenement and Church and premises hereby conveyed and assured or intended so to be belonging or in any way appertaining or with the same or any of them respectively now or any time heretofore held used occupied and enjoyed or intended so to be or accepted or reputed deemed taken or known as part parcel or member of them or any part of them or appurtenant thereto with their and every of their appurtenances. And the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders thereof and all the estate right title interest property claim and demand whatsoever both at law and in equity of them the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts into or out of the said hereditaments and premises and every part thereof with their appurtenances save and except and always reserved out of these presents and the grant and release hereby made unto Messieurs Charles Grant, Thomas William Nailer, Robert Frank, Samuel Greenway Lauden Jenkins, Reinier William Meppen, Frederick Zscherpel, and Mrs. Sophia Cropley respectively the use of such one of the seven several Vaults situate in the said Burial ground which is claimed by them respectively together with the full free and exclusive liberty and licence, to them respectively and their respective Executors and Administrators from time to time of interring in such one of the said seven Vaults as they respectively claim the body or bodies of them the said Charles Grant, Thomas William Nailer, Robert Frank, Samuel Greenway Lauden Jenkins, Reinier William Meppen, Frederick Zscherpel, and Sophia Cropley respectively and of all person related to them respectively. And also full liberty and license to them the said Charles Grant, Thomas William Nailer, Robert Frank, Samuel Greenway Lauden Jenkins, Reinier William Meppen, Frederick Zscherpel, and Sophia Cropley respectively and to their respective Executors and Administrators and to the Agents Workmen and Servants of them respectively at the time of the funeral of every person to be interred in such one of the said Vaults as they the said Charles Grant, Thomas William Nailer, Robert Frank, Samuel Greenway Lauden Jenkins, Reinier William Meppen, Frederick Zscherpel, and Sophia Cropley respectively claim and at all convenient times previously to and after such funeral and for the purpose of repairing such vaults respectively to go to abide at and return from such vaults respectively. To have and to hold the said piece or parcel of ground messuage or Tenement and Church and all and singular other the premises hereby conveyed and assured or intended so to be with their appurtenances unto the said East India Company their successors and assigns. To the use and behoof of the said East India Company their successors and assigns for ever. And the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts for themselves their successors and assigns do hereby covenant and declare with and to the said East India Company and their successors and assigns in manner

following (that is to say). That (notwithstanding any act deed matter or thing by them the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts done made committed or knowingly suffered to the contrary) they have in themselves good right and lawful authority by these presents to convey and assure the said hereditaments and premises to the said East India Company their successors and assigns in manner aforesaid and according to the true intent and meaning of these presents. And moreover that it shall be lawful for the said East India Company their successors and assigns from time to time and at all times hereafter whenever the said Church shall be or become vacant to nominate appoint and present any qualified clerk to officiate in the said Church and to do all other acts which shall of right appertain to the office of Patron of the said Church as fully and amply as they the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts might or could do if these presents had not been made without any interruption or disturbance whatsoever from or by them the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts their successors or assigns or any other person or persons claiming through or under them or any of them. And that free and clear and freely clearly and absolutely acquitted exonerated and discharged or otherwise by the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts their successors or assigns effectually saved and kept harmless and indemnified from and against all former and other gifts grants charges and incumbrances whatsoever made done executed committed or suffered by the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts or any person or persons claiming through or under them or by or through their acts defaults means consent or procurement. And further that they the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts their successors and assigns and every person whomsoever rightfully claiming any estate right title charge or interest at Law or in equity into or out of the said ground messuage or tenement hereditaments and premises intended to be hereby conveyed and assured or any part thereof from through under or in trust for them will from time to time and at all times hereafter on the request and at the costs and charges of the East India Company their successors and assigns make do or execute and perfect every such lawful act deed conveyance or assurance in the law whatsoever for the more effectually or satisfactorily conveying conforming or otherwise assuring the said ground messuage or tenement and Church hereditaments and premises intended to be hereby conveyed and assured and every part of the same with their appurtenances in manner aforesaid according to the true intent and meaning of these presents as by the said East India Company their successors or assigns or their Counsel in the law shall be reasonably advised and required. And this Indenture further witnesseth that in further pursuance of the said contract and agreements and for the considerations hereinbefore mentioned, they the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts for themselves their successors and assigns do hereby covenant and grant with and to the said East India Company their successors and assigns that it shall be lawful for the said East India Company their successors and assigns and also for all persons who shall resort to the said Church for the purpose of attending the

