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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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No. 1481

From

THE REV. S. MORLEY, M.A.,

BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN,

To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

With the Governor

Fort St. George.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

J. Walsh,

Bishop's Chaplain.

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To

THE HONORABLE

THE CHIEF SECRETARY

TO GOVERNMENT.

Dated 18 } Oct '95
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No. 1481 Enclosure

Subject

Alterations of Rules II & III
in the "Rules relating to the
office & duties of Lay Trustees
in the Diocese of Madras."

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department,
29th October 1867.*

No. 29. Read the following letter from the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Coonoor, 1st October 1867, No. 283.

At the request of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop I have drafted the enclosed set of rules relating to the office and duties of Lay-Trustees. His Lordship has expressed his approval of them, and has requested me to forward them to you for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. Several cases have occurred recently, proving the need of some concise set of rules on this subject. The rules now submitted are, for the most part, either modifications of, or identical with, rules issued at various times, but never yet condensed into one code.

3. I would venture to suggest that it would be well to add a clause to Rule 12, stating some small annual amount which might be passed in a Contingent bill, approved by the Archdeacon, for the supply of matting, blinds, and other necessary articles of a similar kind for each Chaplaincy.

4 Should the rules submitted be approved by Government, I request that you will have the goodness to order two hundred, or two hundred and fifty copies to be printed in the form in which I have had the Rules relating to Burial grounds printed, a copy of which I enclose. I could then furnish each existing or future Lay-Trustee with a copy for his guidance.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 29th October 1867, No. 248.

The Governor in Council approves and sanctions the Revised Rules relating to the office and

"Selected by the Chaplain."

chaplaincy or station in this Presidency, with the exception of the words noted in the margin in Rule VI, which will be omitted.

2. An addition will be made to Clause ~~XI~~^{XII} of the Rules to the effect suggested in paragraph 4 of the foregoing letter.

3. Two hundred and fifty copies of the Rules will be struck off in the form of those relating to Burial grounds.

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To the Right Reverend the Bishop of Madras
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,, Accountant General.
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Ed. J. Tulloch.

OOTACAMUND,
20th September 1895.

THE REVEREND

DEAR SIR,

It has been suggested to the Right Reverend the Bishop, that it would be more in accordance with the custom of our Church if the second (or Chaplain's) Lay Trustee were appointed annually to hold office for one year.

2. The subjoined rules are accordingly proposed for submission to Government to be inserted in, or substituted for, Rules II and III of the "Rules relating to the office and duties of Lay Trustees in the Diocese of Madras."

3. You will observe that when the Government Lay Trustee is not a gazetted officer in Government service, it is proposed that his appointment should be subject to the same limitation as that of the Chaplain's Trustee.

4. The Bishop would be much obliged if you would favor him with your opinion as to the advisability or otherwise of recommending these alterations, either as they are, or modified, to the Government.

I am,

DEAR SIR,

Yours faithfully,

W. WACE.

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It is believed that the agitation which has resulted in these recommendations commenced at a particular station with the express object of getting rid of an unpopular and inevitable day trustee who has sat tight for many years. Whether the new rules, if passed, should apply to present incumbents or not is forgoat: to decide. There are men who, according to their own lights, have done good service for many years. Perhaps this Ecclesiastical 55 years rule should not be applied to them - although they are responsible for the rules being framed.

It seems a very reasonable thing to have the rules amended as proposed 28/10/95

I see no objection to these appointments being made as in England a yearly business. It would be most invidious for the Bishop to have to come up to foot whenever he wished to remove an obnoxious day trustee, besides to say nothing of the fuss wh. w. be thereby created - a series of small storms in the air. I would sanction the proposed alterations - & make them applicable to present incumbents.

X. H. 20.
The Station was Ottacumund 6 hrs
The day trustee Mr Cowdell

① As the Bishop & chaplain work for the alteration & it is in accordance with practice elsewhere I think it should be allowed. I see no objection to it. I do not see why it should not apply to present incumbents. We are not pledged to them in any way. JH

30/10/95

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The effect of the alteration will be that if a chaplain does not like a day trustee he will be able to get rid of him - The question is whether this will be advisable. In some cases it may be; in others it would not be. My inclination would be to leave matters as they are, except that I wd. add a rule that day trustees may be removed by the Bishop - if, as must from time to time be the case, it is desirable to get rid of a day trustee, it should be done openly on the Bishop's responsibility. The alteration of the rules proposed appears to be intended to enable the Bishop to evade increasing responsibility.

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