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[Despatch Abstract.]

Rev J. Black.

Coming to the Rt Rev the Bishop
copy of letter from the Imperial French Consulate
Madras regarding the death of the — of the
Madras Eccl Establishment, requesting him
to submit a report in the form prescribed
in S.O. No 1932 Public of 2-9-94, and addressing
the Secy of State for India on the subject.

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G.O., No. 97, 3rd August 1898.

AUGUST.

Reverend J. Black.

Communicating to the Right Reverend the Bishop copy of letter from the Imperial German Consul at Madras regarding the death of the — of the Madras Ecclesiastical Establishment, requesting him to submit a report in the form prescribed in G.O., No. 1932, Public, dated 2nd September 1884, and addressing the Secretary of State for India on the subject.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., Mis. Nos. 71, 72, Ecclesiastical, dated 17th June 1898.

Read—the following letter from the Reverend C. H. PELLY, M.A., Bishop's Chaplain, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 12th May 1898, No. 1776:—

I have the honour, by desire of the Right Reverend the Bishop, to state that there is very strong reason for believing that the Reverend John Black, Chaplain on the Ecclesiastical Establishment, drowned himself in the Red Sea on the night of the 17th of April, when on his voyage home in the Norddeutscher Lloyd Imperial German mail steamer *Bayern*.

2. The Bishop's authority for this statement is the *Madras Mail* newspaper of Thursday, May 5th. The slip containing the article is herewith enclosed.

3. The Archdeacon is endeavouring, through the Editor of the *Madras Mail*, to obtain further light on the sad occurrence from the recipient of the letter written on the 21st from Suez.

4. It seems however requisite that the report should be confirmed from an official source. The German authorities would doubtless furnish Government with such a statement of facts as is available.

5. I may mention that I received a letter from Mr. Black, dated S.S. *Bayern* off Aden, 15th April, in which he seemed to be in his usual health and expressed the hope of getting to London overland from Naples, and, as soon as he had settled his business, of asking permission to return to duty bringing his wife with him. He gave his address Messrs. King & Co.

Order—Mis. No. 71, Ecclesiastical, dated 17th June 1898.

The German Consul will be addressed in view to get the report of the Reverend J. Black's death officially confirmed from the authorities in Germany.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Bishop's Chaplain.

Letter—Mis. No. 72, Ecclesiastical, dated Ootacamund, 17th June 1898, to the Consul for Germany at Madras.

I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Bishop's Chaplain, Madras, No. 1776, dated 12th May 1898, regarding the death of the Reverend J. Black, Chaplain on the Madras Ecclesiastical Department, and to request that you will be so good as to obtain, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, official confirmation of the report of the Chaplain's death from the authorities in Germany.

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

READ—also the following paper:—

From ALBERT GERDES, Esq., Imperial German Consul, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 18th July 1898, No. C.B.VI—147.

In reference to your favour of the 17th ultimo of the Ecclesiastical Department, No. 72, I have now the honour of handing you herewith certified copy of extracts from the death register and ship's journal of the S.S. *Bayern* with regard to the late Reverend J. Black sent by this mail from the Imperial German Consul at Suez at my request.

2. The Consul informs me that a copy of the same extracts was handed by him to the British Vice-Consul at Suez, Mr. F. R. Norrish, on the 21st April 1898, to cause the needful to be done.

3. For your convenience I also enclose a translation of the above document.

ENCLOSURES.

[Translation.]

REGISTER OF DEATH.

S. S. *Bayern*, Captain E. Prehn. First voyage 1898. Home port: Bremen.

S. S. <i>Baghera</i> , Captain E. Prehn.										
No.	Place	Day	Hour	Christian and surname	Religion	Age	Occupation	Residence	Birth place	Presumable cause of death.
of the death.				of the deceased.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	In the Red Sea.	18th April 1898.	Between 4 and 8 A.M.	J. Black.	Protestant.	Unknown.	Clergyman.	Ringwood, Bangalore, Madras.	Unknown.	Drowned.

Christian and surname of the wife of the deceased or remark that the deceased was unmarried.	Name and Christian name of	Position or occupation of	Residence of	Persons who have given notice of the death or can certify to it by their knowledge.	Statement how the personality of the persons concerned is fixed.	Signature of the captain, chief officer and the witnesses.
12	the parents of the deceased.			16	17	18
13	14	15				
Mrs. Black, Seaway, Cockington, Torquay, Devon.	Unknown.			None. The passenger Revd. Carson produced a letter from the missing man in which the latter said he would commit suicide. The passenger Captain Hansen has seen the missing man last at 6-50 A.M.	Among the effects of the deceased papers were found pointing to the address of Revd. J. Black, Ringwood, Bangalore, Madras. Revd. J. Carson is from Newchwang, N. C.; his address is 12, May Street, Belfast. Captain Hansen resides Eugen 16, Bergen, Norway, and is known to the passenger Michaelson from Hongkong.	(Sd.) E. Prehn, Captain. (Sd.) A. von Riegen, Chief Officer. (Sd.) J. Carson, Passenger. (Sd.) H. Hansen, Passenger.

Certified to be an exact extract from the ship's journal.

At SEA,
18th April 1898.

(Signed) E. PREHN,
Captain.

EXTRACT from the ship's journal of the S.S. *Bayern*, Captain E. Prehn. First journey
1898 to East Asia.