performance therein or in the burial ground attached thereto of Divine service or any rite or ceremony in accordance with the Ritual of the Church of England with their or any of their servants bearers or attendants from time to time and at all times for ever hereafter during the period of such performance and for one hour preceding and one hour succeeding such performance and for all such purposes or for any or either of them to go return pass and repass with Horses Bullocks Carriages Hackeries Palanquins and other Cattle Conveyances or vehicles laden or unladen in through along and over the said Road or way belonging to the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts and leading from the Gate called "The South East Gate" to the Gate proposed to be placed in the partition wall intended to be built as hereinbefore mentioned and which road or way is of the width of nineteen feet or thereabouts at the said South East Gate and of the width of thirty-two feet or thereabouts at the spot where the Gate is proposed to be placed in the partition wall so intended to be built and the course and direction thereof are more particularly described in the said map or plan drawn in the margin of these presents and that it shall be lawful for the said East India Company their successors and assigns from time to time to repair and amend the same as there shall be occasion. And the said East India Company for themselves their successors and assigns do hereby covenant with the said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts their successors and assigns in manner following (that is to say) that they the said East India Company their successors and assigns will from time to time and at all times hereafter at their own cost and expense repair and amend and keep repaired and amended in a proper substantial and workmanlike manner the Gate to be placed in the partition wall so intended to be built and the lock and fastening belonging thereto and will from time to time and at all times hereafter keep the same shut and locked or otherwise properly secured at all times other than those during which the right of way is hereby granted or intended so to be. And further that they the said East India Company their successors and assigns shall not nor will at any time or times hereafter do any act which shall block up or in any manner interfere with the Doors or gates at present affording an entrance or entrances into the said piece or parcel of ground hereinbefore mentioned and described and hereby released and conveyed or intended so to be from the said hereditaments and premises forming in part the boundary of the said last mentioned piece or parcel of ground on the South side thereof and hereinbefore mentioned as belonging to the said Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge nor do any act which shall in any manner interfere with the free ingress egress and regress through the said doors or gates into the said last mentioned piece or parcel of ground by the said Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge their successors and assigns or their tenants or any of them or other the occupiers for the time being of the said hereditaments and premises or any of them. And lastly that they the said East India Company their successors and assigns shall not nor will at any time or times hereafter build on any part of the said piece or parcel of ground hereinbefore mentioned and described, and hereby released and conveyed or intended so to be as lies between the said Church and the said

hereditaments and premises so forming in part the boundary of the said last mentioned piece or parcel on the South side thereof and so hereinbefore mentioned as belonging to the said Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge other than and except to enlarge the said Church. In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set their respective common seals the day and year first above written.

The common seal of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts was affixed in the presence of us.

FELIX KNYVETT, Solicitor,

Lambeth Palace, Secretary to the
Archbishop of Canterbury.

E. R. FAYERMAN, 79 Pall Mall.

Received the day and year first above written of and from the above named East India Company the sum of thirty-four thousand three hundred and thirteen Company's Rupees, three Annas and six Pice being the consideration money above mentioned to be by them paid to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts above named

Rs. A. P.
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A. R. SYMONDS,

Secretary to the Madras Diocesan Committee
of the Society for the Propagation of the
Gospel in Foreign Parts.

Witness

J. CLARK.

WM. SMITH.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 7 OF 1856.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort Saint George.

We have appointed the Reverend, C. R. Drury, M. A., to be an Assistant Chaplain on your Establishment.

We are, Your loving friends,

(Signed) E. MACNAGHTEN,

„ W. H. SKYES,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 13th May 1856.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 291.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 28th July 1856.

Read the following letter from the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Madras.

OOTACAMUND, JUNE 7TH 1856.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,

Fort St. George.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to forward a letter from the Trustees of St. George's Cathedral in reply to a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 29th of August, No. 6 of 1855.

2. In this letter the Trustees bring under notice for the information of the Honorable Court the whole question of the interior of the Cathedral in order to show the strong claims which exist for having it put into complete order before the Trustees are left to carry on the Services on the principle recommended in the letter referred to.

3. For this purpose the Trustees show how large a sum has been raised from the Pew-rents and paid into the General Treasury during the last twenty years, a sum not less than Rupees 47,000; how little of that sum has been expended upon the Building either in the way of repairs or improvement; and how large a balance therefore remains in the Treasury from Funds that were expressly raised by order of the Government for the payment of Contingent Expenses relative to the Church.

4. The applicants readily concur in the principle laid down by the Honorable Court that now that the sums arising from the Pew-rents are placed at their disposal, no further expense shall be incurred by the Government except for the decent performance of Divine Service or on account of necessary repairs, all that they ask of the Honorable Court is that the Buildings should be transferred to them in complete order, and that such alterations and improvements as are suggested in the letter, and which I consider to be absolutely necessary to place the interior arrangements on any thing like a proper footing and befitting the chief Church of the Presidency, and also that the expense attendant upon the completion and the cost of a new Organ should be defrayed from the Funds raised from the Pew-rents and lodged in the General Treasury. They ask no more than that the surplus funds raised for purposes such as the applicants now seek to have them applied to, may be conceded to them.

5. I might add in support of the most reasonable and just appeal of the Trustees the consideration of the large sums which are expended in the Churches of Calcutta in periodical repairs, every three or four years at least, and which are saved to the Government in the Churches of Madras either from the Buildings being more substantial and durable or from the effects of the monsoon in Bengal being more severe and destructive.

6. The applicants further require permission, in order to carry out more efficiently the arrangements regarding a Choir, and other Contingent Expenses, to levy a payment on a number of the Pews of those who possess free sittings. It is not the desire of the Vestry to disturb the present arrangements for those who occupy sittings from their official position, but as the circumstances of those who hold them are equal to, and in many instances exceed, those of the rest of the Congregation, there appears no good reason why they should be exempt from contributing towards the Contingent Funds on which the Church in future will have to depend.

7. I would in conclusion express the hope that the application will from its just claim so commend itself to your Lordship in Council, as to ensure such earnest and favorable recommendation to the Honorable the Court of Directors as will tend to ensure its success. I have deferred forwarding this letter until now, with the hope of receiving a reply from the Honorable Court to an application made to them at the end of last year on a similar subject, I feel however that it is too important to delay it any longer.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord, your faithful and obedient,

T. MADRAS.

CATHEDRAL, MADRAS, 24TH JANUARY 1856.

