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No. 26. Read the following letter from the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 16th September 1871, No. 306 :—

With reference to the Orders of Government, dated 26th August 1871, No. 252, “respecting the transfer of the lads of the Civil Orphan Asylum and of the Fort School to the premises about to be vacated by the Military Male Orphan Asylum,” I have the honour to submit a letter from the Rev. C. Rhenius, the Garrison Chaplain, for the favourable consideration of the Government.

1. The Garrison Chaplain is desirous of knowing whether the spiritual charge of the amalgamated institutions, to which the Government have appointed him, is to include the general oversight of the secular education imparted to the orphans of St. Mary's School which he has hitherto exercised in his capacity of Superintendent; and, further, whether, in transferring 54 boys from the Fort School to the Civil Orphan Asylum, he thereby loses the right of nominating boys to fill up vacancies that may occur among that number. Mr. Rhenius takes for granted that this right will still appertain to him, but I venture respectfully to ask the Government to settle this point, and clearly to define the position of the Garrison Chaplain in relation to St. Mary's Charity School, of which he is ex-officio Superintendent.

2. The Garrison Chaplain informs the Government that 18 boys from St. Mary's Charity School will be required to form, as heretofore, the choir of the Fort Church, and names the hours at which they should be in attendance on Wednesdays for practice and service, and on Sundays for the forenoon and evening services; but, with reference to the order that “on Saturdays the Organist shall instruct the choir at the Civil Asylum,” some difficulty is anticipated from the want of an instrument. If the harmonium which was used in the Chapel of the Military Asylum could be retained for the use of the Civil Orphan Asylum, the difficulty would be removed, and the instrument would answer every purpose.

3. The Garrison Chaplain submits the enclosed roll of the names and length of service of the Schoolmaster, the Mess Sergeant, and inferior servants, with a view to their receiving the gratuity which the Government may see fit to assign to each individual. And here I would respectfully, but earnestly, second and support his intercession in behalf of the old Mess Sergeant, Mr. N. B. Lamoury. It is impossible to over-rate the services which, for thirteen years, he has rendered to the institution. As a former Garrison Chaplain of five years' standing, I can bear the strongest testimony to his integrity and fidelity, and the salutary influence of his character and example upon the orphans under his charge. In fact, he has stood *in loco parentis* to these poor lads, scarcely ever leaving them, and I venture, with all respect, to press the claim of this worthy old soldier on the Government to a small monthly pension for the remainder of his life, which, I would suggest to the Government, might, as a special and exceptional case, be very fairly charged on the funds of the school which he has so faithfully served. Mr. Rhenius suggests a third of his salary, or, I would say, 12 Rupees, which he would prefer to a gratuity paid to him in a lump.

4. Mr. Rhenius has one favour to ask for himself, which I trust the Government will have no difficulty in granting, viz., the services of one peon to enable him to meet the increased amount of correspondence and work which will fall to

him; and, with reference to the Reverend Chaplain himself, I cannot but express my regret that the Government have not made a more liberal provision for the very considerable augmentation of work which the transfer will entail upon him.

5. The Garrison Chaplain will have to hold a service on Saturdays at the Asylum in addition to his two services at the Fort Church. He will have to visit the Asylum at least twice a week for the purpose of giving instruction to the classes of both institutions. The distance between the Fort and the Asylum is two miles, and it is at least open to question (with all deference to the Government) whether a carriage allowance of Rupees 30 a month would compensate the Chaplain for the additional wear and tear. The Rev. Mr. Rhenius has made no complaint; but I have ventured, in justice to him and his successors, to broach the subject, and to express a wish that the extra allowance might, if possible, be increased to Rupees 50.

From the Rev. C. RHENIUS, Garrison Chaplain, Fort St. George, to the Venerable the Archdeacon and Commissary of the Diocese, dated Fort St. George, 14th September 1871.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Proceedings of Government, dated 26th August 1871, and, with reference to those paragraphs of their order which relate to St. Mary's Church Charity School, I beg to submit the following remarks.

2. In paragraph 6, Clause II., the order states that "the Garrison Chaplain of Fort St. George shall have the spiritual charge of the amalgamated institutions." Hitherto, the Chaplain exercised a general superintendence over the education imparted to the orphans of St. Mary's School. I beg to know if the above order will hereafter restrict me to the *spiritual* charge only of the amalgamated institutions, or if I shall be permitted to have supervision over the secular teaching, and examine, from time to time, as I have hitherto done in the Fort School, in virtue of my office as Superintendent.

