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Letter
~~G.O.~~ NO. 2598. Edn.

Dated 18-10-'48.

Letter at p. 2907.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Ecclesiastical — Indian Ecclesiastical Establishment — Winding up — Submission of returns of baptisms and burials of Europeans and Anglo-Indians — discontinuance of.

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THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA
DIOCESE OF MADRAS

Telegrams : **CONFUTET**
Telephone : **No. 86939**

Bishop : Rt. Rev. A. M. HOLLIS
Hon. Diocesan Treasurer : Rev. A. M. PAYLER

The Diocesan Office
Cathedral P.O., Madras 6

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT.
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CHIEF SECRETARIAT

4th May 1948

From
The Right Reverend the Bishop in Madras,
Madras.

To
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Fort St.George, Madras.

Sir,

Subject: The closing down of the Ecclesiastical Establishment - Office of the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras.

N I have the honour to address you in the following circumstances. As you know, the Indian Ecclesiastical Establishment closed down finally on the 31st March 1948. Paid for out of the Ecclesiastical Establishment was the Office of the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras which consisted of the Registrar, Executive Officer, four clerks and a peon. The functions of this Office were to collect returns of baptisms, marriages and funerals of Europeans and Anglo-Indians and also the marriages of Indian Christians belonging to the Church of India, Burma and Ceylon, (now part of the Church of South India) throughout the diocese of Madras which included the Province of Madras and the States of Hyderabad and Mysore. The records maintained by this Office go back to 1774.

A The Registrar General has expressed to the Secretary of the Legal Questions Committee of the Church of South India his desire that the Church should continue to collect these returns and forward them to his Office after they have been checked. The Church is prepared to render this assistance to Government but it must be pointed out:-

(1) The number of Christians in the Church of South India is at least double that of the Christians belonging to the Church of India, Burma and Ceylon as those previously members of the Methodist Church and of the South India United Church are now united with the Church of India, Burma and Ceylon in South India to form one Church of South India. Returns of marriages conducted by Ministers of the Methodist and South India United Churches were previously sent direct to the Registrar General. They would now under his proposal come through the Registry of the Madras Diocese.

B (2)If at the desire of the Government the Church is to undertake this function it will necessarily be involved in certain extent for staff, office accommodation and incidental expenses. Unless Government is able to make some contribution towards this we regret that the funds at our disposal are not sufficient for us to meet this cost and we would suggest that this matter should be discussed between the Government and the authorities of the Church. It is understood that in the past

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such allowance was paid to the Most Reverend the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Madras. K

The records maintained by the Registrar, which as stated above, go back to 1774 and are valuable records and any rate for the period before 1884 when the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages first maintained records, are the only records available and considerable use is made ofthem. As arrangements have been made to keep the Office of the Registrar going for an extra period of three months, up to 30th June, out of Church funds, so that the final returns may be submitted in good order, I ask that early orders may be passed. A

I have the honour to be,.
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Michael Hollis.

Bishop in Madras.

Copy to: The Registrar of the Diocese of Madras,
The Deputy High Commissioner for United Kingdom.
The Rev.T.R.Foulger.

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Public (Political) Deptt.

Letter no. 1926/ws-1 dated 29.5.48

To

The Right Reverend the Bishop in Madras,
Madras.

Sir,

Ecclesiastical - Indian Ecclesiastical Establishment - Wind up - Office of the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras.

Ref:- your letter dated the 6th May 1948.

I am directed to request that an idea of the amount of the contribution that is expected of this Govt. may be given at an early date. The reply may be sent through the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and marriages, Madras. Information may also be furnished of the amount of such allowance paid in the past to the Most Rev. the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Madras.

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Copy to the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and marriages, Madras (with copy of C.F.)

8576/48 THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA
DIOCESE OF MADRAS

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From
Leslie Davison Miller, Esq.,
Registrar of the Diocese of Madras,
Cathedral, Madras.

To
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public (Political) Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Thro'
The Registrar-General of Births,
Deaths and Marriages,
Madras.

No. 150 dated 4th June 1948.

Sir,

Subject:- Ecclesiastical - Indian Ecclesiastical Establishment - Wind up - Office of the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras.

p 5 ante Ref:- Your letter No.1926/48-1, dated the 29th May 1948.

As the Bishop in Madras is now on tour, I am replying on his p 5 ante behalf to your letter No.1926/48-1, dated the 29th May 1948.

