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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

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 Simla, the 13th July 1896, No. 195.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your telegram, No. 280, dated the 29th May 1896, I am directed to forward a copy of the papers noted on the margin on the subject of the proposed consecration of the Reverend S. Morley as an Assistant Bishop, and to observe that the Commission, which the Bishop of Madras intends to address to Mr. Morley after his consecration, should be drawn up in accordance with the suggestions contained in the second paragraph of the despatch from the Secretary of State.

ENCLOSURES.

DESPATCH from the Government of India, Home Department (Ecclesiastical), to the Right Honourable Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated Simla, the 22nd April 1896, No. 3.

We have the honour to forward, for your Lordship's consideration, a copy of a letter* from the Government of Madras, transmitting the draft of a Commission under which the Right

Reverend the Bishop of Madras proposes to appoint the Reverend S. Morley to be an Assistant Bishop to relieve him of the charge of the clergy and congregations in the districts of Tinnevely and Madura.

2. We have ascertained from the Metropolitan that the consecration of an Assistant Bishop to relieve the Bishop of Madras would be in accordance with his wishes, and the proposed arrangement in no way affects the relations of the Bishop of Madras with the Local Government and involves no extra expenditure. We understand that, prior to the grant by Her Majesty of a Royal License to the late Archbishop of Canterbury for the consecration of the Reverend Robert Caldwell and the Reverend Edward Sargent as Assistant Bishops to the Bishop of Madras, legal opinion was taken as to the manner in which the appointment of Bishops to act as Episcopal Commissaries to the Bishops of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay could be effected. We have traced an opinion, given by Dr. Deane, Q.C., Sir R. Bagallay, Q.C., and Mr. Shaw, and published in the *Indian Church Gazette* of December 1873, from which it appears that the Crown may lawfully authorize the Archbishops or Bishops of the Church of England at home to consecrate a Bishop with a view to his acting as Episcopal Commissary to the Bishops in India. But we are not aware under what circumstances the above opinion was obtained, or whether it was relied on in disposing of the case of Bishop Caldwell. Drs. Caldwell and Sargent were first consecrated Bishops by the Bishops of Calcutta, Madras, Bombay and Colombo, acting under the authority of the Royal License above referred to, and of a Commission issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and were thereafter appointed by the Bishop of Madras to be his Suffragans in

such places within his diocese as he should from time to time appoint. It is understood that this action was taken under the Statute 26, Henry VIII, Chapter 14, Section 4, which empowers every Archbishop and Bishop of the realm to give for his own diocese Commissions to Suffragan Bishops. The Bishop of Madras apparently desires to proceed under this section in the present case also and we are inclined to think that he has authority to do so, provided that the person to be appointed as Assistant Bishop is first consecrated a Bishop by the Archbishops or Bishops who may, in accordance with the opinion above quoted, be duly authorised by Royal License. The Archbishop of Canterbury was authorised by Royal License to issue a Commission to the Bishops in India to consecrate Drs. Caldwell and Sargent, and we presume that this course could also be followed in the case now under consideration.

3 On the assumption then that a Royal License is in the first instance necessary to enable the Reverend S. Morley to be duly consecrated, and that he can be consecrated either by the Archbishops or Bishops at home or by the Bishops in India under a Commission issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury, we request that the necessary steps may be taken with a view to his appointment to act as Episcopal Commissary to the Bishop of Madras. In our opinion his designation should be "Bishop in Tinnevely and Madura." Both the Bishops of Calcutta and Madras are anxious, in the interests of those districts, that the proposed arrangements should be carried out as early as possible, and we trust that the necessary steps may be taken as soon as possible for the appointment of the new Commissary.

DESPATCH from the Right Honourable Lord GEORGE HAMILTON, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 11th June 1896, No. 53, Public (Ecclesiastical).

With reference to the letter from your Government in the Ecclesiastical Department, No. 3, of the 22nd April last, I forward, for your Excellency's information, a copy of correspondence which has passed between myself and the Archbishop of Canterbury in regard to the proposed consecration of the Reverend Samuel Morley.

2. As regards the draft of the Commission which the Bishop of Madras intends to address to Mr. Morley after his consecration, I presume that this will be drawn up on legal advice and follow the lines of those issued in 1876 to Bishops Caldwell and Sargent, as well as those addressed by the Bishop of Calcutta to Bishops Whitley and Clifford.

MY LORD,

LAMBETH PALACE, S.E.,
May 4th, 1896.

I understand that an application will shortly reach your Lordship for the issue of a mandate for the consecration of an Assistant Bishop for the Bishop of Madras. The sphere of work which would be assigned him in that enormous diocese would be mainly to relieve the Bishop of Madras in administering the district of Tinnevely, which is certainly the most useful thing he could do. The Indian Government would have no expenses in connection with the appointment.

The application will, I believe, reach your Lordship through the Governor of Madras and the Viceroy. It is entirely approved by the Indian Bishops, and I wish to say that it has my own S. Morley, now the Bishop's Chaplain.

I hope therefore that your Lordship's sanction may be given, as the sanction of the India Office was given in the former cases of Bishop Caldwell and Bishop Sargent in the same diocese, to my applying in due course for the mandate of consecration.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) EDWARD CANTUAR.

No. J. and P.—883.

MY LORD ARCHBISHOP,

INDIA OFFICE,
10th June 1896.

I am in receipt of your Grace's letter of the 4th ultimo regarding the proposed consecration of the Reverend Samuel Morley to be an Assistant Bishop, in view to his performing episcopal functions in the districts of Tinnevely and Madura under a Commission to be executed by the Bishop of Madras. I have also received a letter on the same subject from the Government of India.

If your Grace will apply through me for Her Majesty's License to issue a Commission empowering the Bishop of Calcutta and other Bishops to consecrate Mr. Morley, to the intent that he may exercise episcopal functions in one of Her Majesty's possessions abroad, I will submit the application for Her Majesty's commands. The License will be drawn in the same form as those issued on 2nd December 1876 in respect to Bishops Caldwell and Sargent, and on 19th February 1890 in the case of Bishop Whitley.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) GEORGE HAMILTON.

To His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury,
Lambeth Palace.

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Chief Secretary.

To the Right Reverend the Bishop.

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