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Extract from the Proceedings of the Honourable the President of the Council
of the Governor General of India, in the Home Department (Eccle-
siastical), under date the 26th November 1859.

READ again the following papers:

Despatch from the Honourable the Court of Directors, dated 12th November, 1813,
announcing their intention to appoint at each of the Presidencies "one Minister of the Church
of Scotland, with the same salary as is granted to the Junior Chaplain at each of the Presi-
dencies."

Do.	Do.	10th April 1822.	{	Intimating the appointment of a Junior Minister of the Church of Scotland at each of the Presidencies, with the follow- ing salaries:	
At Bengal	.	.			Current R666 10 8 per month.
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Act 3 and 4 William IV., Cap. 85, section CII.	{	Prescribing that two Ministers of the Church of Scotland shall be appointed at each of the Presidencies, and that they shall receive such salary as shall from time to time be allotted in each Presidency to the Military Chaplains.
Despatch from Honourable Court, No. 1, dated 23rd March 1837.		

Ecclesiastical Despatch to the Honourable Court, No. 6 of 1841, dated 23rd June, para- graphs 3 to 6.	{	Ruling that the two Senior Chaplains of the Church of England may be appointed to other stations besides the Presidency Town, still retaining their superior salaries, and that the Presidency Chaplains need not be the Seniors on the list, though they must be full Chaplains.
Reply of do. No. 6 of 1842, dated 26th October, paragraph 12.		

Ecclesiastical Despatch from the Honourable Court to the Government of Bombay, No. 8, dated 3rd December 1845.	{	Ruling that a Senior Scotch Presidency Chaplain proceeding to Europe on fur- lough is entitled to resume his position on his return to India.
Ecclesiastical Despatch from the Government of India to the Honourable Court, No. 12, dated 2nd August 1845, paragraph 6.		
Ecclesiastical Despatch from the Honourable Court to the Government of India, No. 1, dated 21st January 1846.		

Ecclesiastical Despatch from the Honourable Court to the Government of Bengal, No. 6,
dated 13th August 1851, directing that the higher salaries which have been fixed for the
Senior Chaplains of the Church of England "be issued only to the two Senior Chaplains on
the list, but that in the event of their or either of them coming to Europe on furlough, the
same be drawn by the next in seniority in India, pending the furlough of the absentee, who
is to resume his allowances from the date of his return."

Papers recorded as Consultation Nos. 41 and
42 of 19th November 1858.

Ecclesiastical Despatch to the Honourable Court, No. 14 of 1858, dated 14th October.	{	Relative to the appointment of additional Ministers of the Church of Scotland in India.
Reply from the Right Honourable the Secre- tary of State, No. 3, dated 31st January 1859.		

Papers recorded as Consultation Nos. 10 and 11, dated 19th August 1859, regarding the
arrangement to be adopted for the disposal of the three additional Ministers of the Church of
Scotland, appointed to the Bengal Presidency.

Read the following letter:—

Dated Calcutta, the 8th November 1859.

From—The Reverend J. C. HERDMAN, Senior Minister of St. Andrew's Church.

To—W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India.

I. The Reverend J. Williamson (who has been appointed on the Scottish branch of the Bengal Ecclesiastical Establishment) having arrived here, I find that the terms in which his appointment runs leave the question of his rank, etc., very indefinite.

He seems liable to be styled sometimes "a Minister of the Church of Scotland," and sometimes "a Junior Scotch Chaplain."

The former of these designations is often applied officially to the Scotch Chaplains who have been hitherto on the establishment, and who correspond to Junior Presidency Chaplains and Chaplains of the English Establishment respectively: it is now used of the additional Scottish Clergy appointed on the establishment, whose rank is understood to be that of the Assistant Chaplains of the English Church; and it fails, therefore, to designate accurately the rank of those to whom it is applied.

The other designation "Junior Chaplain" is equally indefinite, as in present current use it does not denote the rank which a Clergyman holds in the service, but only his rank in a particular congregation.

I have the honour to request that the Supreme Government will be pleased to determine what is the relative rank of the Clergy added to the Presbyterian Establishment under the late augmentation. Mr. Williamson was informed at the India House that they were in every respect to correspond to English Assistant Chaplains. But as it is important that this should be formally and publicly declared—subscriptions to the Funds, for instance, being regulated by the rank of these Clergy—I beg to submit the matter for the orders of Government.

II. I venture at the same time to suggest the desirableness of employing such a form of official designation as will leave the rank of our Clergy no longer doubtful. When the Reverend R. Henderson was on duty with Her Majesty's 93rd Regiment, he found that the uncertainty regarding his rank, caused by the indefinite way in which he was designated, occasioned him very great inconvenience; and from the same cause our new Chaplains may suffer when they proceed into the mofussil.