The budget for the office of the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras has been as follows:-

Pay of the Establishment:	...	Rs.3,600/- per year.
Office accomodation:	...	" 480/- " "
Incidental expenses (Stationery, Forms, Postage &c.,)	...	" 360/- " "

The total works at Rs.370/- per mensem or Rs.4,440/- per annum.

The Registrar's salary is Rs.3,600/- per annum at Rs.300/- a month.

It is believed that if the functions outlined in the Bishop's letter of the 4th ultimo are to be carried on, an approximately similar outlay will require to be budgetted for.

The following is a reference from the Accountant-General's

letter

R.D. 66/66 ~~-- 2 --~~

letter, P.A.732 - 17033, dated 19th December 1906:-

"A monthly allowance of Rs.500/- is paid to the Roman Catholic Bishop in the city of Madras both for furnishing the quarterly returns as also for being the channel of communication between the Government and Roman Catholic Priests".

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Leslie D. Miller.

REGISTRAR OF THE DIOCESE OF MADRAS.

Public (Poll.) Deptt.

Please see the letter from the Regr. of the Diocese of Madras from pp. 7-8 above. This is a copy of the letter sent through the Regr-Genl. of Births, Deaths and Marriages. The original may be ~~awaited~~ awaited with the remarks of the Registrar. (Next R.D. 16-6-48)

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THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA
DIOCESE OF MADRAS

Telegrams : CONFUTET
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Hon. Diocesan Treasurer : Rev. A. M. PAYLER

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From
Leslie Davison Miller, Esq.,
Registrar of the Diocese of Madras,
Cathedral, Madras.

To
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public (Political) Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

Thro'
The Registrar-General of Births,
Deaths and Marriages,
Madras.

No. 150 dated 14th June 1948.

Sir,

Subject:- Ecclesiastical - Indian Ecclesiastical Establishment - Wind up - Office of the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras.

p. 5 ante

Ref:- Your letter No.1926/48-1, dated the 29th May 1948.

As the Bishop in Madras is now on tour, I am replying on his behalf to your letter No.1926/48-1, dated the 29th May 1948. p-5 ante

The budget for the office of the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras has been as follows:-

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Your most obedient servant,

REGISTRAR OF THE DIOCESE OF MADRAS.

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Office of the Registrar-General
of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Madras.

Sub: Ecclesiastical - Indian Ecclesiastical Establishment - wind up - Office of the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras.

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Endt.C.No.39, dated 12th June 1948.

Submitted.

G.O. Ms. 539 Home 30.1.48
Returned in Home
para 3, p.297 (2)
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2. In the last para of my letter No.E/143, dated 13-11-1947 to the Government in the Home Department which was a reply to the letter dated 12-11-1947 of the Convener of the Legal Questions Committee of the Church of South India, I had suggested that the Ministers of the Church of South India may send the returns of baptisms, marriages and burials of - - Europeans and Anglo-Indians and of marriages of Indian Christians to the Bishop of the Diocese to which they belong or to such officer or other person as may be appointed by the Bishop for this purpose, who will send the returns to the Registrar-General. It would appear that based on this, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Madras wrote to the Government in letter dated 4-5-1948 agreeing to the suggestion, but at the same time requesting for a contribution to be paid to the Church for the work.

pp 1-3 ante

3. In letter No.1926/48-1, Public (Political) dated 29-5-1948, the Government requested the Rt.Rev. the Bishop of Madras to state the amount of contribution that the Government may be required to pay to the Church for the work. The Registrar of the Diocese has now submitted an estimate of the contribution that may be paid by the Government. The budget grant per annum for the Office of the Registrar of the Diocese including pay of the Registrar, pay of establishment, office accommodation and contingencies, used to be, it is stated Rs.8,040/- and he estimates that a similar amount may be paid annually for the work.

p 5 ante

pp. 9-10 ante

4. As for the extracts of Indian Christians Marriages, the Registrar of the Diocese was, before the Union of the Churches, sending to the Registrar-General the extracts of marriages performed by the Ministers of the Church of India, Burma and Ceylon only, the other functionaries sending the returns direct to the Registrar-General through the concerned District Registrars of Assurances. As suggested now, all the United Churches (Church of South India) may send such returns to the Bishop of the concerned Diocese or to some other person authorised by the Bishop who will send them to the Registrar-General. But it was not suggested that the returns should be sent through the Registrar of the Diocese.

cp Secn 29 & the I.C.M. Act - p 28-29 & BK No 64

5. The suggestion was only for the sake of convenience in submitting the returns. It was not thought that a contribution would be required to be paid by the government for this work, because as the Act and rules stand at present all the Churches are required to send the returns of marriages (Sections 34 and 62 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872) to the Registrar-General without payment. It is immaterial whether the returns are sent direct to the Registrar-General by the functionaries or through the Bishops or any other person appointed in that behalf, although the latter method is preferable. The Church of South India should therefore make its own arrangements for the submission of the returns of marriages to the Registrar-General without any contribution being paid for the work.

