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[Despatch Abstract.]

Forwarding to India copy of a letter addressed by the Bishop
to his Lord in 1895 regarding the inadequacy of the existing
staff of chaplains to supply the actual wants and stating
that a further communication will be made on the
question of the proposed transfer of a chaplain from the
Presidency to the Punjab establishment on the return
of his Lordship from leave.

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Ecclesiastical (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 145

From The Govt. of India

Encl Order No. 1306 of 23 June 1897.

Referred to the Venerable the Archdeacon (in charge of the Diocese) for very early remarks

No. 218

Dated 12 June 1897

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Chief Secretary

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23.6.97

TO BE RETURNED
WITH REPLY.

SUBJECT.

Requesting to be informed if this Govt. has any objection to the permanent transfer of one Chaplain from Madras for service in the Punjab

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No. 132, dated Calcutta, the 4th March 1897.

From—The REV. H. O. MOORE, M.A., Bishop's Chaplain,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

I am directed by the Lord Bishop of Calcutta to invite the attention of Government to the following facts concerning the distribution of Chaplains, and to suggest that the Right Honourable the Secretary of State be asked to sanction the modification which His Lordship proposes.

2. For some years past there has been a gradual concentration of British troops towards the north-west frontier involving a very considerable increase in the demands made on the services of the Chaplains assigned to the Diocese of Lahore. The Bishop of Lahore has frequently represented to the Bishop of Calcutta, as Metropolitan, his inability to meet the extra responsibilities laid upon him; and the Metropolitan, entirely recognising the difficulties of the case, has, as a temporary measure, lent the services of one or more Chaplains from his own Diocese and that of Lucknow.

3. His Lordship considers that the time has arrived when permanent arrangements should be made to meet the new conditions in regard to the supplying the ministrations of the church to the increased number of troops now stationed on the Punjab frontier, and the recent meeting of the Bishop of the Province gave him the opportunity of discussing the subject with his suffragans.

As the result of their deliberations, it was agreed that the Government should be advised to obtain sanction for the permanent transfer of two Chaplains from the Calcutta Staff, one from Lucknow, one from the Bombay and one from the Madras Staff to the Staff of the Lahore Diocese, and the Metropolitan accordingly commends this recommendation to the Government of India and the Secretary of State, and trust that it may be approved and adopted.

4. If approved, His Lordship would suggest that the Rev. H. R. Coulthaw and the Rev. I. G. S. Syme now on loan from this Diocese, and the Rev. H. Naish now on loan from the Lucknow Diocese, should be permanently placed on the Lahore Section of the Bengal Establishment; and further that the Governments of Madras and Bombay should be addressed, with a view to the transfer at an early date of one Chaplain from each of those establishments.

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No. 218.

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.

19 JUN 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Simla, the 12th June 1897.

SIR,

I AM directed to forward a copy of a letter from the Domestic Chaplain to the Metropolitan of India, in which it is suggested that, owing to the demands made on the services of the Chaplains of the Lahore Diocese on account of the concentration of British troops on the north-west frontier, the staff of that Diocese should be augmented by five Chaplains. It will be observed that it is proposed by the Metropolitan, with the concurrence of the other Bishops, to transfer permanently to the Lahore Diocese two Chaplains from the Calcutta, one from the Lucknow and one each from the Madras and Bombay Dioceses.

2. The military authorities agree that the transfers proposed are necessary, and I am now to inquire whether the Governor in Council has any objection to the permanent transfer of one Chaplain from Madras for service in the Punjab. I am to express the hope of the Governor General in Council that in the special circumstances of the case, it will be found possible to comply with the proposal of the Metropolitan and to ask that, with the permission of the Governor in Council, the services of a Chaplain, who consents to the transfer, may be placed at the disposal of this Department at an early date.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. P. Hewett.

Secretary to the Government of India.

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To

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Ecclesiastical (1897) Department.

