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[Despatch Abstract.]

Comm. to the Senior
Chaplain, Church of Scotland, & to the
D.H.Q. Madras Command, letter from the Govt.
of India forwarding copies of certain correspondence
on the subject of the grant of free passages
to Presbyterian Chaplains proceeding on or
returning from leave when they accompany
any regiment containing 300 or more Presby-
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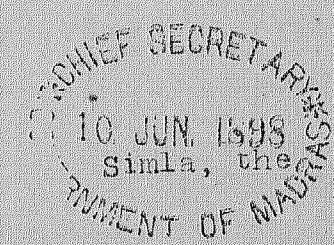
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Home Department.

(Ecclesiastical)



May 1898.

Sir,

I am directed to forward for the information of the Governor in Council, a copy of the papers noted in the margin on the subject of the grant of free passages to Presbyterian Chaplains proceeding on or returning from leave when they accompany any regiment containing 300 or more Presbyterians.

Despatch to H.M.'s Secretary of State No. 365
Salaries, Establishments &c dated the 30th.
 Ecclesiastical
 December 1897.
 Ditto from ditto No. 30 Mily. dated the 24th
 March 1898 and enclosures.
 Letter from the Military Department to the
 Adjutant General in India, No. 831 C,
 dated the 10th May 1898.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

N Bonham Carter

Offg. Under Secy. to the Government of India.

H.B.

Calcutta
No. 365 OF 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

SALARIES, ESTABLISHMENTS, etc.
Ecclesiastical.

To

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD GEORGE FRANCIS HAMILTON,
Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

Calcutta, the 30th December 1897.

MY LORD,

In paragraph 1 of our Despatch No. 24, dated the 20th January 1897, we stated that we proposed to address Your Lordship regarding the representation made by a deputation from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland as to the desirability of providing Presbyterian Ministers to accompany Scotch Regiments on the voyage to and from India.

2. It will be seen from a letter from the Adjutant General in India, forwarded herewith, that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief would be glad if arrangements could be made for spiritual ministration to Scottish Battalions proceeding to and from India, advantage being taken of the services of Presbyterian Chaplains going on and returning from leave, when this is possible.

3. We have given the matter our careful consideration, and have no objection to making arrangements by which a Presbyterian Chaplain will ordinarily accompany any regiment containing three hundred or more Presbyterians, under the same conditions as those sanctioned in Lord Hartington's Military letter No. 251, dated the 27th July 1882, for Roman Catholic Priests accompanying troops.

4. We propose that whenever it is possible we should utilise the services of a Chaplain proceeding on leave, by granting him a free passage in return for his ministrations during the voyage. If no Presbyterian Chaplain were taking leave, we should detail one specially for the duty, provided his services could be spared, and in this case he would be granted a free passage both on the homeward and outward voyages, with separate cabin accommodation and an allowance of ten shillings a day (less two shillings a day for messing) from the date of embarkation to date of return, as in the case of a Roman Catholic Priest engaged in England for a similar duty.

5. If these proposals are approved, the arrangements in the case of regiments proceeding from England would doubtless be made by Your Lordship in the usual manner.

We have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) ELGIN.

" G. S. WHITE.

" J. WESTLAND.

" M. D. CHALMERS.

" E. H. H. COLLEN.

" A. C. TREVOR.

" C. M. RIVAZ.

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Original papers returned.

COPY forwarded to the Military Department.

By order,

W. S. MEYER,

Offg. Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 46-C.

Military Department.

Dated Fort William, the 7th January 1898.

COPY of the above forwarded to the Home Department with reference to that Department, docket No. 31, dated the 27th January 1897.

With enclosure.

By order,

E. F. MARRIOTT, *Captain,*

Offg. Assistant Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Schedule of Papers.

From Adjutant General in India, No. 2726-C., dated 3rd July 1897.

Copy.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Finance and Commerce Department.
SALARIES, ESTABLISHMENTS, etc.
Ecclesiastical.

FROM
THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

TO
THE SECY. OF STATE FOR INDIA.

No. 365.

Dated Calcutta, the 30th December 1897.

Received

Arrangements which should be made for spiritual ministration to Scottish Battalions proceeding to and from India.

G. C. Press, Simla, — No. 527 H. D. — 26-98 — 100

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Enclosure of Despatch No. 365 of 1897.

No. 2726-C., dated 3rd July 1897.