FROM THE TRUSTEES OF ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL,

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND THE LORD-BISHOP OF MADRAS.

RIGHT REVEREND SIR,

We do ourselves the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your Lordship's letter which accompanied Extract from the Honorable Court's Despatch, dated 29th August, No. 6 of 1855, and, with reference thereto propose to bring, under your notice, the whole question of the interior economy of the Cathedral.

2. It will be necessary for the better understanding of this matter that we should briefly refer to its primary establishment. Built out of the Funds which had accumulated as the profits of the Lotteries, neither its construction or fittings can be said to have been a tax upon the Revenues of the Country; nor until the year 1835 was the Establishment attached to it a direct Charge upon the Government, for this was also adjusted from the same source.

3. From the period of its being opened, in 1815, up to the year 1835, the whole of the seats in the Church were free, being allotted under certain arrangements carried out by the Trustees.

4. In the year 1835 some discussion having arisen as to this allotment, the Trustees referred the point for the consideration of the Government. They observed that, they had reason to believe, the mode hitherto adopted for the dis-

posal of the sittings had failed to give satisfaction; "that it was desirable the accommodation should be appropriated, on fixed principles, known to the Public," and they proposed, as a remedial measure, that certain seats should be rented. This proposition was concurred in by the Government, and a Notification, announcing the intended change, was published in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 12th August 1835. It was expressly stated in the proceedings of the Trustees which were submitted to Government, that they considered the renting of the Pews "a fair and legitimate mode of raising Funds, for the payment of contingent expenses relative to the Church." On the 13th October of the same year the Trustees applied to Government for their sanction to the Sub-Treasurer receiving from them all sums on account of Pew Rents, granting a receipt for the same.

5. We now proceed to the consideration of the Despatch of the Honorable Court which accompanied Extract Minutes of Consultation, transmitted with your Lordship's letter under reference.

6. We cannot but conceive that in refusing their sanction to the grant of Funds for the purchase of a New Organ, the Honorable Court could not have been in possession of the facts referred to in this letter.

7. The total amount levied as Pew Rents from a small portion of the Congregation during the last 20 years and paid into the Treasury has reached the sum of Rupees 47,000. We say advisedly a small portion, because of the 335 seats, which the Building was calculated to hold, the largest number set apart to be rented, has been 135. The number reserved under the instructions of Government as Official sittings has been from 60 to 70, the remainder being free.

8. Of the amount above stated but very little can have been expended for the purpose for which it was expressly levied. The sittings of the Cathedral are substantially the same as those put up when the Building was first erected 40 years since; the cost of the Punks, which cannot have been great, the purchase of four Chandeliers, the sums paid during the last two years as Conveyance hire for the Choristers and the amount lately disbursed as Passage Money for the Organist, are among the very few items, we are aware of, that can consistently be deemed expenses that should be met out of the Funds raised from the Congregation.

9. The principle laid down by the Honorable Court, in making over the Pew-rents to the Trustees, that it is to be provided no further expense shall be incurred by Government, except for the decent performance of Divine Service, or on account of necessary repairs, render it most requisite that we should bring under your Lordship's notice, the present interior arrangements of the Cathedral, with a view to their being placed upon a proper footing, before the Honorable Court's Orders are to be considered as taking effect.

10. It will, we feel sure, be admitted that the present Pews are unsightly, inconvenient, occupy much unnecessary space, and prevent a free circulation of air, when it is added that since they were first put up they have more than once

been altered and lengthened, it must necessarily result that they are now in a dilapidated state. It is most desirable that the whole of these should be removed and replaced by a more convenient style of sitting, these might be so constructed and arranged as to obviate much that is now objectionable, and allow of the addition of some sixty seats.

11. There is also another urgent reason why this change should be effected, for it will admit of an alteration in the locality of the Reading Desk and Pulpit. This is a question which has been discussed on more than one occasion and its expediency fully recognized; the distance at which these are now situated from the lower end of the Church, and the intervention of the pillars renders it impracticable for those who are seated there to hear distinctly.

12. The Chandeliers and Lights are most unseemly articles, in every way; the former are *bronze*, but from their make and pattern not at all suited to a Church; the stands of the latter are *brass*, they are worn out and would require at any rate to be renewed, most of them are now fitted into their sockets, with pieces of paper, and a strong breeze renders them unsafe.

13. The expediency of substituting stained and ground glass in the Fan-lights over the Doors, for the present painted glass, has been more than once recognized. We appeal to your Lordship's experience, on a very late occasion, for the necessity of some measures being adopted for admitting light into the Church, when the closing of the doors becomes requisite from stress of weather. We would at the same time suggest, for consideration, whether it is not expedient that a window should be put in the Eastern end of the Building. The Apse in which the Communion Table is placed is lighted by three Venetian windows, these are partially closed on all occasions, which gives a gloomy appearance to that portion of the Church.

14. The present Punkahs are not only an eye-sore but are in other respects ill adapted.

15. The Font is a small pedestal of wood, mean in appearance and in no way suited to the Church, it is very desirable that a proper one should be obtained, similar in form and make to those generally in use.

16. Our communication has already extended to a greater length than we anticipated, but your Lordship will, we feel assured, concur with us that we are simply performing our duty, in placing on record our views regarding the proposed alterations and improvements; as well as the necessity that exists for their being carried out, if the interior arrangements of the Cathedral are to be put on a proper footing.

