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Dated 16. 7. 97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Addressing the List of India on the subject
of the transfer of the services of the Rev. R. H.
Steuern from Sialkote to Secunderabad pro-
posed by the Senior Chaplain, Church of Scot-
land.

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From

The Senior Chaplain
Church of Scotland
Madras

No. 78/A

Order

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SUBJECT.

Requesting the retransfer
of the services of the Revd. A.H.
Stevenson to Secunderabad as
the Revd. B. Pratt desires
to be relieved of his charge
there.

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Urgent

From The Senior Chaplain,
Church of Scotland,
Madras.

The Honble The Chief Secretary,
Govt of Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you,
 that Rev. B. Pratt Actg Chaplain
 St Andrew's Church Secunderabad,
 has intimated to me, that he
 desires to be relieved of his appoint-
 ment as soon as possible, as he is
 about to leave the station on duty
 connected with his mission.
 There is no other clergyman in
 Secunderabad who can take up the
 appointment.
 I have therefore to request, that
 The Govt of India be asked to
 retransfer the Rev. R. H. Stevenson
 Chaplain, Seilkote, to his own Presidency
 so that he may resume charge of
 the Chaplaincy of St Andrew's Secunderabad
 without delay.
 The services of Mr. Stevenson were
 placed at the disposal of the Govt of
 India on account of "the Royal
 Scots Fusiliers" requiring a
 Chaplain, but since then, the
 Secretary of State, having seen
 the necessity of appointing more
 Chaplains to the Bengal Establishment,
 so as to prevent as much as possible
 the borrowing of Chaplains from
 other Presidencies, has sanctioned
 the addition of two Chaplains
 to Bengal Eccles Dept. (Church of
 Scotland)
 These two Chaplains, will I

Understand, be available for duty at the
end of this month or beginning of August.
The Chaplain of "The Royal Scots Fusiliers"
presently on full leave returns to duty on
6th October.

I have to state that I consider that there
will be no difficulty in retransferring Mr
Stevenson at once, as that gentleman
informed me a few days ago that he had
applied for 3 months privilege leave from
1st August, so that satisfactory arrangements
must have been made for the work to be carried
on during his absence.
I have telegraphed to the Senior Chaplain
Bengal Establishment, to hold back Mr
Stevenson's application for leave, till the
question of retransferring his services is
settled.

If Mr Stevenson is not sent back as soon
as possible, it will be my painful duty
to close the Church at Secunderabad. - a
step which I trust will not require to be
taken.

Under these circumstances; viz that two
additional Chaplains ^{should} be available
for duty in Bengal, that the Chaplain
of the Royal Scots Fusiliers at Sealkote
is due on 6th Oct - from full leave, I beg
more respectfully & earnestly to ask
that, His Excellency the Governor in
Council, will request the Govt of
India to retransfer the Rev. R. H
Stevenson to Secunderabad without
delay.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt
Wm. F. Archibald.
Senior Chaplain.

July 5/97

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Eccles: Dept:

Hon W J Rose C.R.
H.E. The Governor

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Re-transfer of the
services of the Revd
R H Stevenson to
Secunderabad.

FOR ORDERS

G.O.No.79 Eccles., d/ 24th
Octr. 1895 *Q*

Para 3 of its letter flagged
M in G.O.No.17 Eccles.,
d/ 10-4-96

Letter flagged *C* in G.O.
No.25 Eccles., d/8-5-96

G.O.R.No.40, Eccles., d/
20-4-96 *R*

In Octr. 1895 the services of
the Revd. Mr. Heron were placed at the
disposal of the Govt. of India. Subsequent
ly India applied for another Chaplain of
the Church of Scotland and was told that
none could be spared as the establishment
had been reduced to three Chaplains vide
letter No.98 Eccles., d/ 15-12-95 . India
however declined to listen and found

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itself "constrained to press" for its re-
quest . Mr. Archibald was accordingly
told to report the name of the Chaplain
to be transferred. He was unable to do so
and asked that India should be requested
to cancel its request. Meanwhile it was
represented to India that the Senior
Chaplain had been granted six months
leave on private affairs *and* under these
circumstances India stated that a second
Chaplain would not be required. The
correspondence was therefore recorded-
vide G.O.No.25 Eccles., d/ 8-5-96.

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On the expiry, however, of the
Revd. ^{Mr} Archibald's leave, India renewed its
request in telegram flagged *F* in G.O.No.
89 Eccles., d/ 25th Novr. 1896. Attention
is solicited to the notes flagged *S* in
that order. Govt. then on the representa-
tion of the Senior Chaplain of the Church

of

of Scotland wired to India asking for a reconsideration of its orders. This India declined to do (vide its letter in G.O. No. 5, d/ 22-1-97).

The Revd. ^{R.H.} Stevenson was therefore transferred to Sialkot to do duty with ^{the} Royal Scots Fusiliers, and the Revd. B. Pratt of the Wesleyan Mission was appointed to officiate in his place at Secunderabad, there being only two Scotch Chaplains left.