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From
The Venble W. W. Alwys.
Archdeacon Madras
in charge of the Diocese
25 JUN. 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
No. 1662

Order

Dated 24 June 1897.
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SUBJECT.

Transfer of a Chaplain from the
Madras Ecclesiastical Establishment
to the Leper Dispensary

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Madras, 24th June 1897.

No. 1662.

From

THE VENERABLE W. WESTON ELWES, M.A.,

Archdeacon of Madras,

To

In charge of the Diocese.

The Honorable
The Chief Secretary
to Government.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Endorsement N^o 1306, dated 23rd June 1897, regarding the proposed transfer of one Chaplain from the Madras Establishment to the Lahore Diocese.

2. I am aware of the great pressure there is on the Bishop of Lahore to provide Chaplains for Military Stations and consider that under the circumstances no objection can be raised to the plan.

3. But I have the honor to point out that it would be very inconvenient to transfer immediately a Chaplain from the Madras Establishment, and would suggest that the vacancy caused by the death of the Reverend A. Bird be filled up by the appointment of a Chaplain to the Lahore Diocese.

4. I have however the honor to invite the attention of Government to a letter from the Right Reverend the Bishop of Madras to the Chief Secretary dated 20th July 1895, N^o 1449.

I have the honor to be,

Yours most obedient servant,
W. Weston Elwes

Archdeacon of Madras
In charge of the Diocese.

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Ecclesiastical DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 145 & 151.

Subject.

Transfer of one chaplain
from Madras for service
in the Panjab.

Hon W. Froese C.I.E.

Hon Sir H.W. Bliss K.C.I.E.

His Excellency the Governor

FOR ORDERS.

India forwards copy of a letter from the Metropolitan's domestic chaplain suggesting that Madras should contribute its quota of one Chaplain to the proposed transfer permanently of five chaplains to the Lahore Diocese, on account of the concentration of British troops on the north-west frontier.

The military authorities, it is stated agree that the transfers are necessary, and India is enquiring whether this Govt has any objection. Expresses the hope that, in the special circumstances of the case, it will be found possible to comply with the Metropolitan's proposal.

This, it is submitted,
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is virtually an order.

India's letter was referred to the Venerable the Arch-deacon who reports he is aware of the great pressure there is on the Bishop of Lahore to provide chaplains for military stations, and considers that under the circumstances no objection can be raised to the plan.

He however points out that it would be very inconvenient to transfer immediately a chaplain from the Madras Establishment and suggests that the vacancy caused by the death of the Revd A. Bird be filled up by the appointment of a chaplain to the Lahore Diocese. [This suggestion may, it is submitted, be approved] and (2) draws attention to the Rt Revd the Bishop's letter recorded in G.O. No 46 Pat of 14.7.96 (1) Attention is solicited to

Should not take it as much A. S. H.

FOR ORDERS.

HON'BLE MEMBER.

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* Ref Put up the record note in the Ecl Estd before circ
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C. No. 145

Ecl DEPARTMENT.

FOR ORDERS.

to the notes (between A and) in that order. Govt there records its opinion that there was not the smallest chance of the Secy of State consenting to the proposal to increase the Madras Ecl Estab^t.

The information promised in letter 1477 of the 17th October last has not yet been furnished, and this may be taken as an earnest that the Rt Revd the Bishop does not find himself prepared to shew good grounds for his request.

It is submitted that India may be told that this Govt will ^{not} give the special

See over

special circumstances of the case" object to complying with the Metropolitan's proposal, but that it would be far more convenient if the arrangement suggested by the Venerable the Archdeacon ^{could} be carried out

CW. 26/6/97
In view of the Archdeacon's acquiescence in the demand may, it is submitted, be met, though it is not

clear any concentration of troops, which reduces the number of military stations should cause a demand for more chaplains, or any cadres, from which no troops have been removed to the N.W. frontier, should be called upon for a chaplain.