17. We conceive that we are from the circumstances of the case warranted in expecting that the expense attendant upon their completion and the cost of a new Organ will be defrayed from the Funds lodged in the General Treasury. It is estimated that the amount required for building and putting up a proper Instrument will not be less than Rupees 12,000, and at a rough calculation the expenses, incidental to the alterations proposed, will require an equal amount. This

may appear a large sum, but it must be borne in mind that for upwards of 38 years little or nothing has been expended in fittings for the Buildings; and that even after the deduction of this amount, there must remain a larger balance of Pew Rents which cannot possibly have been appropriated for the purposes for which they were raised. Should however the Government be pleased to sanction the disbursement of the sums we have mentioned, we feel satisfied that the whole of the fittings may be put in proper condition, and it may be then justly considered that the Buildings, having been transferred in complete order, the Trustees will have to depend in future upon their own resources.

18. There remains but one other point on which we would trouble your Lordship, and that is the present allotment of the sittings.

19. It must be evident that if the arrangements as regards a Choir and other matters connected with the Cathedral are to be efficiently carried out, the Trustees will have to look to the Members of the Congregation, as a body, to supply the means; it cannot be expected that these expenses can be met out of the Pew Rents levied from the few who now pay for their seats.

20. It must be obvious to any one, who attends the Church, that no necessity exists for so large a number of free seats as those now set apart: the greater portion of the Congregation consists of Members who can well afford to secure themselves seats by payment. We have before stated that, by an improved method of seating, the Building will accommodate 400 persons. We propose for the reasons stated to limit the free sittings and those appropriated to strangers, to 100.

21. It is not our desire to disturb the present arrangement made in the sittings, reserved for those who hold them by right of their official position, but as these are occupied by Gentlemen whose circumstances equal and in most instances exceed those of their fellow Members in the congregation, we cannot but think that they should be expected to contribute (by paying for their seats) towards the Funds, upon which the Church must for the future depend, to meet the Contingent Expenses incidental to it. We feel assured that the principle laid down by the Court of Directors, needs only to be brought to notice, to obtain a ready concurrence in the view we have expressed, and we would trust to your Lordship's kind assistance to place the matter before Government in such a light as may insure its accomplishment.

We have the honor to be,

Right Reverend Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,

CHARLES D. GIBSON, M. A.

ROBERT MURPHY, M. A.

T. PYCROFT,

GEORGE TALBOT,

S. D. BIRCH,

} Trustees of St.
George's Cathedral

Letter dated 14th April,
(No. 3,) 1855.

Letter dated 25th Sep-
tember, (No. 22) 1855.

Letter dated 9th Novem-
ber, (No. 24) 1855.

Letter dated 24th Decem-
ber, (No. 25) 1855, p. 8.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 8 OF 1856.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort St. George.

Forwarding further cor-
respondence respecting
the Organ at St. George's
Cathedral and with re-
ference to the large sum
(Rs. 47,000) paid into the
Government Treasury on
account of the Pew-rents
realized at the Cathedral,
renewing the recommen-
dation for the grant of
Rs. 10,000 for the pur-
chase of a new instru-
ment.

Para : 1. It appears from the re-
port of Mr. Garrett, the new Or-
ganist, that the present worthless
state of the Organ is owing to the
neglect of timely repairs in past years.
If the defects of the Organ had been
duly represented to the Government,
the necessary repairs would most
probably have been effected at the
public expense ; or if not, their cost
might have formed a Charge on the
Pew-rents.

2. We are aware that the amount
of Pew-rents received from the con-
gregation of St. George's Cathedral
has been paid into the General Trea-
sury to the credit of Government,
and that such rents have averaged
about Rupees 2,270 per annum, but
we observe that the Government has
contributed a considerably larger
sum for the Salary of the Organist
and other Charges connected with
the Choir amounting, since 1853, to
Rupees 3,108 per annum. Under
these circumstances we must adhere
to the decision which we communi-
cated to you in our letter of the 29th
of August last and decline to sanc-
tion the grant of Rupees 10,000 to-
wards the purchase of a new Organ.

We are, Your loving friends,

(Signed) W. H. SYKES,

„ ROSS D. MANGLES,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 14th May 1856.

With the above letter
the Right Reverend the
Lord Bishop forwards
a communication from
the Trustees of Saint
George's Cathedral so-
liciting, in reference to
the Despatch from the
Honorable the Court of
Directors, 29th August,
No. 6 of 1855, that, for
reasons stated, certain
alterations and improve-
ments be made in the Ca-
thedral, and that the
cost of them, and of the
new Organ be defrayed
from the accumulated
Pew Rents. The Trus-
tees further suggest
that Rent should hence-
forward be charged for
the official Pews. In
transmitting this appli-
cation his Lordship de-
sires to recommend it to
the favorable consid-
eration of the Honorable
Court.

2. The Right Hono-
rable the Governor in
Council resolves to fur-
nish the Trustees through
the Bishop with copy of
the Despatch, 14th May,
No. 8 of 1856, Ecclesias-
tical Department, lately
received from the Home
Authorities.

3. The Trustees will observe that the Court in reply to a representation made to them in regard to the Pew rents, have pointed out that the accumulations from 1835 to 1855 had been more than equalled by the contributions made by Govern-
ment during the same period for the Salary of the Organist and other Charges con-
nected with the Choir, and that they have therefore peremptorily refused to grant
a new Organ. The reason, on which their refusal is based, is also no less opposed to
the application of the accumulated Pew rents for the further purposes proposed by
the Trustees or for any other. Under these circumstances, the Government would
not be warranted in forwarding the application to the Court.