On page 81 of the ship's journal is notified—

At 8-30 A.M., it was reported to the Captain that the second-class passenger Mr. Black could not be found, and a letter from the same addressed to the second-class passenger the Reverend Carson was found. This letter contained the request of the said Black to take care of his effects as he intended to commit suicide. The things were examined by the Captain in the presence of the said Carson and the fact was shown thereby that the said Black had been Senior Chaplain in Bangalore in Government service.

The ship was again searched through but no trace of the missing man found and no one has seen him after 5-50 A.M., it must therefore be taken that he has jumped overboard and been drowned.

Certified to be an exact extract from the ship's journal.

IN THE RED SEA,
18th April 1898.

(Signed) E. PREHN,
Captain.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above copy.

SUEZ,
6th July 1898.

(Signed) T. MEYER,
Imperial German Consul.

I hereby certify the above to be a correct translation of the original.

MADRAS,
18th July 1898.

(Signed) ALBERT GERDES,
Imperial German Consul.

ORDER—No. 97, Ecclesiastical, dated 3rd August 1898.

Copy of the foregoing letter from the Imperial German Consul, Madras, together with a copy of its enclosure, will be communicated to the Right Reverend the Bishop, who will be requested to submit a report in the form prescribed in G.O., No. 1932, Public, dated 2nd September 1884.

2. The Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India will be addressed.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Right Reverend the Bishop.
,, Accountant-General.

GOVERNMENT OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

ECCLESIASTICAL (1898) DEPARTMENT.

Letter to the Right Honourable the
Secretary of State for India.

Dated 23rd August
No. 4 of 1898.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—to

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

MY LORD,

We have the honour to annex a copy of our Proceedings, No. 97, dated 3rd August 1898, relating to the death of the Reverend John Black, Chaplain on the Ecclesiastical Establishment of this Presidency, and to request that the vacancy thus created may be filled up as soon as possible.

We have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servants,

(Signed) A. E. HAVELOCK.
(„) H. W. BLISS.
(„) A. T. ARUNDEL.

OOTACAMUND,
23rd August 1898.

Ecclesiastical (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 233

From
*The Imperial German Consul,
Madras.*

Order

No. $\frac{C. B. VI}{147}$

Dated 18th
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SUBJECT.

Forw. certified copy of
extracts from the death
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to the late Rev. J. Black.

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Auszug aus dem Schiffstagebuche
des K. Bayern Capt Ed. Brehn 1. Reise 1898.
nach Ost-Asien



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Die Übereinstimmung mit dem Schiffstagebuche - beglaubigt.

Im Rothen Kreuze, den 18. April 1898.

gez. Ed. Brehn

Kapitän

Die Richtigkeit des obigen Abdrucks wird
förmlich amtlich beglaubigt. Kung, den 6. Juli 1898
zu Nr. 185.

Sterberegister

Dampfer „Bayern“ Capt. E. Prehn 1^{te} Reise 1898. Heimathshafen: Bremen

Laufende Nr.	Ort des Todes	Tag und Stunde	Vor- und Familienname des Verstorbenen	Religion	Alter	Stand oder Gewerbe	Wohnort	Geburtsort	Anth. mass- liche Todes- ursache	Vor- und Familien- namen des Ehegatten des Verstorbenen oder Vermerk, dass derselbe lebend gewesen.	Vor- und Stand Familien- oder Name Gewerbe der Eltern des Verstorbe- nen.	Wohn- ort.	Personen, welche den Tod angezeigt haben oder ihn aus eigener Wissenschaft be- zeugen können.	Angabe, wie die Verantwortlichkeit der Betheiligten festge- stellt ist.	Eigenhändige Un- terschrift des Schiffers (Steuermanns) und der von ihm zugezo- genen Personen.
1.	Im Rothen Meere	18/4. 1898.	J. Black	protest.		unbekannt	Ringwood Bangalore. Madras	unbekannt	ertrunken	Mrs Black Seaway Lockington Torquay Devon	unbekannt		Heiml. Der Passagier Rev. Carson brachte einen Brief des Vermissten worin er sich das Leben zu nehmen aus- sprach. Der Passagier Capt. Hansen hat den Ver- missten noch um 5 u 50 m. g. gesehen.	In dem Nach- lass des Vermissten fanden Papiere auf dem Namen Rev. J. Black Ringwood Bangalore, Madras Lebend. — Rev J. Carson ist aus New- chwang N. C. seine Adresse ist 12, Maystreet Belfast. — Capt Hansen wohnt Engen 16 Bergen, Norw. und ist dem Passagier Michaelson aus Hongkong be- kannt.	geg: Ed. Prehn Capitän geg: A. von Riegen I. Off. geg: James Carson passenger geg: H. Hansen passenger

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Auszug aus dem Schiffstagebuche
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Im Rothen Meere, den
18. April 1898.

gez. Ed. Brehn
Kapitän.

Die Richtigkeit nachstehender Abschrift wird
findung amtlich beglaubigt. Madras, den 6. Juli 1898.
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Madras (a of Ct & order)
(Trans)

The late Rev. Black.

ORDER. No 97, dt 3rd August 1898

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of State for India will be addressed

To The Rt Rev the Bishop
Accto Genl.

26/7/98

17.7.18

Letter to No 4 dt 2.3.98

The Rt Honble the Secretary
for Ind

My Lord,

We have the honour

enc a copy of our Proceedings
 3rd August 1898
 697, dated ~~this day~~ relating to
 death of the Rev. John Black,
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 tablishment of this Presidency,
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 is created may be filled up
 s soon as possible.

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