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the chaplaincy of Coonoor.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS. ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From Rev. S. MORLEY, M.A., Bishop's Chaplain, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 16th July 1895, No. 1447.

I have the honour, by desire of the Right Reverend the Bishop, to submit, for the favourable consideration of Government, the enclosed petition from the Reverend R. P. Burnett, Chaplain of Coonoor, that he may be granted an extension of six months' service on the hills.

His Lordship thinks Mr. Burnett's united arguments are weighty and the circumstances are not likely to occur in conjunction again. They are as follows :—

(1) An extension of six months has been granted to the Civil Surgeon of Coonoor on the ground that February is an unfavourable time of year to leave the hills for the plains. Mr. Burnett began his duties at Coonoor at the same time as the Civil Surgeon, viz., 9th February 1894.

(2) Under the rules of the service, a Chaplain has a lien on his former station after serving at a hill station. Mr. Burnett's station was Bangalore; but as he has been there four years he is debarred from returning by G.O., dated 18th August 1894, passed after he left Bangalore for Coonoor. He will probably be sent to a less favourable climate than that of Bangalore.

(3) Other Chaplains would not suffer if extension were granted to Mr. Burnett, since the Reverend E. Gibson, late Chaplain of Wellington, has left that station on account of his health and the Chaplain who stood next in rotation for Coonoor has been already posted to Wellington.

Mr. Burnett therefore prays that his service may be extended from 9th February to the 9th of August 1896.

ORDER—dated 14th August 1895, No. 51, Ecclesiastical.

The Government sees no reason, personal or otherwise, for extending the Reverend Mr. Burnett's tenure of the Chaplaincy of Coonoor.

2. The statement that Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Lancaster's term of office was prolonged on the ground that February is an unfavourable month to return to the plains appears to be based on some misapprehension. The change of date of relief in that officer's case was made in the interests of the public, which are not affected by the date at which Chaplains come or go at a hill station; there is no parallel in such a matter between the cases of Hill Surgeons and Chaplains.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Right Reverend the Bishop.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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The Reverend R. P. Burnett.

Declining, with remarks, to extend the Rev.
R. P. Burnett's tenure of the Chaplaincy of
Coonoor.

CURRENT No. 161

Gobt. of {1895} Madras.
ECCLESIASTICAL.

From

THE REVEREND S. MORLEY, M.A.,
BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN,

To

THE HONORABLE
THE CHIEF SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT.

CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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Dated 16th July 1895.

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No. 1447 Enclosure 1

Subject.

Submits petition from the Rev.
R. P. Burnett praying for an ex-
tension of six months service on
the Hills.

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Coonoor 12 July 1895.

To the Right Reverend
the dnd. Bishop of Madras
From the Reverend
N. P. Burnett, Chaplain
Honoar. —

My dnd Bishop,
I have the honor
to request that you
will kindly submit the
following matter to Govern-
ment, for the favorable
consideration of His
Excellency in Council.

The Civil Surgeon
of Coonoor (Dr. J. Lancaster) has
applied for, and
been granted, an
extension of six months
to the usual period of
two years' service on
the hills, on the ground
that the month of Feb-
ruary (when his service
would in ordinary course
expire), is an extremely
unfavorable time of year
in which to quit a hill
station, for service on
the plains.

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That I entered on my
duties at Coonoor at
precisely the same time
as Dr Lancaster (9th
February 1894), and
therefore venture to ask
that a like concession
may be made in the
case of the Chaplain,
as in that of the Civil
Surgeon, and my period
of service at Coonoor
may be stretched from
the 9th of February, to
the 9th of August 1896.

In addition to
the reason above stated,
I would point out that
under the rules of the
service, a Chaplain
is entitled to return
to his former station,
on the expiration of
his time on the hills,
so that I fully expected
to return to my pre-
vious charge, in the
favorable climate of
Bangalore, when my
time at Coonoor
was at an end.

That since I have
been in charge of the
latter station, a new
Order of Government has
been passed (G.O. Aug.
18, 1894, No 64 Rec.),
which limits the service
of Chaplains at Bangalore
to four years, whereby
I am prevented rejoining
my appointment, so that
I must be posted else-
where, probably to a
very different station,
on quitting Coonoor.

Further, that a
six months' extension
in my case would entail
no hardship on the Chaplain,
who in ordinary course
would have succeeded
me at Coonoor, since
owing to the fact that
the late Chaplain of
Bellington, the Rev. L.
Gibson, has been compelled
on account of his health
to leave nearly a year
of his service on the
hills, the Chaplain who
stood next in rotation
for Coonoor, has been
already posted to

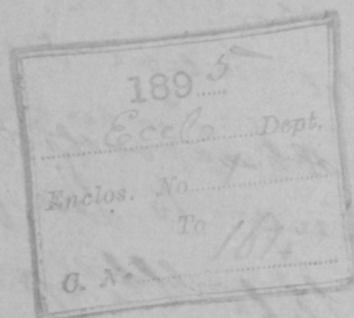
Bellington

I have the honor
to be,

My dear Bishop,

Your most obedient,
Servant,

Richard P. Burnett
Chaplain



CURRENT No. 161

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT,

Cotacamund 16th July 1895.

No. 1447.

From

REV. S. MORLEY, M.A.,

BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN,

To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Stone House

Cotacamund.

SIR,

I have the honor, by desire of the Right
Reverend the Bishop, to submit for the favorable con-
sideration of Government, the enclosed petition
from the Reverend R. P. Burnett, Chaplain of Coonoor,
that he may be granted an extension of six months
service on the hills.