I take the liberty of suggesting that, instead of the forms of designation referred to above, and whose vagueness is the occasion of the inconvenience complained of, the Presbyterian Clergy on the establishment should be designated by those terms which respectively denote the rank of those grades in the English Church to which they correspond, but with the addition of the words "of the Church of Scotland," to distinguish them from the English Clergy. Their designations would be the following:

Senior Chaplain of the Church of Scotland (one).

Chaplain of the Church of Scotland (one).

Assistant Chaplains of the Church of Scotland (three).

I believe that this form would remove all the indefiniteness which has been alluded to above.

III. I beg also to submit to Government the following question: "is the pay which I draw the pay of my rank as Senior Chaplain of the Church of Scotland on the establishment, or the pay of my appointment as Senior Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Calcutta?" And in like manner, is the pay of the present Junior Minister of St. Andrew's Church the pay of that appointment, or of his rank in the service? It has been always understood by us that the pay of Chaplains, both in our Church and in the Church of England, was regulated by our rank in the service, and not by our particular appointments, and that our pay would remain the same, whether we were appointed to the

mofussil or remained in Calcutta. In accordance with which we find the Reverend H. S. Fisher, Senior Chaplain of the Church of England, drawing the same salary at Darjeeling as in Calcutta.

I am led to bring this matter before the Government of India—not from any doubt on my own part on the question, but that there may remain no room for doubt on it in any quarter. In reply to a question which I lately submitted in the Financial Department, regarding the terms on which I could obtain leave, other than sick leave, to Britain, a letter was forwarded to me, conveying the opinion of the Civil Auditor, that I must forfeit my *appointment*, if my leave on private affairs exceeds six months, or if I take furlough. The terms of this letter were ambiguous enough to allow of the interpretation that the appointment referred to is that of Senior Chaplain, and that in the event of my taking the usual furlough, etc., on my return, I cannot resume my place or pay as Senior Chaplain. I have since ascertained, privately, that the Officiating Civil Auditor by the term "appointment" means merely that of Senior Minister of St. Andrew's Church; and he is perfectly clear, that I would return to my rank and pay as Senior Chaplain of the Church of Scotland, which I would retain, whether I remain in Calcutta or go to the mofussil.

Though it seems to me that any view contrary to this is untenable, inasmuch as it would deprive us of the privilege of furlough, etc., and put us on a footing essentially different from that of the Clergy of the English Church, and from what we had under the old leave rules, yet it is obviously of importance that the question should be authoritatively settled; the more so, as my colleague, in his recent letter to Government communicating the views of the Kirk Session of St. Andrew's Church, regarding the arrangements to be made for the disposal of the Chaplains and Assistant Chaplains of our Church under the late augmentation, proposed that for the future the Junior Minister of St. Andrew's Church should be an Assistant Chaplain, and that the present Junior Minister should be sent into the mofussil—a proposal which of course could not be carried out, if the view which we have been accustomed to take of our position and privileges is incorrect.

RESOLUTION.—The Senior Minister of St. Andrew's Church suggests that in order to remove all doubts as to the relative rank of the Ministers lately added to the establishment of the Church of Scotland in India, they be officially designated Assistant Chaplains of the Church of Scotland.

In the two appointments already notified by the Secretary of State, the appointment is in one case to be "Junior Minister of the Church of Scotland," and in other to be a "Junior Scotch Chaplain." The President in Council observes that there is no doubt that it was intended that the rank of these gentlemen should be the same as that of the Assistant Chaplains of the Church of England, and he therefore resolves that Mr. Herdman's suggestion be acted upon, and these gentlemen be designated "Assistant Chaplains of the Church of Scotland." The two Senior Ministers of the Church of Scotland may also be appropriately designated Senior Chaplain and Chaplain of the Church of Scotland.

2. Mr. Herdman further inquires whether the pay drawn by himself and Mr. Henderson, the two Chaplains of the Church of Scotland in Calcutta, is the pay of their rank, or of the particular appointments they hold, *i.e.*, whether, if they were transferred to stations in the interior, they would continue to draw their present allowances, or be reduced to the pay of Assistant Chaplains.

The President in Council has no doubt that Messrs. Herdman and Henderson have the substantive rank and pay of Military Chaplains under the Act of Parliament quoted in the preamble of this Resolution, and in regard to the higher salary received by Mr. Herdman as Senior Chaplain, the Court of Directors have specially ruled in the precisely analogous case of the Senior Chaplains of the Church of England, that it is payable to the Senior Chaplain on the list wherever he may be stationed. Moreover, it has been distinctly laid down that a Senior Chaplain of the Church of Scotland proceeding on furlough is entitled to resume his position on his return.