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6. As regards the submission of the Returns of Baptisms and burials of Europeans and Anglo-Indians by the churches, it has been pointed out that the orders for their submission (vide instructions in order 4 on page 69 of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Manual) issued by the Government have not the force of law and the Churches are not therefore bound to send them. So, just as the Government has ordered the discontinuance of the submission of these returns by the Roman Catholic Churches which have a larger European and Anglo-Indian congregation, the Government may also take similar action regarding the submission of these returns by the Church of South India. Box No 64

7. Regarding the returns of marriages of Europeans and Anglo-Indians and Indian Christians, it is obligatory under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 for all the churches (including the Roman Catholic Church), to send the returns to the Registrar-General, without any financial contribution from the Government.

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cp Secns 29-34
cf H 28-30 of
Box no 64

8. The Roman Catholic Church/authorities were required to furnish returns of baptisms and burials of Europeans and Anglo-Indians quarterly to the Registrar-General for transmission to the India Office and for this work an allowance of Rs.500/- p.m. was paid to that Church. This was discontinued in 1940 (Vide G.O.No. Ms.150, Edn (Education and Public Health Department) dated the 27th January 1940. pages 66-67 of (V)

Encl.

for Registrar-General of
Births, Deaths and Marriages.

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To the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public (Political) Department, Fort St.George.

Pub (Poll) Depth.

Pages 9-12 above.

Submitted for perusal. G.O.Ms.150, Edn., dated 27-1-40 has been called for from M.R.O., Chittoor. This may lie over till 21-6-48. ✓

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THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA

DIOCESE OF MADRAS

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
2398A
28 JUN 1948
28/6/48
CHIEF SECRETARIAT

From Leslie Davison Miller, Esq
Registrar of the Diocese of Madras,
Cathedral P.O. Madras.

To
The Chief Secretary to the Government
of Madras,
Public (Political) Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

No.177 dated 28th June 1948.

Sir,

A I have the honour to refer to my letter dated the 4th instant and request that the Bishop in Madras may be informed urgently of Government's decision in this matter. It will be remembered that this office was maintained out of the block grant of the Ecclesiastical Establishment which ceased on 31-3-1948. The Church of South India decided to maintain this office for

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three months out of its own funds, pending final orders of Government. This three months period expires at the end of this month.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Leslie D. Miller

REGISTRAR OF THE DIOCESE OF MADRAS.

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Public (Poll.) Dept.

Memo No. 2398 A/48-1 dated 29-7-48.

Sub. Eccl. - Church - Maintenance -

Ref. From the Registrar of Diocese No ~~1~~ 177 dated ~~28~~ 28.6.48.

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P. 1.c.7.

The Registrar of the Diocese of Madras is requested to send a copy of the letter referred to in his letter cited, as it ~~does~~ has not ~~appear to have~~ been received in this Dept.

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28/7/48

To Leslie Davison Miller Esq.
The Registrar of
Diocese of Madras

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5/7/48

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7-7-48.

Note: The letter referred to by the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras is not readily ~~available~~ traceable in this Dept. He may be requested to send a copy of ~~his~~ the ~~letter~~ letter said to have been sent on 4.6.48. The draft above is submitted for approval.

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Did you verify from the Register?

Yes. I have verified 7/7 with Personal Register

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This was passed by the Supdt on 17.7.1948. Where was this all the while

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Submitted. This was returned by A.S (Mr Jagannathan) to enquire whether the current referred to in the Cl. has been received in E&P.H Deptt. ~~Due to~~ I regret to due to heavy work this was ~~lost~~ delayed.

The explanation is misleading. All his legitimate work has been taken away from him except the W.W.D & E.A. Deptt. The clerk is unreliable. Separate reports have been sent about his work here. There are also two or three explns. due from him for delays. This may be dealt with along with the report referred to after issue of the draft which may be approved.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT.
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CHIEF SECRETARIAT

3rd August 1948.