4. Some, however, of the objects indicated by the Trustees are such as would
not properly have to be defrayed from the Pew rents, and appear to Government to
be really required for the due appearance of the Church and comfort of the Congre-
gation. These the Government will be prepared to consider if submitted to them
separately by the Trustees.

5. The Government allude to the Chandeliers and Lights, Fan lights over the
Doors, Punkahs and Font.

6. The Chandeliers are, as remarked by the Trustees, by no means of a charac-
ter suited to a Church, the lights are still less so, and in their present state scarcely
safe. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council requests that the Trustees will
ascertain and report what would be the expense of providing appropriate Chandeliers
and Lights for the Cathedral, allowing for what might be realized by the sale of
those at present in use.

7. The glass in the Fan lights has been painted, or rather smeared with green
paint. The paint has peeled off from several of the panes, and the appearance is quite
unbefitting an Ecclesiastical edifice. As a matter of economy, it might perhaps be
cheaper in the end to have stained glass than to have periodically to renew the paint. The
Trustees will submit an Estimate for stained glass in the Fan lights. The painted win-
dow in the eastern Apse cannot be allowed at the expense of Government.

8. The punkahs besides being mean in appearance, give no air to those sitting
in the centre Aisle or at the ends of the pews next it, or to the occupants of pews, either
of the centre or side Aisles on a line with the pillars. The Board will, in communica-
tion with the Superintending Engineer, Presidency Division, consider whether the present
Punkahs might not be superseded by others of a better description and arranged on a
better plan so as to be of general benefit. If so, they will submit the Plan and Estimate
of expenses for the consideration of Government.

9. The Board will also ascertain what would be the cost of replacing the present
Font by one of a more appropriate character of stone, wood or composition. They will
consider whether one could not be made at Madras at the School of Industrial Arts,
and will consult Dr. Hunter.

10. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is not prepared to entertain
the suggestion of the Trustees for altering the terms on which the official Pews are
now held.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 9 OF 1856.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort St. George.

1. We have to inform you that the Reverend George Knox of your Ecclesiastical Establishment has been permitted to retire from the Service, from the 10th January 1855, the date on which he states he first made application to your Government for permission so to do.

2. The promotions consequent on Mr. Knox's retirement will accordingly take effect from that date.

We are, Your loving friends,

(Signed) W. H. SYKES,

„ ROSS D. MANGLES,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 21st May 1856.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 10 OF 1856.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort Saint George.

We have granted the Reverend F. G. Lugard of your Ecclesiastical Establishment an extension of leave for one month with permission to return to his duty *via* the Cape.

We are, Your loving friends,

(Signed) W. H. SYKES,

„ ROSS D. MANGLES,

and other Directors.

LONDON, 2nd July 1857.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 11 OF 1856.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort St. George.

Para 1. We now reply to your letters in this Department dated in 1855.

Letter dated 27th February, No. 1, 1855.

1. Date of last letter stated.

2 to 4. Submitting an application from the Select Vestry of Christ's Church, on the Mount Road, which has been erected and supplied with a Minister by voluntary subscriptions, for a grant towards the liquidation of a debt on the Church and Schools, and recommending that Rs. 2,000 be granted towards this object without the enforcement of the condition that the Church is to be transferred to Government.

2. No remark.

3. The Church on the Mount Road is independent of the Government in every way, and therefore, while fully recognizing and highly appreciating the laudable efforts of the promoters of the undertaking, we must decline to authorize a public grant in aid of their operations.

5 and 6. Application from the Rev J. T. D. Kidd to be allowed to draw the usual passage and out-fit money granted to newly appointed Chaplains.

Letter dated 13th March, No. 2, 1855.

Further proceedings respecting the retrenchments against the Rev. A. Kinloch for salary and travelling allowance improperly drawn by him.

4. Answered in our Financial Despatch, dated 19th September, No. 28, 1855, para: 14.

5. Answered in our Despatch, dated 16th May, No. 4, 1855.

No. 359.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 17th September 1856.

2. Need no orders.

(Also Paras 4 to 8, 10, 11, 15 to 24, 26 to 37, 40, 42 to 46, and 48 to 53.)

3. A copy of this para: will be furnished to the Select Vestry of 'Christ Church' Mount Road, in reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 16th January 1855, No. 19. It does not appear whether, at the date of this Despatch (23d July 1856) the Memorial of the Members of the Congregation of 'Christ Church' received with the Lord Bishop's letter of the 27th April last and forwarded to England on the 20th of the following month, had come under the consideration of the Honorable Court.

Letter dated 14th April,
No. 3, 1855.

Also letters dated
25th Sept., No. 22 1855,
9th Nov. No. 24, 1855.

Proceedings respecting
an application for a new
Organ for St. George's
Cathedral.

Letter dated 24th April,
No. 4, 1855.

Claim of the Syrian
Metropolitan in Travancore to the restoration of
certain property now in
the possession of the
Church Mission Society.

Letter dated 24th April,
No. 5, 1855.

Reporting miscellaneous
proceedings in con-
tinuation of letter, No. 16
of 1855.

2 to 5. Noticing the
return of the Bishop
of Madras from his tour
of visitation, and request-
ing attention to a repre-
sentation from His Lord-
ship as to the inadequacy
of the travelling Allow-
ance assigned to the Bis-
hop on account of the li-
mitation of the period for
which it can be drawn.