It is therefore clear that Messrs. Herdman and Henderson would not lose any portion of their present allowances upon being transferred to any other station, and that in the event of either of them proceeding on furlough, he would re-occupy on his return the position he now holds.

3. At the same time the President in Council thinks that, as a general rule, the Senior Chaplain and Chaplain of the Church of Scotland should be attached to the Presidency towns, and he would not consider them transferable to a station in the interior, except under special circumstances.

4. The President in Council remarks that, under the terms of the Secretary of State's Despatch No. 3, dated the 31st January 1859, the Assistant Chaplains of the Church of Scotland must always be held as first available for duty with any Scottish regiment that may be without a Minister, and that they will only be appointed to a civil station in the event of there being no Scottish regiment so situated. And when an Assistant Chaplain is appointed to a civil station, it will be upon the distinct understanding that he is to be considered as at any time available for duty with a regiment, if any regiment should be in need of a Presbyterian Minister.

ORDERED, on the 26th ultimo, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Mr. Herdman, in reply to his letter, and with a request that he will be good enough to communicate it to the Chaplain and the Assistant Chaplains of the Church of Scotland on the Bengal Establishment.

Ordered further, that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to the
 Foreign and Financial Departments, and
 to the Governments named in the margin,
 for information and guidance, and that an
 extract, paragraph 4, be forwarded to the
 Military Department for the information

of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief,

Fort St. George.
 Bombay.
 Bengal.
 North-Western Provinces.
 Punjab.

CURRENT No. 77 Eccl

UNDER SECRETARY
 23 APR 1896

No. 103

FROM

J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Home Department,
 Ecclesiastical.

Calcutta, the 30th March 1896.

SIR,

I AM directed to refer to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 98 (Eccl. Dept.), dated the 13th December last, on the subject of the insufficiency of the number of Presbyterian Chaplains for the Scotch regiments serving in the Bengal Presidency.

In paragraph 2 of the communication from this Department marginally noted enquiry was made whether His Excellency the Governor in Council could assist the Government of India by temporarily transferring another Scotch Chaplain *in addition to the one who had been transferred to Madras* on the regular establishment of the *Madras* Presidency. In reply to this enquiry it has been reported that *an additional chaplain cannot be spared from the Madras Presy.* for service in Bengal.

2. The difficulty in which the Government of India find themselves thus placed in regard to urgent demands for Presbyterian Chaplains due to the fact that eight Scotch regiments are at present serving in the Bengal Presidency has led to an examination of the orders relating to the appointment and employment of such Chaplains. These orders are for the most part summarized in the Resolution which was recorded in this Department on the 26th November 1859, of which, though it was communicated to the Government of *Madras*, I am to enclose a copy. The three Senior Chaplains of the Church of Scotland, who were originally appointed by the Despatch from the Honourable Court of Directors, dated 12th November 1813, and the three Junior Chaplains, who were subsequently appointed by their Despatch of 10th April 1822, are, in accordance with paragraph 3 of the Resolution referred to, intended, as a general rule, for the Presidency towns. The seven Assistant Chaplains who were added to the establishment of Presbyterian Chaplains in India, under the authority contained in Secretary of State's Despatch No. 3, dated 31st January 1859, are, according to paragraph 4 of the Resolution, intended for duty with Scottish regiments, and can only be appointed to a civil station in the event of there being no such regiment without a Presbyterian Minister. It is also laid down in that paragraph that when an Assistant Chaplain is appointed to a civil station it will be upon the distinct understanding that he is to be considered as at any time available for duty with a regiment, if any regiment should be in need of a Presbyterian Minister. These orders are based on the concluding paragraph of the Despatch* of 31st January 1859, which also affirms the right of the Government of India to make use of the services of all the Chaplains in any part of India without reference to the Presidency to which they may have been appointed according to the exigencies of the public service.

3. In these circumstances, and having regard to the fact that there are at present no Scottish regiments either at *Bangalore* or at *Secunderabad*, the Governor General in Council regrets that he is constrained to press for the temporary transfer of *another* Chaplain on the regular establishment

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of the *Madras* Presidency in view to his appointment to one of the regiments in the Bengal Presidency which is now without a Presbyterian Minister. I am to request that, with the permission of the Governor in Council, the services of the Chaplain selected may be placed temporarily at the disposal of the Government of India, and that he may be instructed to proceed at once to *Sialkot* where the Regiment of *Royal Scots Fusiliers* is at present stationed.

4. As there is no doubt about the object of the appointment of the Assistant Presbyterian Chaplains being as above stated, the Government of India do not, I am to say, think it is necessary to take the steps suggested in your letter for obtaining from home additional clergymen of the Church of Scotland.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

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for Secretary to the Government of India.

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