AK 26/6/97
I believe the case is that the concentration is along a

long line and not a few military posts. The Archdeacon himself admits

the needs of the Lahore diocese. He said

the Chaplain appears not to be a matter of question. The only

point is whether he can share one. The Archdeacon says "No". AD 28/6/97

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FOR ORDERS.

HON'BLE MEMBER.

Yes
29/6/97
BP
29/6/97

The Bishop of Calcutta, says emphatically in his letter of the 20th July 1895, Curst. N. 163, that our present establishment of Chaplains is most inadequate to supply our wants. I would send a copy of that letter to the Govt. of India, and say that in view of what His Lordship has so emphatically said, we hesitate to comply with the proposal of the Govt. of India, until His Lordship has had an opportunity of considering and reporting on the proposal, adding, that His Lordship is at present absent on leave, but that on the return of H. L. to the diocese, the matter will be brought to his notice, and a further communication made to the Govt. of India.

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H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

Sir H. L.

THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

C. Nos. 145 & 157

Ecclesiastical DEPARTMENT.

SUBJECT.

Transfer of Mr. Bliss as Chaplain to the Punjab (permanent)

FOR ORDERS.

The Bishop's view naturally is that we have too few chaplains, because he looks at the matter from the point of view of the great desirability of the efficient provision for the service of the Church wherever two or three are gathered together. I look at the matter from the point of view of the economy (as it seems to me) of spending the money of the Hindu Mahomedan tax-payers in the maintenance of chaplains to serve anyone but the Christian servants of Govt. - Hence I think that there are too many chaplains paid by Govt. - However, the answer proposed by H. E. may be sent, if on further reflection he thinks it desirable that it should go. But however point out that this answer means delay in the disposal of what seems to be a somewhat urgent matter, & I should therefore prefer the reply suggested in the office note

BP

3/7/97

I must say I think it is desirable that the Bishop should have his say, before Orders are directly opposed to his own views, are passed. I am quite in accord with the

Hon. Secy H. P. Secy, that we should not maintain Chaplains

to serve anyone but the European and Christian

Resubmitted with reference to His Excellency the Governor's note of 1.7.97.

CW. 17/7/97
AK. 2/7/97

Resubmitted to H. E. the Governor with ref to the note by the Hon. Secy. This concurred with Hon. W. Grose.

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several of fact. But, I think we should maintain
a sufficient number of Chaplains for this
purpose. The question is, what we be doing as,
if our present number is reduced. This is,
I consider, a question upon which we ought to
take the Bishop's opinion.

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C.Nos.145 & 151

The Governor

for approval

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7.7.97

ORDER No. 43 of 9th July '97
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The Govt. of India will be
addressed.

(From orders)

To

The Ven'ble the Archdeacon
in charge of the Diocese (a)

sent to
16/7/97

C.W. A.H.
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LETTER No. 44 of 9th July '97

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India,

Home Dept (Eccles.)

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the re-
ceipt of your letter No.218 of the 12th
ultimo, in which the hope is expressed that
it will be found possible to comply with
the proposal of the Metropolitan of India,
that the services of a Madras Chaplain may,
in the circumstances explained in your
letter under reply, be placed at the dis-
posal of the Govt. of India at an early
date.

A.H.
7.7.97

date.

2. In reply I am directed to forward ^a copy of a letter to this Govt. from the ^{Domestic} Chaplain to the Rt. Revd. the Bishop of Madras, No. 1449, dated 30th July 1897, and to say that in view of what ~~His Lordship~~ ^{been} has so emphatically ~~stated~~ ^{stated} ~~conveyed~~ therein, H.E. the Governor in Council hesitates to comply with the proposal of the Govt. of India until ~~His Lordship~~ has had an opportunity of considering and reporting on the ^{question} ~~matter~~. I am to explain that the Rt. Revd. the Bishop is at present absent on leave, but that ^{the} on return of His Lordship to the Diocese, the matter will be brought to his notice and a further communication made to the Govt. of India.

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(From orders)

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