6. Answered in Despatch, dated
14th May, No. 8, 1856.

7. Answered in our Despatch, da-
ted 29th August, No. 6, 1855,
para: 2.

8. No remark.

9. In consequence of the large
expenditure previously incurred on
visitations by the Bishop of Madras,
we found it necessary, in 1844, to
place a limit on the amount to be
spent on that account, and we ac-
cordingly directed that the allowance
should not be drawn for more than
twelve months within any period of
three years. This limit, necessarily
of an experimental nature, was found-
ed on the practice in this country
of a Bishop holding a general visi-
tation of his Diocese once in three
years. The vast extent of the Dio-
cese of Madras, and the circumstance
that Visitation and Confirmation tour
are there combined in one, appears
to render it necessary that the Bishop
should be travelling for a much long-
er time than is necessary in smaller
Dioceses. We accordingly authorize
you to extend the period for which
the visitation allowances are payable
to the Bishop, and his Chaplain,
from twelve to eighteen months in

4. This para: will
be communicated to the
Right Reverend the
Lord Bishop, in reference
to Extract Minutes of
Consultation, 13th March
1855, No. 86, also to the
Military Auditor Gene-
ral and Civil Auditor for
information and gui-
dance.

5. Under the autho-
rity now conveyed, the
Visitation Allowances
of the Bishop and his
Chaplain, to be drawn
only during the actual
tour of Visitation, will
be passed to them for a
period not exceeding
eighteen months within
each term of three years.

each period of three years. The al-
lowance we need hardly observe will
be drawn only during the actual tour
of visitation.

6 and 7. Notifying the
recovery of Stamp duty
and Fees on the appoint-
ment of the Rev. Mr.
Kidd as Assistant Chap-
lain and transmitting his
Bond and Covenant duly
executed.

8 to 10. Also p. 10 &
11 of letter, No. 12 of
1855.

Iron rails in store at
the Arsenal supplied for
enclosing the North and
West sides of the Cath-
edral Compound. Rs. 2,094-
5-6 sanctioned for the
wall on which they are to
be fixed, together with
Rs. 50 for the construc-
tion of machinery for toll-
ing the Cathedral Bells.

11 to 17. Also p. 5 of
letter, No. 12 of 1855.
Question as to the right
of Roman Catholic Priests
receiving Stipends from
Government, to exact
Fees from the East Indian
and Native soldiery, or-
ders solicited as to whether
benches may be provided
for the troops attending
the Roman Catholic
Church at Secunderabad.
An application for Funds
to keep this Church in
repair and to employ
Church Clerks and a Sex-
ton, refused. The enco-
sure of the two Native
Burial Grounds, sanction-
ed. Increase of Salary
granted to the Reverend
C. Bonjeau while minis-
tering to the Roman Ca-
tholic Troops at Jackatal-
la. An estimate amount-
ing to Rupees 1,830-9-4
sanctioned for construct-

10. No remark.

11. Approved.

12. In accordance with orders al-
ready issued to the Government of
Bombay, the existing prohibitions
against the demand by Roman Ca-
tholic Priests receiving Stipends
from Government of Fees from the
European Roman Catholic Soldiers,
should be extended, as you propose,
to the case of the East Indian and
Native Soldiers of that persuasion.

13. It appears, however, from the
Statements submitted on this sub-
ject that the duties of the Station of
Secundrabad are greater than can be
properly discharged by one Catholic
Clergyman, especially under the
operation of the foregoing rule. But
it should be distinctly laid down that
whatever additional aid may be afford-
ed by Government to the Roman
Catholic Clergy, in the ministration
of their Religion to the Servants of

6. A copy of these
paras: will be furnished
to the Military Depart-
ment for information;
also, to the Right Re-
verend J. Fennelly, Bis-
hop, and Vicar Aposto-
lic of Madras, in refer-
ence to paras: 2 and 3 of
Extract Minutes Con-
sultation, 16th January
1855, No. 20, and his
attention drawn to the
views of the Honorable
Court of Directors ex-
pressed in the last clause
of para: 13.

7. With reference to
the extent of the duties
of the Roman Catholic
Clergymen at Secundra-
bad noticed by the Ho-
norable Court, it is ob-

ing walls to two Cemeteries for the Native Roman Catholics at Secunderabad

Government, is intended to be applied to the benefit of Native as well as European Christians.

14. On all the other subjects referred to in this correspondence, we have communicated full instructions to the Government of India. We direct that you apply for a copy of our Despatch on the subject and that in your future proceedings you be guided implicitly by the orders which that Despatch contains.

Letter dated 24th April
(No. 6,) 1855.

Proceedings regarding the removal of the Reverend H. Taylor from the Joint Chaplaincy of the Cathedral to Poonamallee, and the appointment of the Archdeacon to the Joint Chaplaincy.

Letter dated 8th May
(No. 7,) 1855.

Forwarding a communication from the Venerable the Archdeacon regarding the duties to be discharged by him.

Letter dated 8th May
(No. 8,) 1855.

Also para. 9 of *Letter dated 6th July, No. 12,* and para. 7 of *Letter dated 24th December, No. 25, 1855.*

Replying to Court's Despatches, Nos. 4 to 7 of 1854, reporting the mode in which Court's Orders have been carried out.

15. Answered in Despatch, dated 5th December, No. 12, 1855.

16. Answered in our Despatch, dated 5th December, No. 12, 1855.

17. There is nothing in this letter to call for remark.

served that, in accordance with the principles laid down by the Government of India in their Resolution of the 28th February 1856, only one Roman Catholic Priest on Government pay is allowed for ministering to the Troops at that Station, his salary having been raised from Rupees 100 to Rupees 150 per mensem.

