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APRIL.

Allowance to Wesleyan Ministers officiating with British Troops.

Communicating to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, letter from the Government of India forwarding, for information, an extract of a despatch from the Secretary of State explaining the scope of the orders regarding the grant of a minimum monthly allowance of Rs. 150 to the Wesleyan Ministers officiating with British troops at nine principal centres in India.

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 Calcutta, 26th March 1898, No. 137.

In continuation of letter No. 12, dated the 15th January last, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council, extract, paragraph 2, of a Military letter * from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, together with a copy of the letter to the Secretary of the Wesleyan Army and Navy Committee therein referred to, explaining the scope of the orders regarding the grant of a minimum monthly allowance of Rs. 150 to the Wesleyan Ministers officiating with Wesleyan troops at nine principal centres in India. It will be seen that in the case of Presbyterian and other (non-Wesleyan) Protestant troops ministered to by such ministers the capitation allowance of Rs. 12 per annum up to 100, and 8 annas above 100, will be continued in addition to the minimum allowance of Rs. 150 a month granted for their duties in connection with Wesleyan troops. The usual travelling allowance will also be given when the out-stations included in the scheme are visited.

ENCLOSURES.

No. 556-C., dated Fort William, the 21st March 1898.

Endorsement by the Military Department.

Copy of the following, with copy of the enclosures, forwarded to the Home Department, in continuation of Military Department, No. 2284-C., dated 23rd December 1897.

EXTRACT, paragraph 2, of a Military letter from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, No. 18, dated the 17th February 1898.

2. I forward, for your information, copy of further correspondence with the Secretary of the Wesleyan Army and Navy Committee on the subject of the allowances to Wesleyan ministers officiating for the troops in India. Your attention is invited to the answer given in paragraph 5 of this office letter, dated 1st February 1898, to Mr. Allen's inquiry regarding travelling allowances and the capitation rate for Presbyterians and other Protestants ministered to by Wesleyan chaplains.

From Rev. R. W. Allen, dated 16th December 1897, and enclosure.
To Rev. R. W. Allen, dated 1st February 1898, M. 13098.

No. 2.

M. 13098—97.

INDIA OFFICE,
1st February 1898.

SIR,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 16th December 1897 on the subject of his recent decision as to the rates of payment to be in future applicable to Wesleyan ministers to the British troops in India.

In reply, I am to say that the minimum salary of Rs. 150 a month, for Wesleyan ministers at nine principal centres in India, was fixed with reference to the relatively small numbers of Wesleyan troops as compared with those of other denominations found to be present at single stations, and in all India. With reference to your suggestion that those numbers have been underestimated in the official statement, I am to observe that the cause which you indicate as conducive to such underestimate would, if operative at all, affect similarly the figures of other denominations, and also the aggregate of all denominations combined (72,228), which is, however, little short of the established strength of British officers and men in India.

Lord George Hamilton sees no reason to reconsider his decision as to the minimum fixed salary to be allowed at the nine centres in question, which minimum, I am to observe, admits of increase by 8 annas per mensem for each Wesleyan soldier in excess of 150.

As regards the non-inclusion of the wives and families of soldiers, as well as pensioners, etc., this also applies equally to other denominations, and does not affect the proportion between the numbers belonging to the several churches.

Your assumption that (1) the usual travelling allowances will be continued when the out-stations included in the scheme are visited, and (2) that in the case of Presbyterians and other (non-Wesleyan) Protestants ministered to by Wesleyan chaplains the allowance of Rs. 12 per annum up to 100, and 8 annas above 100, will also be continued, is, I am to state, in accordance with the intentions of the Secretary of State in Council, and he will bring this to the notice of the Government of India.

His Lordship is, however, not prepared to sanction any modification of the existing practice, as explained to you in this office letter of 2nd November last, with regard to the provision of sites or grants-in-aid towards the building of churches.

The pewage now paid to the Wesleyan in common with other denominations is not, as you suppose, intended as a contribution towards the maintenance of edifices only, but also towards the provision of funds for their erection.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) HORACE WALPOLE.

Rev. R. W. Allen.

ORDER—No. 47, Ecclesiastical, dated 22nd April 1898.

Communicated in continuation of G.O., No. 23, dated 5th February 1898, to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.

(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

To the Deputy Adjutant-General.

Bd. C. M. Thumbarwamy.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding extract paragraph 2 of a
Military letter from the Secretary of State,
with a copy of his letter to the Secretary of the
Wesleyan Army & Navy Committee Mercantile
Dept to, explaining the scope of the orders
re: the grant of a minimum monthly
allowance of Rs 150/- to the Wesleyan
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