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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th August 1867.*

No. 679. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Ecclesiastical Department:—

Sanctioning a monthly allowance of Rupees 100 }
to the Reverend S. A. Godfrey for the spiritual } (Here enter 20th August 1867, No. 191.)
charge of Jollarett, &c.

No. 680. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1867, No. 2,647.

RAILWAY, No. 29.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers of the 4th and 5th Divisions and to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers, 4th and 5th Divisions.
,, Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department,
20th August 1867.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 38. From the Right Reverend the Bishop of Madras, to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George ; dated Bangalore, 18th July 1867.

In my letter to your Excellency, dated 11th April 1867, [Proceedings of Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department, 1st May 1867], I expressed a hope that, by the appointment of a Railway Chaplain before very long, the Chaplain of Vellore would be relieved of part of his large number of out-stations.

2. My application to the Directors of the Railway has not yet been responded to. But I propose, if the Government will sanction a grant of Rupees 100 a month, to place the Reverend S. A. Godfrey in spiritual charge at Jollarpett, with instructions to visit the stations along the line from Arconum to Salem.

3. The number of Europeans and East Indians employed on the Railway, as given in a return dated 2nd October 1866, was—

	Church of England.	Presbyterian or other denominations.	Roman Catholics.	Total.
At Arconum...	19	1	5	25
„ Vellore...	12	...	3	15
„ Jollarpett...	41	4	12	57
„ Salem...	16	4	3	23
Total...	88	9	23	120

4. The number at the intermediate stations was very small. But there are probably besides a few persons connected with other Departments, as the Telegraph and Public Works ; so that there would seem to be more than 100 men, besides women and children, who would constitute Mr. Godfrey's charge.

5. It is desirable that at each station Divine Service should be held, and the families visited, at least once a month.

6. I therefore request that your Excellency in Council will sanction a grant of Rupees 100 a month to the Reverend S. A. Godfrey from the date of his taking charge at Jollarpett ; and the usual travelling allowance for visiting the Railway stations of Salem (when not visited by the Clergyman of Yercaud), Vellore, and Arconum. This latter grant, according to the regulations, will be small, if (as I anticipate) the Railway authorities will accord a free passage to Mr. Godfrey at all times when on duty.

7. If this arrangement is sanctioned, the Chaplain of Vellore and Arcot will be no longer required to visit Jollarpett and Arconum.

Telegram from the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to Government of India, Home Department, Calcutta ; dated 23rd July 1867.

Have any Railway Chaplains been appointed in Bengal, or has any allowance been sanctioned to Clergymen in spiritual charge of any Railway Line.

From the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, in charge of the Home Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated 26th July 1867.

Your Telegram of twenty-third received. Clergymen of Additional Clergy Society are appointed to Railway stations on E. I. Railway Line. The Clergymen are maintained by a special fund formed from voluntary contributions of shareholders of Railway Company. The Government allows one hundred and fifty per month for every Clergyman appointed to a Railway station and supported from that fund. More by post.

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20th August 1867.

No. 39. From the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, in charge of the Home Office, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort William, 26th July 1867, No. 233.

In continuation of my Telegram of this day, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a Resolution passed in the Financial Department, No. 2939, dated the 18th November 1865, which contains full information regarding Clergymen in spiritual charge of any Railway station.

Financial Department Proceedings, November 1865.
EXPENDITURE.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF PUBLIC DEPARTMENTS.

Allowance for Clergymen appointed to Railway Stations.

Home Department Proceedings, No. 1655, dated 1st August 1860.
Financial Extract Proceedings, August 1863, Nos. 66 to 70.

[No. 52.] Endorsement by the Government of India, Home Department, dated Simla, 25th October 1865, No. 3293.

Forwarded to the Financial Department for consideration and orders, with the remark that the Governor General in Council is disposed to agree to the Bishop's proposal, with the reservation that the proposed appointment of each Clergyman must be previously submitted for the approval of Government, with a full statement of the conditions of the locality which are held to justify the appointment. The return of the paper requested.

From the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Calcutta, to His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council; dated 11th October 1865.

I have the honor, on behalf of the Additional Clergy Society, to request your Excellency to decide how a clause in the Proceedings of the President in Council, in the Home Department, under date July 31st, 1863, is to be applied to a change which has been made in the Society's relations with Railway Companies.

2. On August 1st, 1860, orders were passed by the Government of India, sanctioning an agreement between the Additional Clergy Society and the Agent of the East India Railway Company, by which the latter agreed to pay Rupees 200 a month from the Company's funds to the Society for every Clergyman whom the Society might appoint and the Bishop license to a Railway station, provided that Government would contribute Rupees 100 a month to his salary: his outfit and passage from England, allowances during sickness, and other incidental charges were to be paid by the Society. Under this rule, a Clergyman has been appointed to Jumalpoore, and still ministers there.