8. As directed by the Honorable Court, the Government of India will be requested to furnish this Government with a copy of the Despatch referred to in para : 14.

Letter dated 22nd May
(No. 9), 1855.

Memorial from Chaplains and Assistant Chaplains regarding the new Furlough Regulations.

Letter dated 22nd May
(No. 10), 1855.

Transmitting further correspondence respecting the duties of the Archdeacon.

Letter dated 21st June
(No. 11,) 1855.

Forwarding Plans and Estimates for a proposed new Church at Ootacamund.

Letter dated 6th July
(No. 12,) 1855.

1. Reporting miscellaneous proceedings in continuation of No. 5 of 1855.

2. Erection of a wall round the compound of Saint Mark's Church at Bangalore, sanctioned at a cost of Rupees 1,499-4-10.

3. Repairs to the Church and Cemetery at Poonamallee, sanctioned at a cost of Rupees 1,890-3-10.

4. Transmitting Statements of expenses incurred in the Ecclesiastical Department during 1852-53 and 1853-54.

5. Construction of compound walls to the two native Cemeteries at Secunderabad.

6 to 8. Also paras : 2 and 3 of *Letter, No. 18 of 1855.*

Proceedings regarding the enclosure of the Protestant Burial Ground at Secunderabad.

18. Replied to in our Despatch, dated 19th September, No. 8, 1855.

19. Answered in our Despatch, dated 5th December, No. 12, 1855.

20. Answered in our Despatch, dated 16th January, No. 1, 1856.

21. No remark.

22. Approved.

23. No remark.

24. With para : 16 of Letter, No. 5 of 1855.

25. It appeared in the course of these proceedings that the drainage of the swamp in which, with an apparent want of judgment, the Burial Ground was originally formed, was

9. It is observed that on the Report of the Superintending Engineer, Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, that the sum of

desirable on general sanitary grounds, Rupees 3,205 was quite sufficient for the construction of the proposed enclosure wall to this Burial Ground, and that he entertained no doubt of the efficiency of the Work, provided the Estimate already sanctioned for the drainage of the Cemetery & adjacent marsh were first carried out, and, on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, D. P. W., the Government, under date 4th the 29th August 1855, sanctioned the proposed outlay.

In Diary to Consultation 4th the 29th August 1855, sanctioned the proposed outlay.

9. Rupees 753-9-6 sanctioned for putting up Punkahs in the Church at Kamptee.

26. With paras : 7 to 9 of Letter, No. 8.

10 & 11. Enclosure of the Cathedral Compound.

27. With paras : 9 of No. 5 of 1855.

Letter dated 6th July, (No. 13), 1855.

Proposed new Church at Ootacamund.

28. Answered in our Despatch, dated 16th January, No. 1, 1856.

Letter dated 20th July, (No. 14) 1855.

Replying to Court's Despatches, Nos. 1 to 4 of 1855, and reporting with reference to the case of Serjeant Beale that family allowance has been ordered to be disbursed to the Serjeant in arrears from the date of his marriage.

29. We approve your proceedings in the case of Serjeant Beale.

Letter dated 20th July (No. 15), 1855.

Application for a further grant in aid of the completion of the Church at Mercara.

30. Answered in our Despatch, dated 16th January, No. 1, 1856.

Letter dated 10th August, (No. 16), 1855.

Reporting proceedings regarding the preparation of complete registers of one uniform description of the Births, Marriages and Burials of European Christians of all denominations in the Presidency of Madras, and forwarding Returns prepared, with few exceptions, according to the newly prescribed Forms.

31. We approve these proceedings and hope that in future no exception will occur in submitting the Returns in the Form which you have prescribed.

Letter dated 13th August, (No. 17), 1855.

Submitting a communication from the Reverend Mr. Blenkinsop regarding the position and privileges of Senior Chaplains.

32. Answered in our Despatch, dated 7th November, No. 11, 1855.

Letter dated 14th August, (No 18), 1855.

1. Reporting miscellaneous Proceedings in continuation of Letter, No. 12 of 1855.

33. No remark.

2 & 3. Enclosure of the Protestant Cemetery at Secundrabad, sanctioned.

34. With paras 6 to 8 of No. 12, 1855.

4 and 5. An application from the Additional Clergy Society for Grants from Government in aid of their operations was referred to the Bishop, on his reply being received was intimated Government would be happy at any time to receive applications for aid to particular places and dispose of them in accordance with Court's Despatch, No. 3 of 1855.

35. No remark.

6. Rupees 1,105-10-6 sanctioned for repairs to Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church at Saint Thomas' Mount.

7 to 9. Proposal to enlarge the compound of the Vepery Church noticed, and attention solicited to the subject of the claims preferred to that Church by the Native Congregation already referred for Court's Orders.

Letter dated 14th August, (No. 19), 1855.

Forwarding three Indents for Articles of Church Furniture, and submitting an application from the Church Committee at Cochin for an outlay of Rupees 800 for providing permanent seats for the Church at that place.

36. No remark.

37. Answered in Despatch, dated 13th May, (No. 6) 1856.

38. We have taken measures for complying with the Indent here referred to, so far as relates to the coverings for the Communion tables, with regard to the materials for the rest of the Furniture we shall in accordance with our general desire that your requisitions on us shall be limited as much as possible, leave you to provide them in the same manner as heretofore. We desire to be furnished with a statement of the comparative cost of the Articles supplied on this requisition, and that of similar Articles purchased in the local market.

