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[Despatch Abstract.]

SCOTCH CHAPLAINS.

Informing the Government of India, in reply to Mr. Thornton's letter No. 332, dated 16th November 1895, that the Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland, reports that no Chaplain can be spared for the Scotch Regiments stationed in the Bengal Presidency, and communicating the suggestions of the Senior Chaplain for providing Chaplains for those regiments.

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No. 332

FROM

L. M. THORNTON, Esq.,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Chief Secretary, the Govt. of Madras.

Home Department.

Ecclesiastical.

SIR,

I AM directed to state, for the information of the Governor in Council, that the Government of India have recently considered the question of the insufficiency of the number of Presbyterian Chaplains for the Scotch regiments serving in India, in connection with a representation on the subject from the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland forwarded by Her Majesty's Secretary of State. The Governor General in Council observes that in the Bengal Presidency the number of Presbyterian Chaplains is insufficient in proportion to the number of Scotch regiments serving in it, and that this deficiency is due to the existing unequal distribution of the Scotch regiments in the three Presidencies. There are at present seven Scotch regiments in the Bengal Presidency, and another one (the Black Watch) is coming out this trooping season. The establishment of Scotch Chaplains in the Bengal Presidency numbers five only. The Senior Chaplain in Bengal is, however, always appointed to the charge of St. Andrew's at Calcutta, and another is employed at Allahabad. Thus there remain only three Chaplains for duty with regiments. On the other hand, there is only one Scotch regiment in the Madras Presidency, and none in the Bombay Presidency, while the number of Scotch Chaplains is four in both. The four Chaplains in the Madras Presidency are, it is believed, at present appointed to the charge of St. Andrew's Churches at Madras, Bangalore and Secunderabad; and of the four in the Bombay Presidency, one is on furlough till December 1895, and the remaining three are employed at Bombay, Poona and Kirkee, and Karachi, respectively.

2. Having regard to the above facts, and considering that the Scotch Chaplains are intended primarily for the duty of ministering to soldiers, the Governor General in Council is of opinion that it is possible to remove the present difficulty by transferring Scotch Chaplains from the Madras and Bombay Presidencies to the Bengal Presidency. I am accordingly to enquire whether the Governor in Council can assist the Government of India by temporarily

* Vide correspondence ending with Home Department endorsement No 322, dated the 29 October 1895. {transferring another Presbyterian Chaplain (in addition to the one - the Revd. J. Heron - just transferred to Mandalay)

on the regular establishment of the Madras Presidency. He will be employed with one or other of the Scotch regiments in the Bengal Presidency, now in need of a Chaplain, and his services will be replaced at the disposal of the Government of Madras when they are no longer required.

3. I am to request the favour of a very early reply.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

L. M. Thornton
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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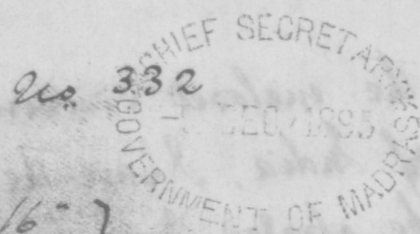
Referred to the Senior
Chaplain, Church of
Scotland, for favour
of very early remarks.

Redrick Hill

Chief Secretary

From

The Government of India
Home Department
Ecclesiastical



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Enquiring whether the Madras
Government can assist the Govt.
of India by temporarily transfer-
ring another Presbyterian Chaplain
(in addition to the one - the Revd J.
Heron - just transferred to Mandalay)

No 35/L

From.

The Senior Chaplain

Church of Scotland

Madras

To.

The Honble. The Chief Secretary

Government of Madras

Madras

Sir

With reference to the enclosed communication
No 332 from the Government of India, I have the honor to
state, that no Chaplain can be spared from this Establishment.

The Rev. J. Heron has already been lent to the
Government of India, for duty with The Royal Scots at
Mandalay.