From—MAJOR-GENERAL G. DE C. MORTON, C. B., Adjutant General in India,
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

In reply to Military Department letter No. 243-C. "*Ecclesiastical—Church of Scotland*," dated 29th January 1897, forwarding Despatch No. 80, dated 17th September 1896, from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, and asking for an expression of opinion on points * * (3) of the Despatch, *viz.*, * * *
(3) the desirability of providing Presbyterian Ministers to accompany Scottish Regiments on the voyage to and from India * *

2. With reference to point (3), I am to say that the Commander-in-Chief would be glad to see arrangements made for spiritual ministration to Scottish Battalions proceeding to and from India, advantage being taken of the services of Presbyterian Chaplains going on and returning from leave; in this case their passages being considered sufficient remuneration; while in the case of a Chaplain being detailed for the duty, £50, *vide* Army Regulations, India, Volume X, Part I, Paragraph 196(V), should be paid for each voyage.

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G. C. Press Simla, — No. 527 H. D. — 26-98. 100.

Encl

Military,

No. 30.

To His Excellency The Right Honourable The Governor General
of India in Council.

MY LORD,

Having considered in Council your Excellency's Financial Despatch No. 365, of 30th December 1897, regarding the provision of Presbyterian Ministers to accompany Scottish regiments on the voyage to and from India, I thought it desirable to ascertain the practice of the War Office in this respect, and I now forward copy of the correspondence* for your information.

* To War Office, dated 23rd February 1898.
From War Office, dated 2nd March 1898.

2. In view of what is stated in the War Office letter of 2nd March 1898, I do not consider it necessary to detail Presbyterian Chaplains specially to minister to Scottish regiments on passage to or from India. But I have no objection to utilising for this purpose the services of Chaplains proceeding on or returning from leave, and granting them free passage, to accompany any regiment containing 300 or more Presbyterians.

3. The necessary instructions will be issued for carrying out this arrangement in regard to regiments proceeding to India.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servant,

GEORGE HAMILTON.

ENCLOSURES to Military Despatch No. 30,

dated 24th March 1898.

No. 1.

M 674.

Sir,

India Office,

23rd February 1898.

With reference to a proposal which has been submitted to the Secretary of State for India in Council, for the provision of Presbyterian Ministers to accompany Scottish regiments on passage between this country and India, whenever such regiments contain 300 or more Presbyterians, I am directed to inquire what is the practice of the War Office as regards the provision of Chaplains for Church of England, Roman Catholic, and Presbyterian soldiers when proceeding to or from the Colonies in ordinary relief, either in regiments and batteries, or as drafts.

I have, &c.,

The Under Secretary of State,
War Office.

HORACE WALPOLE.

to read C. 1773

No. 2.

Clergy P/India/550.

War Office, London, S. W.,
2nd March 1898.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo, and to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that it has never been the practice of this Department to employ officiating clergymen with troops proceeding to and from the Colonies in ordinary relief, either in regiments, battalions, or drafts; and, moreover, it has never been considered necessary to send Presbyterian Ministers with Scotch regiments proceeding in transports to India.

I am, &c.,

R. H. KNON.

The Under Secretary of State
for India.

No. 831-C., dated Simla, the 10th May 1898.

From—LIEUTENANT-COLONEL E. G. BARROW, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,
To—The Adjutant-General in India.

In continuation of Military Department letter No. 47-C., dated 7th January 1898, regarding the desirability of providing Presbyterian Ministers to accompany Scottish regiments on the voyage to and from India, I am directed to say that the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India does not consider it necessary to detail Presbyterian Chaplains specially to minister to Scottish regiments on passage to or from this country. There is, however, no objection to utilising for this purpose the services of Chaplains proceeding on or returning from leave, and granting them free passage, to accompany any regiment containing 300 or more Presbyterians. I am accordingly to request that necessary instructions may be issued for carrying out this arrangement as regards regiments proceeding to England.

Copy, with a copy of the despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 30, dated the 24th March 1898, and of its enclosures, forwarded to the Home Department in continuation of Military Department No. 46-C., dated the 7th January 1898.

Copy forwarded to—

- The Finance and Commerce Department, with reference to that Department No. 1707-Ex., dated the 15th April 1898.
- The Controller of Military Accounts, Punjab Command.
- The Controller of Military Accounts, Bengal Command.
- The Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command.
- The Controller of Military Accounts, Bombay Command.
- The Accountant-General, Military Department.

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Comm'd to the Senior
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to the Deputy Adjutant General,
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