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Kazis.

Read the following paper :—

No. 29. *From C. BERNARD, Esq., C.S.I., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home, Revenue, and Agricultural Department (Judicial), to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Simla, 29th September 1879, No. 1072.*

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1221, dated the 24th May last, on the subject of reviving the practice of appointing Kazis for the registration of Mahomedan marriages and divorces, which practice was abolished by Act XI of 1864.

2. In reply, I am to say that the Governor-General in Council is of opinion that the Madras Government have shown sufficient reasons for restoring to Government the power of appointing Kazis for the registration of Mahomedan marriages and divorces. His Excellency in Council considers that, as the legislation necessary to carry out this object will restore a power taken away by an Act of the Council of the Governor-General, it is necessary that the Bill should be introduced into the Imperial Legislative Council. But as the other Local Governments which have been consulted are not in favor of legislation, His Excellency in Council deems it advisable that the Act (which will be prepared on the general lines of the draft forwarded with your letter under reply) should be framed so as, in the first instance, to apply only to the Madras Presidency, power being taken for any Local Government at its discretion to extend it to any part of British India. I am to add that a Bill, framed as above, will be prepared and introduced into the Council of the Governor-General.

No. 30.

ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1879, No. 2569.

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(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

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