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NOTE FOR THE Cd.

The first almanac which contains the Presidency for districts as that of 1844. The question of the abolition of the division was gone into in 1843. Revised limits were fixed in 4 March 1843. 27 Nov 43 A. 515 (put up) & published in the Gazette of 1 Dec 43. In 1864 the chaplaincy of St. Thomas which was attached to the Cathedral district was abolished under G.O. 18th Aug '64. A. 6. Under G.O. 18 Sept 69. A. 222. Black Town was divided into two distinct chaplaincies with this difference that the charge of the former St. Thomas which is now under the Chaplain of South Black Town was then attached to Yepery. No order can be traced as to when this alteration was made, but if the

the Almanac can be
trusted it must have
been made some time
in 1868.

The attention in the
districts since 1848.
do not appear to
have been published
in the Gazette.

As regards the Ordnance
& Commercial lines,
the construction of
which is in
question, the papers
of 1865 & 1869 relating
to the construction con-
tain no reference to
this point.

It will be seen from
the plan attached
is Military No. 22-8.
92 to 5204 that
these lines were
within the Military
Zone.

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24/6/95

S. G. R.

Eccl. No. 131.

Please look into this
matter yourself and
let me have orders
fixing Eccl. districts.
You might see
whether any mention
was made of this
matter either in
Milit. P. W. D. or Eccl.
at the time the
lines were built.

J. D. B.

19/6/95

Note attached

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For Orders

The Rt. Revd. the Bishop recommends that the words "and the Ordnance and Commissariat Lines" be added to the definition of the Eccles. Dist. of Fort St. George, viz., "all within its walls", in order to avoid friction between the Garrison Chaplain and the Chaplain of South Black Town.

The respective claims of these two Clergymen to minister to those living in the Ordnance Lines, as shown in their letters, are fully summarised in Mr. Morley's letter.

(1). The first objection of Mr. Scott, Chaplain of South Black Town, viz., that before the Lines were built, the occupants lived in certain streets of Black Town, cannot affect the question now. His statement that when the Lines were built, they were placed as near as possible to Emmanuel Church is incorrect. The earliest houses built are those nearest to the Fort, no (1) being closest to it. Mr. Scott says the Lines are nearer Emmanuel Church than St. Mary's in the Fort, but if one end is so, the

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Almanac?

*Lawrence Asylum Press, 1895 pag. 865
En. Muns. Cons. 27th Nov 1843 No 315
(in the Gazette of 1st Dec 1843).

Mr. Pelly makes out his case & it is supported by the Bishop, so it should be allowed. There is no need to alter the limits of the other charges.

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(2) His next objection is that the right of burial* in St. Mary's Cemetery does not give the Chaplain spiritual charge of those living. Possibly not. But it seems only reasonable that as the Garrison Chaplain must* visit these men when sick in Hospital, bury them when they die, and give religious instruction to their children, he should minister to them when alive and in health.

(3) That marriages of persons residing in the Ordnance Lines are registered in the South Black Town Register is not surprising. The residents would be told that, as they lived in South Black Town, the proper church for them to marry in, was Holy Emmanuel Church.

(4) Lastly Mr. Scott objects that some of the congregation and scholars of South Black Town come from the Lines. This no doubt is true, but Mr. Pelly, the Garrison Chaplain, states that since 1873 the great majority of those in the Ordnance Lines ^{have} attended the Garrison Church.

Both Chaplains however agree that the Lines are, strictly speaking, within

* L.O. 4th April 1889 No 27

* vide Mr. Pelly's letter No 2.

* Ex. Mins. Cons. 27 Nov 1843 No 315

within the District of South Black Town. They were built in 1865 after the limits* of Black Town had been defined. Under S.O. 18th Sept 1867 No 222. Black Town was divided into 2 District Chaplaincies, but there is nothing to show that the Lines were meant to be included in the South Black Town District - Whereas in the plan attached to S.O. dt 22/8/92 No 5204 they are marked within the Military Zone of the Fort.

The Garrison Chaplain gives as his most important reason for the Ordnance Lines being included within the Ecclesiastical limits of the St. St. George Dist. "that the residents in these lines are British Soldiers ----- and with their strong esprit de Corps would be indignant if told that, though living within sight and easy reach of the Garrison Church, attended by their brother soldiers in the various Corps, they had no claim upon its ministrations but must look for these to a purely Civil Church".

The fact that they are all military men seems an a priori reason for their being subject to the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of

of Ft St George - and in con- sideration of the more weighty reasons afforded by Mr. Pelly and the recommendation of the Lord Bishop it is sub- mitted that the extension of the Eccles. limits of the Fort so as to include the Ordnance Lines be sanctioned.

In view of the proposed alteration and the fact that the limits were prescribed so long ago as 1843, the Bishop might be requested to revise the whole scheme of Eccles. Distⁱⁿ for the Presidency Town.

It is submitted that the matter is one which may correctly & conveniently be left to the Bishop's decision, and that he may be re- quested to submit for Govt. approval & publi- cation in the Gazette definitions of the limits of the various Ecclesiastical charges situated within the Presidency Town.

25B. The Rev. Mr. Dill seems to have made out a point in sufficient case. The Rev. Mr. Dill's assertions are some of them incorrect & others plausible. It is interesting how supracious the members of the Indian Sect. Dill. are about the interest trifles. There seems to be no need to ask the R. R. the Bishop to recast all the last divisions of Indian - as one has taught in the present instance referred to them. 2/7/95

The Ordnance Lines

Hon'ble J. Grose

In Eccl. L. C.
9/7/95 No. 46

CURRENT No. 131

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT,

No. 1427.

Portacammund 17th June 1895.

From

REV. S. MORLEY, M.A.,

BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN,

To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Stone House

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