From

The Rev. A.M. Payler,
Hon. Diocesan Treasurer,
Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public (Political) Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Ecclesiastical - Church - Maintenance.

P. 3 ante

With reference to your Memorandum No.2398.A/48-1, dated 29th July 1948, addressed to Mr. Leslie Davison Miller, I enclose a copy of his letter No.150 dated 4th June 1948 required by you.

Yours faithfully,

A M Payler
HON. DIOCESAN TREASURER.

P.P. 7-9 ante

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Same as on th. 7-8 ante.

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From

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Registrar of the Diocese of Madras,
Cathedral, Madras.

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REGISTRAR OF THE DIOCESE OF MADRAS.

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~~In a letter d/28-6-48, the~~ Rdgr. 66 the Diocese of Madras asked for the decision on his letter of the 4th June 1948. Since ~~the~~ it was not recieved here a memo was s nt to the Regr. to furnish a copy ofthe letter d/4-6-48. ~~A copy if the sme is found below.~~ The main file ~~is~~ has been sent to the Home Deptt with this Deptt U.O No 2398.A d/5-8-48. this may ~~be~~ also be sent to that ~~The return of the main file from the Home~~ Deptt ~~may be awaited.~~ in combination for consideration in that Depts

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
25 AUG 1948
HOME DEPARTMENT

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The file referred to above was passed on to the Fin dept. with this dept's. U.O. No. 70098P/48 d/17.8.48. This also may be passed on to that dept. in continuation.

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~~of Diocese No. 177 d/28.6.48.~~
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Fin (EXP. A)

The file referred to overleaf by Home was passed on to E.P.H. Deptt with this Deptt. U.O. No. 7888/EA-1 d/23.8.48. This also may be passed on to that Deptt. in continuation.

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The main file on the subject has been ~~for~~ Circulated to H.M. (Edn.), H.M. (Fin) & H. Fgn

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for orders. This may be added to it on its return.

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Letter/Ref. No. 49527-$\frac{1}{2}$ C2. Edu., dated, 16-10-4

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To

The Right Reverend the Bishop in Madras
Madras.

Sir,

Ecclesiastical — Indian Ecclesiastical Estt. — Winding up — Office of the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras — Submission of returns of marriages of Europeans, Anglo-Indians and Indian Christians.

With reference to your letter dated, 4-5-'48, and the letter of the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras ~~letter~~ No. 150, dated, 4-6-'48, addressed to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Madras, on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to ~~enclose~~ a copy of the ~~letter~~ endt. from the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Madras, No. 39, dated, 12-6-'48, on the subject, ~~and~~ to state that the Govt. agree with the views of the Regr.-Genl. that the Church of South India should make its own arrangements for the submission of returns of marriages of Europeans, Anglo-Indians and Indian Christians to the Registrar-General without any financial contribution ~~being paid for the work by~~ from the Govt. as such submission ~~it~~ is obligatory under the Indian Christian Marriage Act 1872.

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PP. 9-10 C. 7.
PP. 11-12 C. 7.
'Y' on p. 6 N. 7.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to the Regr.-Genl. of Births, Deaths & Marriages (w. r. t. Endt. No. 39, dated, 12-6-'48)

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E.&P.H.
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Letter/MS No. 2598 Edn., d., 18-x-48

To

The Right Reverend the Bishop in Madras,

Madras.

Sir,

Ecclesiastical — Indian Ecclesiastical Establishment — Winding up — Submission of returns of baptisms and burials of Europeans and Anglo-Indians — Discontinuance of.

'A' on p. 3N.7.

'Z' on p. 6N.7.

I am directed to say that with the winding up of the Indian Ecclesiastical Establishment on the 31st. March 1948, the Govt. consider that the need for the submissions of returns of baptisms and burials of Europeans and Anglo-Indians by the Church authorities to the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages does not exist and they accordingly order the discontinuance ~~in future~~ of the submission of such returns ~~in future~~ by the Church of South India. ~~in future~~.

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Yours faithfully,

Copy to the Regr.-Genl. of Births, Deaths & Marriages (w.r.t. Endt. d. No. 39, d., 12-6-'48)

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Public(General-C)Department.

Ecclesiastical - Indian Ecclesiastical Establishment - Wind up of - Office of the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras.

