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Cemetery Rules.

Informing the Venerable the Archdeacon, in
reply to a reference, that the concession in rule IV,
chapter III, of the revised rules not having been
expressly limited to soldiers in military employ,
it may be assumed to apply to all soldiers.

Withd.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From the Ven. J. F. BROWNE, Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 21st August 1885, No. 374.

I have the honor to request the orders of Government on the following subject.

2. J. Grose, Esq., Collector of Nellore, and Lay Trustee of the Church at that station, writes to the visiting Chaplain—

“ I observe in the revised rules, published with G.O., 17th July 1885, No. 141, Ecclesiastical, that it is expressly stated that non-commissioned officers are exempt from payment of cemetery fees even when they are in civil employ (chapter II, rule III).

“ In chapter III, rule IV, it is laid down that non-commissioned officers are exempt from ‘ other ecclesiastical fees ’ (such as a fee for searching Baptismal Registers), but it is not expressly stated that they remain exempt when in civil employ.

“ I have the honor therefore to inquire whether Government intend that the latter exemption should be allowed to a non-commissioned officer in civil employ, as, for instance, to a sergeant who holds the place of Inspector of Police.”

3. The above question has been referred to me; had I been asked for an opinion, I should have replied that I considered the one case explained the other, and that non-commissioned officers in civil employ were exempt from “ other ecclesiastical fees.”

4. As, however, Mr. Grose’s query refers to the intention of the Government, and not to the construction of the Act, I have the honor to ask for an order on the subject.

ORDER—dated 3rd September 1885, No. 183, Ecclesiastical.

It is observed that the concession in rule IV, chapter III, of the revised rules has not been expressly limited to soldiers in military employ. It may thus be assumed to apply to all soldiers.

2. The revised rules have been inaccurately quoted in the letter recorded above. The words “ other ecclesiastical fees ” are not to be found in rule IV of chapter III. They are merely the heading of the chapter.

(True Extract.)

To the Venerable the Archdeacon.
“ Accountant-General.
“ Military department.
“ Public Works department.

Exd. J. Wright.

W. Wilson

for Chief Secretary.