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[Despatch Abstract.]

Births and Deaths

Stating that the proposed addition to Section 249 of the District Municipalities Act is unnecessary as Chaplains are bound by the provisions of Section 248 (2) to furnish information of deaths whenever required to do so.

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Local and Municipal DEPARTMENT.

From

SURN.-LT.-Col. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,
SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Secretary
to Government
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ENCLOSURES.

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Subject.

Forwards with remarks letter from
the Chairman Municipal Council
Cotacamund requesting to take
such steps as may seem fitting to
remove the difficulty which exists
in obtaining information regarding
births and deaths from the registers
maintained in the several Churches

[600-16-4-96.]

For order

As regards the Sanitary
Commissioner's suggestion in the
concluding part of para 2 of his
letter, it is submitted that no
addition to the existing provisions
is necessary, as under S. 248(2)
chaplains are bound whenever
required to furnish to the
Registrar particulars regarding
the death of the persons whose
funeral ceremonies they can
direct or perform.

Mr. Wright as Chaplain
appears to be under the
law bound to furnish information
when required. The position
taken by him appears to be incorrect.

C. S.

21/8/96

Order.

As Chaplain, Mr. Wright
appears to be bound by the provisions
of sec. 248(2) of Act IV of 1884 to
furnish information of deaths,
whenever required. The position taken
by him appears, therefore, to be incorrect
& the proposed addition to sec. 249 is
unnecessary, as far as deaths are concerned
also as regards births for the reason as
stated by the San. Commr. in para 2 of his letter
from 10/8/96.

Fort St. George, 10th August 1896.No. 1493
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From

SURGEON LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal DepartmentEnclosures.
(two)

SIR,

In forwarding letter No. 1689 dated 29th July 1896 from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Botacamund, with its enclosures, I have the honour to state that, whilst in consideration of Mr. Hammett's long experience as Municipal Chairman it is desirable his views should be considered by Government, so far as my personal views are concerned, I do not see that an advantage of any importance can be gained by the ruling he suggests.

2. The ceremony of "christening" may be carried out at such late and varying periods after birth, that it is very unlikely at any time it would be of service to render a chaplain liable to give information

in this matter. But, it is conceivable
that circumstances may occur in
which information of a funeral
ceremony having been performed
by a chaplain may be of utility
in detecting deaths that have not
been reported. To gain this informa-
tion it would not, I consider, be
necessary to permit the Local Registrar
to search the Church Registers.
Nevertheless, in view of Section 249(3)
it would seem but reasonable that
a chaplain should be required
to fill up such form of report
as a Local Municipality may
direct. This could apparently
be met by a bye-law under this
section.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Yours most obedient servant,

W. H. H.

Surgeon Lt Col,

Sanitary Commissioner.

No. 1687

Ootacamund Municipal Office,

29 July 1896.

FROM

THE CHAIRMAN,

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

OOTACAMUND.

To

Enclosures

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The Sanitary Commissioner
Madras.

Sir, I have the honor to enclose
copy of the correspondence which has
taken place with the Chaplain of
St. Stephen's Church in view to your
taking such steps as you may seem
fitting to remove the difficulty which
now exists in obtaining information
regarding births and deaths from
the registers maintained in the several
churches.

The Municipal Amendment
Act is still under consideration, and
the Government, if moved, may add a
clause to Sec. 249 requiring ministers to
give notice in the same way that Medical
Officers are now required to do.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Yours most obedient servant,
W. H. H.
Chairman

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W. G. KING
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The Registrar General, London, 31 July 96

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The Rev. G. H. L. Wright
Chaplain, St. Stephen's Church.
Aotacamund.

The Registrar of Births and Deaths tells me
that he cannot obtain information in regarding
deaths and deaths from the Registers retained in St.
Stephen's Church to check the returns which are
prepared from information obtained from other
sources.

2. Under Sec. 246 of Madras Act No. IV of 1884.
"Every Registrar shall inform himself carefully
of every birth and of every death which happens in
the municipality."

Sec. 248 (2). "Every person who conducts or
performs the funeral ceremonies of any person
who has died within the municipality shall, whenever
required, furnish to the Registrar such information
as to the said particulars"

3. The Government attach very great im-
portance to the returns maintained by the
municipality being correct, and have the honor
to request that you will be good enough to issue
such

Such orders as will enable the Registrar to inspect
the Registers containing information regarding Births
and Deaths in St. Stephen's and St. Thomas churches
at Asty.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most obedient servant
Edy Geo. Hammett

Chairman. A. M. C.
St. Stephen's Church
Astacumund
27th July 1896

The Registrar
Sir,
With reference to your letter no. 1593 dated 21st July
1896 I have submitted your request to allow the
local Municipal Registrar to inspect the Church
Registers under section 246 of the Local Government Act no. IV of
1884 to the Diocesan Registrar.

And I am informed by him that under the
provisions of the act referred to, I am not required
as Chaplain to submit my Church Registers for the
inspection

inspection of the local Municipal Registrar.
I shall be glad however to furnish the local
Registrar according to the best of my knowledge and
ability with the several particulars required to be
known and registered concerning the Deaths of such
person about whom I as Chaplain performing
the funeral service may have acquired infor-
mation which might be of use to the Registrar
I have called upon to do so.

to this however not as a Chaplain but as
an individual and citizen
I send Quarterly returns in accordance with
the Rules laid down to the Registrar of the Diocesan
for "Statistical and other purposes"

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most obedient servant
Edy C. H. L. Wright
Chaplain of Astacumund

Astacumund
29th July 1896
no. 1688

The Rev. C. H. L. Wright
Chaplain St. Stephen's Church. Astacumund
Sir,
In thanking you for your letter of the 27th inst.
no. 58

the Registrar to inspect the Municipal Act embraces "every person who conducts or performs the funeral ceremonies of any person." Chaplains should afford the information necessary for ensuring a correct record of vital statistics.

I enclose for your information forms of the Registers of Deaths & Births retained under the orders of the Government in the Municipal office.

I am now sending copy of the correspondence to the Sanitary Commissioner in view to his moving the Government, if he considers necessary, to withdraw the Chaplain's in the Municipal Amendment Act which is still under the consideration of the Legislative Council.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

J. Geo. Hammett

Chairman.

(True copies)

The Rev. J. H. Wright

W. Hammett

Chairman.

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