Mr. Archibald now reports that the Revd. Pratt has intimated his desire to be relieved of his appointment as soon as possible, as he is about to leave the station on duty connected with his mission, and that there is no clergyman at Secunderabad who can take up the appointment. He therefore asks that India be requested to retransfer the Revd. Stevenson to his own Presy. without delay. He observes that the services of Mr. Stevenson were placed at the disposal of the Govt. of India on account of the Royal Scots Fusiliers requiring a Chaplain, but that since then the Secy. of State, having seen the necessity for the step, has sanctioned the addition of two Chaplains to the Bengal Eccles. Dept. Please see Despatch No. 33, d/ 8-4-97, flagged E, with abstract of G.O. No. 36 Eccles., d/ 16-6-97 (original not available). The Revd. Archibald understands that these two Chaplains will be available for duty

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G.O. No. 15 Eccles., d/ 29th
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and for R. No. 16 d/ 3.2.97 C

G.O.R. No. 19, d/ 9-2-97 B'

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at the end of the current month, or at the beginning of August, and states that the Chaplain of the Royal Scots Fusiliers now on furlough, returns to duty on the 6th Octr. He considers that there would be no difficulty in retransferring Mr. Stevenson at once, as he has applied for three months privilege leave, and that satisfactory arrangements must therefore have been made for his work being carried on during his absence.

Mr. Archibald has telegraphed to the Senior Chaplain of the Bengal Establishment to hold back Mr. Stevenson's application till the question of retransferring his services is settled. If Mr. Stevenson is not sent back as soon as possible, Mr. Archibald states that it will be his painful duty to close the Church at Secunderabad.

Under these circumstances he begs that Govt. will move the Govt. of India to retransfer Mr. Stevenson to Secunderabad without delay.

CW.
8.7.97 It appears from this despatch at E that there are eight Scotch Regts to be provided for.

There are seven, and will soon be nine Chaplains available, but of these one is at present on leave. He returns Oct 6th therefore there will be no Chaplain to spare. It is hardly likely that India will consent to

restore the Rev. Mr. Stevenson
services. At present this
can only be done by
leaving the R. Scots Presby.
without a Chaplain or by
obtaining one locally at
Secunderabad. Even after
October they will hardly
be ready to restore Mr.
Stevenson, as to do so would
be to absorb the chaplain
who is, according to the
Sec of State's despatch, to
be available for leave
vacancies. Perhaps
however India should
nevertheless be addressed,
and the fact that the
Church at Secunderabad
will have to be closed
pointed out. The number of Presbyterians

One of Mr. Archibald's strongest
arguments (in his letter of
G) was that India had
itself said that "once a
church is built a chaplain
cannot be removed". In its
reply to T, India altogether
ignored this point.
M. 8.2.97.

I think even Mr. H. Archibald
makes out a strong case. This letter
may be communicated: Attention
must be drawn again to the declaration
that when a church has been
built a chaplain must be left
there. H.

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to Sec of State's Secy & Archibald
at Secunderabad is 158 H. 9.11

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Pa. to be read in proceedings:—

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Current No. 163 of 1897, dated 5th July from the Sen. Chap. Ch. of Scotland
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H. E. the Governor
(for approval of draft)
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order signed 17/7/97

ORDER. W. 47 of 16 July 97
His

The Govt of India will
be addressed
from orders

J. the Sen. Chap. Ch. of Scotland (9) Secy
23/7/97

CW.
11.7.97

Letter - to W. 48 of 16 July 97

The Secy to the Govt of India
Home Dept (Eccl. Secy)

Sir

I am directed to forward
copy of a letter from the Senior
Chaplain, Church of Scotland,
Madras, in which he states that
the Rev. B. Pratt of the Wesleyan
Mission, who has been officiating
in the room of the Rev. P. H. Stevenson
at Secunderabad, has intimated
his desire to be relieved of his
appointment as soon as possible
as he is about to leave the

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the station, on duty connected with his mission, and that there is no clergyman at ~~Secunderabad~~ ^{his station} who can

take up the appointment. The Rev^d. Mr. Archibald observes that ^{his services of the Rev^d were} Mr. Stevenson was required at Sialkot ^{because} on account of the Royal Scots Fusiliers ^{were without} requiring a Chaplain, but that since then the Secy of State has sanctioned the addition of two chaplains of his

to the Bengal Establishment (Church of Scotland) in order to prevent as much as possible the services of chaplains of other provinces being

~~denied~~ ^{the Rev^d} Mr. Archibald understands that these two chaplains will be available for duty very shortly, and that the chaplain of the Royal Scots Fusiliers returns to duty on the 6th October.

2. It is ^{further} represented that there would be no difficulty in retransferring ^{the Rev^d} Mr. Stevenson at once, as he has applied for three months' privilege leave, and

reporting that his ~~services~~ ^{services} ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~required~~ ^{required} Rev^d A. H. Stevenson may be retransferred to Secunderabad

(vide despatch no 33 418.4.97 cont^d with S.I., Home Dept, letter N^o 195 of the 23rd ult.)

by the Senior Chaplain

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and ~~the~~ satisfactory arrangements must ^{apparently} ~~therefore~~ have been made for his ^{carrying on} work ~~being~~ ^{being} ~~conducted~~ during his absence

3. In support of the Senior Chaplain's request that ^{the Rev^d} Mr. Stevenson may be retransferred to his own presidency, I am again to invite attention to the declaration in despatch N^o 7, of 20th Sept 1869, from the Govt of India to the Secy of State, referred to in ^{as} my telegram N^o 684 of the 25th November last, that when a Church has once been built, the chaplain cannot be removed, and to add that the closing of the Church at Secunderabad, which the Rev^d Mr. Archibald reports is the only alternative, would in the opinion of S.E. the Govt. nor in Council be much to be regretted, as it would deprive a large number of our servants, civil and

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I called for the paper sent here but they could not be traced in the office. As no date are given however there is no doubt that they mark 18

and military, (158 in all.)
of the place of worship,
which has hitherto been
open to them

4. I am to request
the favour of a reply
by telegram, as it appears
from the letter from the
senior Chaplain that
the Revd W. Stevenson's
application for leave
is held over pending
orders on this subject
(from orders)

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