10. A copy of this para: will be furnished to the Venerable the Archdeacon in reference to former papers on the subject, and for communication to the several Church Committees, with the intimation that, with the exception of the coverings for the Communion Tables, the materials required for the rest of the Church Furniture will, as heretofore, be provided by Government.

11. This para: will be also communicated to the Senior Presbyterian Chaplain, in reference to paras. 2 and 3 of Extract Minutes Consultation, 1st May 1855, No. 1, and the Commissioner General be authorized to comply with the Indent therein referred to for Articles required for the use of Saint Andrew's Church.

12. Resolved that, on its receipt, the In-

voice of the Articles proposed to be supplied by the Honorable Court, be forwarded to the Commissary General, in view to his submitting the Comparative Statement called for.

39. With regard to the Church at Cochin it was our impression that the Church had been fully fitted up for Divine Service before its transfer to the Additional Clergy Society. Such not having been the case, we authorize you to incur the expense which may be necessary for furnishing it with seats or benches.

13. Resolved that a copy of this para: be furnished to the Church Committee at Cochin, in reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, 18th July 1855, No. 244, and also to the Commissary General, with instructions to submit an Estimate of the cost of providing seats for the Church at Cochin.

Letter dated 13th September, No. 20, 1855.

Requesting a decision on matters connected with the Archdeaconry of Madras.

40. Answered in our Despatch, dated 19th March, No. 5, 1856.

Letter dated 25th September, No. 21, 1855.

Submitting a memorial from the Rev. A. Kinloch regarding his Allowances while discharging ministerial functions in the Diocese of Calcutta before proceeding to Kamptee.

41. We see no reason to alter the view taken of Kinloch's proceedings in our Despatch, dated 16th May, No. 4, 1855, and must decline to comply with the prayer of his Memorial.

14. A copy of this para: will be forwarded to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, for communication to the Reverend A. Kinloch, in reference to his Memorial of the 16th July 1855,

Letter dated 25th September, (No. 22) 1855.

Transmitting further correspondence regarding the application from the Trustees of St. George's Cathedral for a new Organ.

42. With Letter, No. 3 of 1855.

Letter dated 12th October, No. 23, 1855.

Transmitting further correspondence regarding the duties of the Archdeacon of Madras.

Letter dated 9th November, (No. 24) 1855.

Recommending compliance with an application from the Trustees of St. George's Cathedral for a grant of Rs. 10,000 for the purchase of a new Organ.

Letter dated 24th December, No. 25, 1855.

1. Replying to Court's letters, Nos. 5 to 9 of 1855.

2 to 4. Proceedings on Court's Despatch, dated 8th August, No. 5, 1855, relating to arrears in the Returns of Sacred Offices.

5 and 6. The Court's remarks on the Coonoor Church and Captain Francis's Estimate for certain repairs required to that Church, furnished to the Chief Engineer Department of Public Works, for communication to Capt. Francis.

43. Answered in our Despatch, dated 19th March, No 5, 1856.

44. With Letters, Nos. 3 and 22 of 1855.

45. No reply.

46. Approved.

47. We shall expect to be made acquainted with the explanation called for in this case.

15. A copy of this para : will be furnished to the Chief Engineer, D. P.W., who will, with reference to para : 3 of Extract Minutes Consultation, 1st November 1855, No. 360, call upon Captain Francis to submit, without further delay, his reply to the Military Board's reference of the 23rd June preceding, in respect to the necessity for repairs to the Church at Coonoor, at a cost of Rupees 611-4-7 so soon after the construction of the Building.

7. Punks at St John's Church, Secunderabad.

48. With paras : 7 to 9 of Letter, No 8.

8. Organ at St George's Cathedral.

49. With Letter No 3.

9 to 15. The necessary orders given in conformity with Court's instructions on various subjects.

16 and 17. In accordance with Court's order in para : 26 of Despatch, No. 6 of 1855, the amount hitherto paid for the visits of Chaplains to the Stations in the Ganjam district has been placed at the disposal of the Bishop towards the expense of employing a Clergyman to officiate at those Stations.

18 to 22. Effect given to Court's orders on various subjects.

23 and 25. Court's despatch, No. 9 of 1855, relating to Protestant Converts in Travancore, communicated to the Resident and also to the Madras Corresponding Committee of the Church Missionary Society. The Resident directed to inform the Dewan and the Missionaries that the Government Orders in Minutes of 14th Feby, 1854, were to be considered modified to the extent specified by the Court, & both the Resident and the Committee requested to impress on the Missionaries the necessity of regulating their conduct by the views stated by the Court.

50. No remark.

51. Approved.

52. No remark.

53. We approve the manner in which you gave effect to our instructions here referred to.

We are,

Your loving friends,

(Signed) W. H. SYKES,
ROSS D. MANGLES,
and other Directors.

LONDON, 23rd July, 1856.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 12 OF 1856.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

at Fort St. George.

1. We have appointed the Reverend Kitche Chandos Bailly to be an Assistant Chaplain on your Establishment.

2. We have granted the Reverend M. W. W. James, of your Ecclesiastical Establishment an extension of leave for the period of six months.

We are, Your loving friends,

(Signed) W. H. SYKES,

„ ROSS D. MANGLES,

and other Directors.

NDON, 17th September, 1856.

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