In consequence of this transfer, this Establishment
is reduced to three, and no Chaplain will be able I fear to
get his furlough when wanted.

2.

I would suggest that The Government of India
should ask The Colonial Committee of the Church of
Scotland, to send out two clergymen of our Church and promise
that these clergymen would be posted to Highland or Scotch
Regiments in which there are a larger number of Presbyterians,
so that the Capitation grant would almost pay the salaries
of these gentlemen, and thus reduce the charge to the Church
in Scotland.

I am certain, that The Colonial Committee
would accede to this request of the Government of India,
as I believe that a few years ago they offered to send out
two clergymen to India, on condition that these gentlemen
would be posted to Scotch Regiments, but the offer

offer was declined by the Senior chaplain Calcutta.
I would respectfully suggest that Scotch Regiments might
in future be distributed over the three Presidencies, and stationed
at places, where Chaplains or Presbyterian clergymen hold
appointments of a permanent nature.

With the exception of the Royal Scots at Mandalay,
all Scotch Regiments are stationed in the Bengal Presidency.

At the present time there are either chaplains
or Presbyterian clergymen at the following places, viz Calcutta,
Allahabad, Meerut, Rawalpindi, Karachi, Quetta, Fettehgarh,
Bombay, Poona, Ahoor, Bangalore, Secunderabad, Madras,
and Rangoon; yet no Scotch Regiment is stationed at any
of these places except at Rawalpindi.

Were a few of the Scotch Regiments sent to
some of these places, the present difficulty of supplying
Chaplains or efficient Presbyterian Ministers would be
avoided to a great extent, and the soldiers would have the
advantage of being under the spiritual charge of clergymen
who are their fellow countrymen.

I have the honor to be.

Sir

Your most obedient servant.

M. F. Archibald

Senior Chaplain
Church of Scotland
Madras.

7th December 1895.

Ecclesiastical

From

The Senior Chaplain
Church of Scotland
Madras

No. 38/A

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Subject

Stating that no Chaplain
can be spared from this
Establishment.

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The Secy to the Govt of India
Home Dept

No. 98 d/13 Dec 95 (Ecclesiastical)

Sir,
In reply to Mr. Thornton's
letter No. 332 dated 16th November
I am directed to state that the
Senior Chaplain, Church of
Scotland, reports that an
additional Scotch Chaplain
cannot be spared from
this Presidency, as the recent
transfer of the Rev. John
Heron has reduced the
Establishment to three
Chaplains, who will, in
consequence, probably be
prevented from obtaining
their furlough when it becomes
due.

2. I am, however, to commu-
-nicate the suggestion of the
Rev. Mr. Archibald that
the Govt of India should
request the Colonial Com-
-mittee of the Church of
Scotland to send out two
clergymen of their Church
under promise that they
would be posted to High-

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Highland or Scotch Regiments in which the number of Presbyterians is so large that the Capitation grant would almost pay their salaries & thus reduce the charge to the Church of Scotland. Mr. Archibald feels certain that the Colonial Committee would accede to this request, as a few years ago they offered to send out two clergymen to Calcutta on the condition that they would be posted to Scotch Regiments.

3. With reference to the fact that, with the exception of the Royal Scots at Mandalay, all the Scotch Regiments in India are stationed in the Bengal Presidency, the Senior Chaplain, Madras, points out that at present there are either Scotch Chaplains or Presbyterian Clergymen at the following places, viz, Calcutta, Allahabad, Meerut, Rawalpindi, Kurraichi, Quetta, Futtchugh,

Bombay

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Bombay, Poona, Mhow, Bangalore, Secunderabad Madras & Rangoon. ^{1st Regt. Hums} ^{in a Scotch regiment at Rangoon and 1st Regt. Hums} ^{located at Okara} Scotch Regiments ^{the source of these places} the present difficulty in regard to their spiritual charge would be avoided ^{11/12/95} while the soldiers would have the advantage of being under clergymen who are their fellow countrymen.

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Hon. Mr. Grose

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