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pp 1-3 c.f.

Ref:- From the Rt.Rev.The Bishop of Madras, letter dated 4th May 1948.

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Please see the letter from the Bishop of Madras on pages 1-3 c.f. The office of the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras was paid out of the Ecclesiastical Establishment which has been wound up on 31st March 1948. The functions of this office, are, to collect returns of baptisms, marriages and funerals of Europeans and Anglo-Indians and also the marriages of Indian Christians belonging to the Church of India, Burma and Ceylon, throughout the Diocese of Madras.

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It has been expressed by the Registrar General (of Births, Deaths & Marriages) that the Church of India should continue to do the functions enumerated above. The Rt.Rev. Bishop of Madras states that the Church is prepared to render this assistance to Govt., provided certain contribution is made to carry on the said functions as they necessarily involve certain expenditure with regard to staff, office accommodation and incidental expenses. It is not known what will be the financial commitment and it is not clear whether the Govt. of India will meet this wholly or only a part of it. Perhaps it may be ascertained from the Bishop the probable amount of contribution he expects from Government. Home and Finance may see for remarks.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
20 MAY 1948
HOME DEPARTMENT

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Please see the letter from the Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Madras at pp 1-3 cf and the Pub dept's note above. This dept. may agree to the proposal at B above. Pub. may, however, be requested to ask the Rt. Rev. The Bishop to ~~submit~~ send his reply to the Govt. thro' the Regr. Genl. of Births, Deaths & Marriages. With these remarks the case may be ~~returned~~ passed on to ~~Pub.~~ Fin. ho.

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Please see the notes on pp 1-2 above.

Finance may agree to the proposal of Public at B on p 1 above. Finance may ~~also~~ suggest that information about the allowance paid in the past to the Most Reverend the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Madras may ~~also~~ be obtained — see K on pp 2-3 c.f.

Public will no doubt send the case again to Fin. for remarks after the Bishop's reply has been received, and before addressing the Govt. of India. They may be requested to treat the case as very urgent in view of A on page 3 c.f.

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Public (Political) Deptt.

A draft letter to the Bishop ~~of~~ in Madras, as suggested by the Home and Finance Deptts. on pp. 1-2 above, is submitted for approval.

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(Issued letter No. 1926/48-1, Pub (Poll), dated 29-5-48). p.5 c.f

(From the Regr. of the Diocese of Madras, letter No. 150, d. 4/6/48). pp 7-8 c.f and pp 9-10 c.f

(From the Regr. Genl. of Births, Deaths and Marriages, ~~R.O.~~ Sndst. C.No. 39, dated 12-6-48). pp 11-12 c.f

~~Please see the letter from the Registrar General~~

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U on p.1 c.f

P on p.12 c.f

B on p.1 c.f

See [illegible] (U)

Prior to the winding up of the I.E.E. the Registrar the Diocese of Madras who was paid for out of the Ecclesiast Establishment was performing functions relating to collection of returns of births, baptisms, marriages, funerals of Europeans and Anglo-Indians. The Registrar-General of Birth Deaths and Marriages has expressed his desire that the above functions should continue to be performed by the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras and for this purpose the Rt. Rev. the Bishop in Madras states that the Church of India will continue to perform these functions provided a contribution is paid by this Government. The matter is one for the E. & P.H. Deptt. to consider to whom the file may be transferred.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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This case relates to the winding up of the office of the Registrar of Diocese. The office of the Registrar of Diocese of Madras was paid out of the Ecclesiastical Establishment which has been wound up on 31-3-48. The functions of this office, were, to collect returns of baptisms, marriages and funerals of Europeans and Anglo Indians and also the marriages of Indian Christians belonging to the church of India, Burma and Ceylon, throughout the Diocese of Madras. Now the Right Reverend the Bishop ~~of~~ Madras, states that the ~~the~~ Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages has expressed to the Secretary of the Legal Questions

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mmittee of the Church of South India his desire that the church should continue to collect these returns and forward them to his office after they have been checked. The Rt. Rev Bishop of Madras p 11 c/f also states that the church is prepared to render this assistance to Govt provided certain contribution is made to carry on the said functions, as they necessarily involve certain expenditure with regard to staff, office accomodation and incidental expenses. 'A' Then the Right Reverend the Bishop p 5 c/f was requested to give an idea of the amount of contribution that was expected of this Govt and to send the reply through the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages. The Bishop was also requested to furnish information regarding the amount p 5 c/f of such ~~[illegible]~~ allowance paid in the past to the Most Reverend the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Madras. [vide letter/No. 1926/48-1 Pub (Pol) Dt 29.5.48]. p 5 c/f

