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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers :—

Letter No. 98, Ecclesiastical, dated 13th December 1895.

Read—the following papers :—

From L. M. THORNTON, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Ecclesiastical), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 16th November 1895, No. 332.

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

* Vide correspondence ending with Home Department endorsement No. 322, dated the 29th October 1895.

the Government of India by temporarily 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.

No. 2821.

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

23rd November 1895.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

From the Revd. M. A. F. ARCHIBALD, Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Madras, 7th December 1895, No. 38-A.

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

The Revd. 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 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, Kurrachi, Quetta, Futtchgurh, Bombay, Poona, Mhow, Bangalore, Secunderabad, Madras and Rangoon; yet no Scotch regiment is stationed at one 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.

Letter—to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Ecclesiastical), No. 98, Ecclesiastical, dated 13th December 1895.

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 Revd. 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 communicate the suggestion of the Revd. Mr. Archibald that the Government of India should request the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland to send out two Clergymen of their church under promise that they would be posted to Highland or Scotch regiments in which the number of Presbyterians is so large that the capitation grant would almost pay their salaries and 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, Kurrachi, Quetta, Futtchgurh, Bombay, Poona, Mhow, Bangalore, Secunderabad, Madras and Rangoon, but that there is a Scotch regiment at Rawalpindi only. He suggests that if Scotch regiments were located at others of the places mentioned above, the present difficulty in regard to their spiritual charge would be avoided.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

G.O., No. 17, Ecclesiastical, dated 10th April 1896.

Read—the following letter from J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Ecclesiastical), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 30th March 1896, No. 103:—

I am directed to refer to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 98 (Ecclesiastical Department), 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

No. 332, dated 16th November 1895. transferring another Scotch Chaplain in addition to the one who had been transferred to Mandalay 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 Presidency 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.

* Copy forwarded with Home Department letter No. 508, dated 17th March 1859.

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 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.

No.

*Ecclesiastical A. Proceedings, November 1895, Nos. 13—30.
Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 98, dated 13th
December 1895.
Letter from the Government of Bombay, No. 86, dated 13th
December 1895, and enclosure.*

*Copy, with copy of the papers
marginally noted, forwarded to the Military
Department for information.*

(By order.)

(Signed) C. H. A. HILL,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ENCLOSURES.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Honourable the President of the Council of the Governor-General of India, in the Home Department (Ecclesiastical), 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 Presidencies."

Do. do. 10th April 1822.

Intimating the appointment of a Junior Minister of the Church of Scotland at each of the Presidencies, with the following salaries:—

At Bengal	Current Rs. 666 10 8 per month.
Fort St. George	Madras „ 583 5 4 do.
Bombay	„ 518½ 0 0 do.

Act 3 and 4 William IV, Cap. 85, section CII.

Despatch from Honourable Court, No. 1, dated 23rd March 1837.

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.

Ecclesiastical despatch to the Honourable Court, No. 6 of 1841, dated 23rd June, paragraphs 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.

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.

Ruling that a Senior Scotch Presidency Chaplain proceeding to Europe on furlough is entitled to resume his position on his return to India.

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.

Reply from the Right Honourable the Secretary 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.

Relative to the appointment of additional Ministers of the Church of Scotland in India.

Read—also the following letter:—

From the Revd. J. C. HERDMAN, Senior Minister of St. Andrew's Church, to W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, dated Calcutta, the 8th November 1859.

I, The Revd. 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, &c., 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 Revd. 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 Revd. 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, &c., 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, &c., 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.
Panjab.

Order—No. 17, Ecclesiastical, dated 10th April 1896.

The Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland, will be requested to report the name of the Chaplain to be transferred, and arrange for his joining at Sialkot without delay.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland.

G.O., R. No. 40, Ecclesiastical, dated 20th April 1896.

Read—the following papers:—

Telegram from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated 14th April 1896.

No. 200. Your letter, No. 103, dated 30th March. Since my letter, 13th December, No. 98. Senior Chaplain has been granted six months’ private affairs leave. Secunderabad Chaplain comes to Madras, leaving available only Bangalore Chaplain. Can any other arrangements be possibly made for Sialkot? Please reply.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated 17th April 1896.

Number 121, Ecclesiastical. Your telegram, No. 200 of 15th instant. Government of India under the circumstances explained will not now want the Chaplain asked for in my letter of 30th ultimo.

Order—R. No. 40, Ecclesiastical, dated 20th April 1896.

The following telegram will be despatched to the Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland:—

179. India wires:—Begins—“Government of India under the circumstances explained will not now want the Chaplain asked for in my letter of 30th ultimo.”—Ends. Return India’s letter.

READ—also the following paper:—

From the Revd. M. A. F. ARCHIBALD, Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 20th April 1896, No. 59-A.

With reference to G.O., No. 17 of 10th April 1896, requesting me to arrange for a Chaplain to proceed to Sialkot without delay, in accordance with instructions from the Government of India (as per letter of 30th March, Calcutta, No. 103), I have the honour to state that I am unable to nominate a Chaplain at present.

I am proceeding on leave on 22nd instant for six months on urgent private affairs, and the Chaplain of Secunderabad has been appointed to act for me here, and the Rev. J. Ogilvie, Chaplain of Bangalore, has been appointed to officiate as Senior Chaplain.

Were a Chaplain to be sent to the Punjab, there would only be one Chaplain left in this Presidency and the whole of our church would be disorganised.

Had the Government of India been aware of my going on leave, I do not think that that Government would have pressed for the services of a Chaplain from our establishment.