His Lordship thinks Mr^r Burnett's united
arguments are weighty and the circumstances are not
likely to occur in conjunction again. They are as
follows:—

1. An extension of six months has been grant-
ed to the Civil Surgeon of Coonoor on the ground
that February is an unfavorable time of year to
leave the hills for the plains. Mr^r Burnett be-
gan his duties at Coonoor at the same time as
the Civil Surgeon viz. 9th February 1894.

2. Under the rules of the Service, a Chaplain
has a lien on his former station after serving at
a hill station. Mr^r Burnett's station was Banga-
lore; but as he has been there four years he is
debarred from returning, by Government Order

Not at all - This
was not the reason
advanced

August 18th 1894, passed after he left Bangalore for Coonoor. He will probably be sent to a less favorable climate than that of Bangalore.

3. Other Chaplains would not suffer if extension were granted to Mr. Burnett, since the Reverend E. Gibson, late Chaplain of Wellington has left that station on account of his health, and the Chaplain who stood next in rotation for Coonoor has been already posted to Wellington.

Mr. Burnett therefore prays that his service may be extended from 9th February to the 9th of August 1896.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. M. M. M.

Bishop's Chaplain.

For Orders

The Rev. R. P. Burnett, Chaplain of Coonoor, hears that D. Lancaster's tenure of appointment at that station has been extended by six months. He therefore applies for a similar concession on the ground that he entered on his duties at Coonoor at the same time that D. Lancaster took over charge and that, owing to the ruling in G.O. 18th August '94 No. 64, he will not return to Bangalore when relieved at Coonoor.

I agree with the Bishop in thinking Mr. Burnett's united arguments carry weight, & I think it desirable that Chaplains as well as Doctors should be relieved in Oct. instead of Feb. Dr. Dunscombe came here in October.

J. M. M. M.
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Dr. Lancaster's tenure at Coonoor was extended on the ground that it was for the public advantage that the doctors should begin to appear at the end of the season - I don't see that in the case of Chaplains it matters in the least at what time of year they come up to the Hills. That is, Mr. Burnett was altogether had ill service has been an uncommonly good time and it is obvious that, if he is to be left at Coonoor six months longer, some other chaplain must wait six months longer before he can get his turn on the Hills. Should not grant the concession he asks for - I may add that, whatever Mr. Burnett may think, the usual idea is that a man who is a bit worn by service in the plains benefits more by coming up to the Hills at the beginning, than at the end, of the hot weather.

The Bishop considers Mr. Burnett's "united arguments" weighty. An additional one is that the next Chaplain on the roster for posted to Wellington a year earlier than he expected in consequence of Mr. Gibson having resigned that chaplaincy on the ground of ill health.

The following statement

of Mr. Burnett's service is given to enable the Govt to decide whether there is any ground for extending ^{his} ~~Mr. Burnett's~~ stay at a hill station -

He has just 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ years' service, out of which he has been absent on leave 3 years. His ~~service~~ has been at the following stations:-

Madras - 5 years
Bangalore - 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
The Nilgiris - 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Vellore - 1 year

It will thus be seen that Mr. Burnett has been exceptionally fortunate, for out of 12 years' actual service he has spent only 6 on the plains out of which 5 were at Madras and one at Vellore.

It is submitted that the grounds advanced for the concession sought are of the most flimsy character, and that if they are to be accepted as "weighty" the case will form a very inconvenient precedent. (vide 80. ^{2159cd} 15.10.85)

J.B.
10.7.95.

The Rev. R.P. Burnett
Petition of — for an extension
of six months' service ~~on the hills~~

I do not suppose the public interests are affected in any way by the date on which chaplains come or go at a hill station.

The only consideration which it appears to me should be taken into account is what time of year is most likely to be advantageous to the chaplains themselves. And in this case I must say that I think that the month of February is a much better date both for the outgoing & the incoming year, than August.

The case of the doctors is quite different & this should be explained to the Bishop.

H. J. Grose
Secy. to the Governor

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10-7-95.

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FOR ORDERS.

The ground upon which Dr. Laccaseau was intended had nothing whatever to do with the question of whether they was an unfavourable time or not for going to the plains. The decision was given merely in order to change the date of relief of Hill Surgeons from April to Oct.

There does not seem to be the slightest ground for introducing a like change in the case of chaplains. In fact Mr. Burnett appears to have more than his share of the leave and furlough in the way of hill stations.

It is submitted that there is no reason for complying with his request.

J.P.

26/7/95.

The Rev. R. P. Burnett

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ORDER, 14th August 1895 No. 51

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extending the Revd. Mr. Burnett's tenure
of the Chaplaincy of Coonoor.

2. The statement that Surgeon
Lieut.-Col. Lancaster's term of office
was prolonged on the ground that February

is an unfavourable month to return to the
plains is ~~not~~ ^{was apparent the burden some} correct. The change of date
of relief in ~~the~~ ^{which has been the Office} case was made in the

interests of the public which are not
affected by the date at which Chaplains
come or go at a hill station. ~~There is~~ ^{And there}
no parallel in such a matter between the
cases of Hill Surgeons and Chaplains. As

~~a matter of fact the month of February~~
~~is a much better time than August for~~
~~taking up a residence on the hills or~~
~~returning to duty on the plains.~~

3. It is observed that the
Revd. Mr. Burnett has no claim for personal
consideration in the matter of
his application, for it is observed that
his service of 15 1/4 years has been passed
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as under. -

at Madras.....5 years
at Bangalore.....4 1/2 years
on Leave.....8 years
on the Nilgiris.....1 1/4 years
at Vellore.....1 year.

15 1/4 years

THE REV. R. P. BURNETT.

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