2. The reply from the Registrar of Diocese to the above letter on behalf of the Bishop and the remarks of the Registrar Genl are on p 9-12 c/f. The Registrar of Diocese submits that an amount of Rs 8,040/- p 9 c/f [the amount provided in the Budget for the office of the Registrar of Diocese of Madras] will be required 'B' on p 9 c/f Govt. for the expenditure stated at 'A' above.

p 10 c/f The Registrar of Diocese also states that an allowance of Rs 500/- was paid to the Roman Catholic Bishop in the city of Madras.

3. The Registrar Genl of Births, Deaths and Marriages in his letter on p 11 c/f states that he suggested that the Ministers of the Church of South India may send the returns of baptisms, marriages para 1 on p 11 c/f and burials of Europeans and Anglo Indians and of marriages of Indian Christians to the Bishop of the Diocese to which they belong or to such officer or other person as may be appointed by the Bishops for this purpose, who will send the returns to the Registrar General. para 3 on p 11 c/f As for the extracts of Indian Christians Marriages, the Registrar of the Diocese was, before the Union of the churches, sending to the Registrar-General the extracts of marriages performed by the Ministers of the Church of India, Burma and Ceylon only, the other functionaries sending the returns para 4 ibid direct to the Registrar-General through the concerned Dist. Registrars of Assurances. As suggested, all the United Churches may send such returns to the Bishop of the concerned Diocese or to some other person authorised by the Bishop who will send them to the Registrar General. But it was not suggested that the returns should be sent through the Registrar of Diocese. para 5 on p 11 c/f It is immaterial whether the returns are sent direct to the Registrar Genl by the functionaries or through the Bishops or any other person appointed in that behalf. The Church of South India should therefore make its own arrangements for the submission of the returns of marriages to the Registrar General without any contribution being paid for the work. This Dept may agree with [illegible] and the Rt. Reverend the Bishop informed accordingly.

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4. As regards the submission of the Returns of Baptisms and burials of Europeans and Anglo-Indians by the churches, the Registrar Genl states that the churches are not bound to send them. Just as the Govt had ordered the discontinuance of the submission of these returns by the Roman Catholic churches (vide G.O. No. 150 Edn of 27.1.40) which have a larger European and Anglo Indian congregation, the Govt may also take similar action regarding the submission of these returns by the church of South India. This Dept may also agree with the Registrar Genl to discontinue the submission of these returns by the church of South India.

5. Regarding the returns of marriages of Europeans and Anglo-Indians and Indian christians, the Registrar Genl states that it is obligatory under the Indian Christian Marriage Act 1872, for all the churches to send the returns to the Registrar Genl without any financial contribution from the Govt. The Rt. Reverend may be informed of the position.

The case may now be sent to Pub (Genl), ~~and~~ Home and Finance for remarks.

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HOME DEPARTMENT

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Pub (Poll) dept.

Please see previous notes of this dept ~~on~~ are on p. 3 ante. The ~~remarks~~ further notes of E & P.H. dept above, ~~to whom the case was referred~~ may be perused and the file passed on to Home ~~for~~.

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(Previous note of this dept. on pp 1-2 ante)

Please see the letter to the Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Madras on p 5 cf, ~~and to his reply~~ the reply on pp 8-10 cf, the Regr. Genl's remarks on this reply on pp 11-12 cf, and the notes of E & P.H. and Pub on pp 3-6 above. This dept. is concerned with the returns of Marriages. This dept. may agree with the proposals of the ~~Regr. Genl~~ E & P.H. dept at X on p. 5 ante and Y on p. 6 ante. The case may be passed on to Fin. Dept.

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(Previous Fin: notes on p. 2 above)

The further notes from page 3 above may be read. The proposals of E & P.H. at X on p 5 and Y on p 6 above may be agreed to in Finance also.

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Please see the notes of Public, ~~Home~~ and Finance from page 6 ante. They agree to the proposals of this Dept. at X on page 5 ante and Y on page 6 ante. With reference to these proposals and the proposal at Z on page 6 ante, ~~a~~ draft letters ~~and a draft G.O.~~ are submitted for approval.

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