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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper:—

Resolution of the Government of India in the Home Department (Ecclesiastical), dated Simla, 20th April 1899, Nos. 146/61.

Read—The Resolution of the Government of India in the Home Department, Nos. 271—86, dated the 17th June 1898, regarding the use by other denominations of churches consecrated for the services of the Church of England.

Resolution.—The Governor-General in Council is pleased to prescribe the following rules to regulate the use of churches consecrated for the service of the Church of England for the services of other denominations in supersession of the rules contained in the Resolution of the Government of India read in the preamble:—

- (1) A Church provided by Government and consecrated for the services of the Church of England may be used for the services of Presbyterians and Wesleyans.
- (2) The use of the Church shall be permissible both to Scotch Chaplains on the regular establishment and to Presbyterian and Wesleyan Ministers officiating with troops.
- (3) It shall be necessary to obtain the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese in each case.
- (4) The Bishop, or the Church of England Chaplain, or Clergyman of the Church of England performing the duties of Chaplain, shall, under the Bishop's instructions fix the hours at which the Church shall be made available to the Presbyterian, or Wesleyan congregations.
- (5) The care of the Church and Church furniture and the expenditure and control of the Church establishment shall remain exclusively in the hands of the Chaplain or Clergyman of the Church of England performing the duties of Chaplain.
- (6) The Bishop of the Diocese may withdraw his assent to use the Church for the worship of any congregation other than that of the Church of England whenever he shall think fit.
- (7) If in any case dissatisfaction is felt with any order passed under these rules either as to the use of a Church by a congregation not belonging to the Church of England or as to the hour at which it is made available for the use of such congregation, the Senior Chaplain of the Church of Scotland or the General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Church, as the case may be, may bring the matter before the Lieutenant-General of the Command, through the General Officer Commanding the District; and the Lieutenant-General shall then, if he considers this necessary, communicate with the Bishop in order, if possible, to arrange the matter with him. Should the Senior Chaplain of the Church of Scotland or the General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Church, as the case may be, be dissatisfied with the arrangement made between the Lieutenant-General of the Command and the Bishop, he shall be at liberty to ask the Lieutenant-General that the matter may be referred for final decision to the Metropolitan.

Order.—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to Local Governments and Administrations, the Most Reverend the Metropolitan, the Senior Chaplain of the Church of Scotland, Calcutta, the General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Church and the Foreign and Military Departments.

Ordered, also, that it be published in the *Gazette of India*.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. H. L. FRASER,
Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To the Government of Madras.

ORDER—No. 66, Ecclesiastical, dated 24th May 1899.

Communicated to the Venerable the Archdeacon and Commissary in charge of the Diocese, to the Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland, and to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, in supersession of G.O., No. 92, Ecclesiastical, dated 16th July 1898.

2. The Resolution will be republished in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Venerable the Archdeacon and Commissary
in charge of the Diocese.

„ Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland.

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