3. On July 31st, 1863, the Government allowance to each of the Society's Clergy was increased to Rupees 150, but from this increase, Ministers of these Railway stations were properly excepted, since their full salary was provided by Government and the Railway Company.

4. Soon after this, the Directors of the East India Railway Company, with the approbation (I believe) of the Secretary of State, forbade the extension of their Agent's arrangement to other stations besides Jumalpoore. The propriety of voting money from the Company's funds for religious purposes was thought doubtful, and therefore, while the grant to Jumalpoore was tacitly permitted, it was ordered that no other should be made.

5. The plan of supplying Clergymen to Railway stations was then pursued in another way. An appeal to the shareholders, drawn up by Archdeacon Pratt and countersigned by me, was issued by the Directors, requesting them to allow a certain percentage on their dividends for one year to be paid to us as Trustees of the Additional Clergy Society, and invested as a fund for the support of Clergy on their line.

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20th August 1867.

6. In answer to this appeal, £1,300 has been sent to us as the percentage on half a year's dividends, and we desire to spend part of the interest of this on the payment of a Clergyman at Kutchpooora, the Railway station of Allahabad. When he is established there, we hope to maintain others at other important places on the East India Railway, from the interest of the same fund.

7. As the money by which these Clergymen are to be paid is entirely collected by voluntary efforts, as the more money we have to spend the more Clergy we shall be able to appoint, and as the agreement on which the order of August 1st, 1860, was founded does not and will not apply to any station, except Jumalpoore, it seems to me to follow from the Proceedings of July 31st, 1863, that Railway Clergymen paid from the fund raised by contributions of shareholders should receive Rupees 150 from Government, just as the Clergy of stations not connected with Railways are paid by contributions from residents in India. But I think that this point should be settled by your Excellency, and it is of course important for us to be informed of your decision, that we may be able to know how far our new funds will avail for the purposes for which they have been entrusted to us.

8. I have therefore to request that your Excellency will order that all Clergy of the Additional Clergy Society shall receive Rupees 150 a month from Government, with the exception of the Minister of Jumalpoore, who may continue to receive Rupees 100 only, as long as all that portion of his salary which is not given by Government is paid by the money contributed from the funds of the Railway Company. Should his maintenance ever be thrown upon the Company's funds, contributions of the shareholders, or should the money allowed from the Company's funds, together with Rupees 100 from Government, not make up his whole salary, then I think that he also should receive Rupees 150. At present, however, he will remain on Rupees 100.

9. I may mention that at present the Clergyman at Jumalpoore is the only one who receives Rupees 100, and therefore I am not asking your Excellency to sanction any increase of present expenditure, but only to grant the larger sum to those who may hereafter be appointed, in consequence of the partial dissolution of the agreement referred to in the Proceedings of August 1st, 1860, and July 31st, 1863.

[No. 53.] Resolution by the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 18th November 1865, No. 2939.

Read Endorsement from the Home Department, No. 3293, of the 25th October 1865, forwarding, for consideration and orders, a letter from the Lord Bishop of Calcutta, reporting that as Trustee of the Additional Clergy Society, he has formed from voluntary contributions of the shareholders of the East Indian Railway Company a fund for the maintenance of Clergymen of that Society at stations on the Railway line, and soliciting that the Government will allow the Society Rupees 150 per mensem for every Clergyman appointed to a Railway station and supported from that fund, with the exception of the Minister of Jumalpoore for whom Rupees 100 per mensem is allowed under orders of the 1st August 1860.

The Governor General in Council is pleased to comply with the Lord Bishop's application, with the reservation that the appointment of each Clergyman must be previously submitted for the approval of Government, with a full statement of the conditions of the locality which are held to justify the appointment.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the—Home Department, with the original paper received from that Department under the Endorsement above referred to, Accountants General, Bengal and the North-Western Provinces.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1867, No. 191.

In consideration of the circumstances set forth in the letter above recorded, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction a monthly allowance of 100 Rupees per mensem to the Reverend S. A. Godfrey, from the date of his taking charge of Jollarpett.

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20th August 1867.*

2. Mr. Godfrey will also visit the stations along the line from Arconum to Salem, and will draw the usual travelling allowance.

3. It is observed that this grant is in accordance with the Resolution of the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 2939, dated 18th November 1865, under which Rupees 150 per mensem was granted to Clergymen appointed to Railway stations and supported by a fund placed at the disposal of the Additional Clergy Society by the shareholders of the East Indian Railway Company.

(True Extract).

M. S. M.

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Right Reverend the Bishop of Madras.

.. Accountant General.

.. Public Works Department.

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