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No. 582

Diocesan Registry,

Madras, 15th January 1887.

From

THE REGISTRAR, OF THE DIOCESE OF MADRAS,

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith copy
of a letter to my address dated 11th instant from
the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg.
2 It has always been the practice in this office
to forward the Returns of Marriages solemnised
according to the rites of the churches of England and
Scotland in the Territory of Coorg along with the
Returns from other parts of the Diocese of Madras
to the Chief Secretary to Government of Madras. This
practice it is to be presumed was based upon the con-
struction of the words (in the last clause of Section 29
of the Indian Christian Marriage Act 1872) "Secretary
to the Local Government" as referring to the Chief
Secretary to the Government of Madras under which
the Diocesan Registrar has the honor to serve and
from

from which he draws his salary.

But I am directed by his Lordship the Bishop of Madras to ascertain from you whether such construction is correct, or whether it was intended by the section above quoted that Returns of Marriages in Coorg should be sent to the ^{Secretary to the} Chief Commissioner as contended in the letter now under reference.

3. At the same time I am directed by his Lordship to call your attention to the effect of Section 30 (b) of Act No. VI of 1886 upon the procedure of this office, which apparently will be that whilst the Returns of Marriages from this office will be made to the Registrar General, those of Baptisms and Burials will continue to be made (under the Rules of 1874) to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

All Returns from this office are "Returns of Sacred Offices", i.e. of Baptisms not Births, of Burials not deaths, and of only such Marriages as are performed according to the Church rites. For example where the Marriage service of the Church is read over a couple already married by Civil process, no entry of the ceremony is made in the Church Register and consequently no Return of the Marriage is made through this office.

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most obedient servant

J. R. Anderson

Registrar of the Diocese of Madras

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From,
The Registrar of the Diocese
of Madras
No. 582

15-1-87 }
17-1-87 }

Regarding a letter
+ return of marriages received
by him fr: the Secy. to the
Chief Commr. of Coorg.

No. 50-34.
Encl

Coorg Chief Commissioner's Office
11 January 1887.

From
The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg.
To
The Registrar of the
Archdeaconry of Madras.

Sir,

I am desired by the Chief Commissioner to invite
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appended your attention to the provisions of Section 29 of the Indian
Christian Marriage Act, 1872, which requires that quarterly
returns of Marriages solemnized by clergymen of the Church of
England shall be sent to the Secretary to the Local Government.
No such returns have been received in this office although the
enclosed list shows that 21 Marriages have been solemnized in
St. Mark's Church, Mercara, between the years 1872 to 1884.

2. I am to add that by the amendment to section
29 made by section 30 (b) of Act No. VI of 1886, such returns
will have to be sent in future to the Registrar General of Births,
Deaths and Marriages, appointed under section 6 of the last men-
tioned Act. This appointment has not yet been made; but if
the returns are in the meantime forwarded to this office they will,
I am to say, be transferred to the office of the Registrar General
when it has been created.

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) Donald Robertson
Secretary.

Copy of Section 29 of the Indian Christian
Marriage Act, 1872.

"Every clergyman of the Church of England shall send four times in every year returns in duplicate, authenticated by his signature, of the entries in the register of marriages solemnized at any place where he has any spiritual charge, to the Registrar of the Archdeaconry to which he is subject, or within the limits of which such place is situate."

"Such quarterly returns shall contain all the entries of marriages contained in the said register from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of March, from the 1st day of April to the 30th day of June, from the 1st day of July to the 30th day of September and from the 1st day of October to the 31st day of December, of each year, respectively, and shall be sent by such clergyman within two weeks from the expiration of each of the quarters above specified."

"The said Registrar upon receiving the said returns shall send one copy thereof to the Secretary to the Local Government."

Marriages solemnized at St. Marks Church
Merrara, from the year 1872.

When married	Names of parties	
	Christian	Surname
March 14 th 1872	Friend Henry Elizabeth	Baker Gray
April 9 th 1872	James Alfred Julia	Hoodward Barlier
May 28 th 1872	Charles Mary Elizabeth	La Porte Hamiska
January 8 th 1873	Henry Paul Lavinia	Minchin Tennell
August 26 th 1873	Arthur Charlotte Henrietta	Stevens Diamond
October 8 th 1873	John Ellen	Castle Newbould
November 20 th 1873	John Jane	Brewer Lambert
February 12 th 1874	Lionel Ida, Anna, Maria	Buch McKee
January 13 th 1875	Henry Esther	Tanniffe John
February 24 th 1875	Margaret Lazarus Downey	Mollan Melrose
February 25 th 1875	Hannah Leah Michael Bruce	Sherrath Ball
May 26 th 1875	Florence Adeline George Helen	Pollard Wigham Billings
December 29 1875	Amey	Martin Tennell

From

The Registrar of the Diocese

FOR ORDERS.