On receipt of the order, I telegraphed to the Senior Chaplain, Calcutta, stating that I could not spare a Chaplain for Sialkot, and asking if no other arrangement could be made. He replied that he had not been consulted, but that he could easily arrange for a missionary to take charge of "The Royal Scots Fusiliers."

Under the circumstances, I think that the Government of India might be asked to cancel their request.

2. I have to respectfully point out to the Government of India that from despatches from the Secretary of State later than the despatch of 1859, I consider that their opinion that Scotch Chaplains are intended to serve with Scotch regiments whenever required, is wrong, and I beg to quote the following extracts from official documents:—

In the letter of Lord Stanley, dated London, 31st January 1859, to Lord Canning, it is stated "Government is to be at liberty to dispose of them (Chaplains) in such a way as may seem to be most conducive to the wants of the army, and in the event of a Scotch Chaplain not being available at any particular station to which a Scotch regiment may happen to be moved, it is recommended that *Government shall be at liberty to engage the services of a Presbyterian Minister unconnected with the public service.*"

Letter from India Office to the Governor-General, dated London, 9th December 1863 states "You are quite right in supposing that the regular establishment of Chaplains and Assistant Chaplains of the Church of Scotland, as enlarged under the sanction conveyed in Lord Stanley's despatch of 31st January 1859, No. 3, was intended by Her Majesty's Government to provide for the wants of *all the Presbyterians in public employment* in India, including soldiers to whatever regiments they may belong in the ordinary state of the military establishment. . . . It is not, however, the wish of Her Majesty's Government that the services of the Officiating Presbyterian Chaplains should be discontinued *so long as the number of the Scottish regiments in India* in excess of the ordinary rate should seem to render their services necessary. I now learn that the number of Scotch regiments is still somewhat in excess of what may be regarded as the ordinary establishment and am willing that all the Officiating Chaplains should continue to do duty."

Despatch of Governor-General, 20th September 1869, No. 7, to Secretary of State recommending no addition to fixed establishment states "The appointment of a Chaplain to a station leads to the erection of church there, and a church once built, the Chaplain cannot be removed. He is no longer available in case of more pressing wants being shown elsewhere Admitting then that some assistance is called for as regards the military Presbyterians in the service of Government, we cannot recommend any augmentation of the fixed establishments of Presbyterian Chaplains. We would rather resort *more largely* to the practice of giving allowances to Clergymen provided by the Scottish Presbyterian Church for the service of their community in India."

The despatch in reply from Secretary of State, India Office, 11th November 1869, No. 24, expresses concurrence.

The above extracts I think show—

(1) That the seven additional Chaplains sanctioned in 1859 were not for purely military duty.

(2) That the presence of a large number of Highland regiments in the country was recognised as *being an extraordinary state*, and as warranting the appointment of five *extra Officiating Chaplains* who continued with the regiments so long as they remained in the country.

(3) That in 1869, in view of the fluctuating nature of the Presbyterian community (military especially), Government resolved to establish no more fixed Chaplaincies at definite spots, as it was recognised that when churches were built at such spots the Chaplains were no longer available for other duty and could not be removed.

(4) That, under these circumstances, when special military needs should arise, Government decided to adopt the plan of *aiding* unofficial Scottish Clergy, rather than increasing the permanent establishment.

(5) In view of the above facts and resolutions the logical and right course for Government to take in the present extraordinary circumstances, when eight Scotch regiments are in India, is not to deprive fixed stations, where churches and congregations exist, of regular Chaplains, but to avail itself of the services of unofficial Scottish Clergy, paying them the usual grant-in-aid.

ORDER—No. 25, Ecclesiastical, dated 8th May 1896.

Recorded with reference to G.O., R. No. 40, dated 20th April 1896.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland.

ENDORSEMENT—No. 26, Ecclesiastical, dated 8th May 1896.

Copy to the Government of India, Home Department.

J. F. PRICE,

Chief Secretary.

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MAY.

Presbyterian Chaplains.

Recording letter from the Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland, expressing his inability to nominate a Chaplain to be temporarily transferred to the Bengal Presidency in view to his appointment to the Royal Scots Fusiliers stationed at Sialkot; and forwarding copy of the Proceedings to the Government of India.

C.S.

The Senior Chaplain has come to me about the endth of H.D. letter requesting him to depute a man at once for Sialkot for the Highland Regt. He mentions that since our letter of 13 Dec^r he has obtained leave on p.a.; & that Mr. Ophore(?) from Secunderabad is on his way to relieve him, leaving only the chaplain at Bangalore available. There they have important schools & institutions which must have ^{the Scotch} a clergyman's attention. Rather than that these institutions should be left uncared for, which is? happen if the Bangalore chaplain were ordered to Sialkot, the Senior Chaplain would cancel his leave. But as that would be hard I have telegraphed to H.D. pointing out how the case stands since

our letter of 13th Dec. 2
asking if any other arrangement
can possibly be made

S.H.
15/1/96

The Secy Chaplain has
also heard in reply to a
telgram from him that the
Secy Chap. Calcutta can
arrange for a "missionary"
for Sialkot temporarily;
adding that the H. Dpt. has
not consulted him

S.H.

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SUBJECT.

Expressing his inability to nominate a
Chaplain to proceed to Sialkot and suggesting
that in such circumstances it would be better
to obtain the services of unofficial Scottish
clergy than deprive fixed Stations of their regular
Chaplains.

To the Senior Chaplain }
Ch. of Scotland } Dated 5/6/96

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as follows.

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the present question.
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