February 9 th 1876	John Esther	Daniel David
May 9 th 1876	Henry Grace Georgina	Duckworth Hamiska
December 21 st 1876	Frank William Louisa Melfort	Diknas Campbell.
February 12 th 1877	Spencer Richard Eliza Mary	Rawlinson Mann.
March 14 th 1878	Francis Georgiana	Jacques Sherratt
May 3 rd 1880	Michael Mary Elizabeth	Lavocheat Lawrence
October 20 th 1880	Charles Edward Fanny	Murray Aynsley Jennell
May 5 th 1884	Henry Thomas Mary Elizabeth	Shaw Kingeome.

(Signed) Brooke C. Leggath
Marriage Registrar of Coorg.

Copy

(Signed) Donfield Robertson

Secretary

(True copies)

F. K. Anderson
Registrar of the Diocese.

Feb. 17 1897

The local fort. in Sec 29, as in other parts of the D.C.M. Act '72, seems certainly to mean the Govt. admin^r & the Province where the marriage was celebrated & not the Govt. to whom the Archbishop or Diocesan Reg^r is subordinate. So far the present practice appears wrong but in view of the prob^{ly} that the Act of '86 will shortly be brought into force & Rules notified under it, it will probably be enough to state this opinion & to ~~trust~~ to the Chief Comm^r & to ask him whether he thinks it worthwhile to make any change. A copy of the GO. 2 Sept 86 & be sent to him & he will be asked to consider whether it will not be convenient that one D.C. of Registration & be kept sent for Coorg also.

I think that is all that need be done for the present. I can assume that the duplicate returns are in the Chief Sec^y's Office & can be sent to Marcan if desired.

(1) Para 2 of the Registrar's letter Act of 1886 has not yet been brought into force. The returns of marriages under S. 29 Act XV of 1872 have therefore still to be sent to the Secretary to the local fort. - that is in the case of Coorg the Sec^y & the Chief Comm^r. Possibly when the new Act comes in it may be arranged that the Insp^r Gen^l of Registration who is the app^r Reg^r Gen^l of North, Deaths & Marriages for this Pres^{cy} (G.O. 2 Sept 1886 No 1887) shall be app^r & the same functions in Coorg.

Para 3. In the Hon^{ble} Mr. Master's note put up with the p.o. above quoted it was directed that the present rules for the submission of returns of baptisms & burials (see p. 15 of the book marked A) should be referred to the future Reg^r Gen^l for his opinion as to what modifications they would require with reference to

The papers
were sent to Mr Hammett
in original in Oct last,
but in his reply recorded
in F.O of 13 Nov 1886 no 2377
these rules are not even
mentioned

In the same note Mr Master
suggested that the revision
of the rules regarding returns
of marriages issued under
act IV of 1872 (see book marked
A) which will be necessitated
by the coming into force of
act IV of 1886 should be taken in
hand at once. The
roughly verbal
changes rendered necessary
by the modify^{ing} of act IV of 1872
by the new act have accor-
dingly been made.

Submitted that ^{where} ~~under~~ act
IV of 1886 is brought into force,
the rules framed under it
by the Govt of India published,
the proposed alterations in
the present rules may be sent
to Mr Hammett for such
further alterations or additions
as he may think necessary,
that till then nothing need
be done.

H.L.
18/3.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

188 , No.

Again G.O., dated

188 , No.

Current No. 17

of 1887, dated 15-1-87 from The Registrar
of the Diocese of Madras

Current No.

of 188 , dated

from

FOR ORDERS.

Order. 5/4/87 No. 51
 In opinion of the Govt. in
 Council the words "local
 Govt." in s. 29 act IV of 1872,
 as in other parts of the
 act, clearly refer to the Govt.
 administering the Province
 in which the marriage is
 celebrated, and not the Govt.
 in which the Archdeacon or
 Diocesan Registrar is sub-
 ordinate. The present
 practice of sending returns
 of marriages solemnized in
 Govt. of the Chief Secy to this
 Govt. is therefore incorrect.
 And in view of the probability
 that act IV of 1886 will shortly
 be brought into force & Rules
 notified under it, it appears
 hardly worth while, unless
 the Chief Commr. of Govt. specially
 desires it, to make any change
 just now.

As stated in G.O. dated Sept. 1886
 No. 1837, H.E. in Council pro-
 poses to appoint the Super-
 intending Registrar

C. 19/3.
 R. 24/3.

Smiths, Deaths, and
Marriages for this Pres.? ^{under Act of 1880.} as
long as ecclesiastically a
portion of the Diocese of Madras,
future difficulties might best
be provided for by the Chief Justice
app. to the same officer to the
same functions in that Province.
The Chief Justice will accor-
dingly be addressed on the
subject.

(From orders) held

No 52

Dep. Secy to Govt

To the Secy to the Chief Justice
Madras.

Sir, I am directed to
forward to you copies of
the proceedings of the
Madras Pres. marginally
noted & to request that the
for informant may be furnished
with the views of the Chief Justice
on the ^{suggestions} proposals made in
the latter ^{has} ^{been}

Sd/- 2nd Sept 1886 No. 1837
Sd/- 5th Sept 1887 No. 51

For marriage
returns

23-9-09

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ORDINARY, MS.

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Ecol DEPARTMENT.
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Orders regarding returns of
managers solemnized in Court
being sent to Mysore Govt.