3. With reference to Clause III., paragraph 6, I beg to inform you that eighteen boys will be required for the choir of St. Mary's Church. On Wednesdays they ought to be at the Church by *half past 4 P.M.* for practice and for the service, and on Sundays at a *quarter to 11 A.M.* and at a *quarter to 6 P.M.*

4. Under the same clause, the order directs that, "on Saturdays the Organist will instruct the choir at the Civil Asylum." I imagine some difficulty will be experienced in doing this, as the Civil Asylum has no organ or harmonium. I submit that some provision should be made to enable the organist to instruct the choir.

5. Paragraph 7 dispenses with the services of the Schoolmaster, Mess Sergeant, and inferior servants. In compliance with the order, I have the honour to enclose a roll of the names and length of service of these individuals, with a view to their receiving such gratuity as the Government may feel disposed to grant. I would here take the liberty of specially bringing to the notice of Government the long, arduous, and faithful services of old Sergeant Lamoury, who, on retiring from the Army after a service of thirty-three years, assumed the office of Mess Sergeant to the Fort School. For thirteen years this old soldier has attended to the messing, clothing, discipline, amusements, and sanitary arrangements of the school, and he has been a kind and watchful guardian to the orphans entrusted to his care. My predecessors have, one and all, borne testimony to his valuable services, and you, venerable and dear sir, are also in a position to speak, from personal experience, of the services rendered to the orphans by this old soldier. He is now sixty-eight years of age, and, in the course of nature, has but a few years more to live. Instead of giving him a gratuity, I would respectfully solicit for him the indulgence of a monthly pension, say a third of his salary, for the remainder of his life, in recognition of his past faithful services to the Fort School.

6. I would also take the liberty of asking for myself the favour of being allowed to retain a peon to enable me to communicate freely with the officers and teachers of the Civil Asylum.

7. In transferring fifty-four boys belonging to St. Mary's School to the Civil Orphan Asylum, I take it for granted that I do not thereby lose the right of nominating boys to fill up vacancies that may occur among that number. If there be any doubt on this score, I beg you will kindly have this point settled, so that no differences may arise between the Directors and myself regarding our respective rights and privileges.

8. When the Fort School premises have been vacated, I will, in accordance with instructions contained in paragraph 10 of the Government Order, take the necessary steps for renting them as Government Offices or military quarters.

ROLL of St. Mary's Church Charity School Establishment as it stood in September 1871.

Names.	Occupation	Salary.	When entertained.	Number of years served.	
				YS.	MS.
Mr. W. Walker	Schoolmaster ...	90 0 0	1st Nov. 1863.	7	10
" N. B. Lamoury	Mess Sergeant ...	35 0 0	1st July 1858.	13	2
Meerah Saib	Master Tailor ...	9 0 0	" Dec. 1853.	17	9
Moonesawmy	Washerman ...	8 0 0	1856.	15	0
Maureappen	Peon	7 0 0	1st April 1852.	19	5
Valoyden	Cook	7 0 0	1864.	7	9
Mootosawmy	School servant ...	5 0 0	1st Nov. 1867.	3	10
Eroosapen	Do. do. ...	5 0 0	" Aug. 1868.	3	2
Chellapen	Do. do. ...	5 0 0	" Mar. 1869.	2	6
Mootosawmy	Do. do. ...	5 0 0	" June 1868.	3	3
Joseph	Do. do. ...	3 8 0	" Nov. 1870.	0	10
Chelly	Waterwoman ...	3 8 0	1863.	8	9
Gooroooven	Scavenger ...	5 0 0	1st Aug. 1870.	0	1
Ramanjooloo	Barber	2 0 0	1st July 1839.	32	3

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1871, No. 280.

With reference to the letter above recorded, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to request the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras to inform the Garrison Chaplain that it is not the intention of the Government that he should exercise any control over the secular education of the orphans of Saint Mary's School.

2. The Garrison Chaplain will continue to exercise the right of nominating boys to fill up vacancies that may occur in the prescribed number of the Saint Mary's School.

3. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will be requested, in the Military Department, to provide carriage to and from the Fort Church for eighteen boys required to form the choir of the Fort Church. On Wednesdays the boys should be at the Fort Church by *half past 4 P.M.* for practice, and for the service on Sundays at a *quarter to 11 A.M.* and a *quarter to 6 P.M.*

4. The Garrison Chaplain is requested to report on the cost of a harmonium suitable for the instruction of the choir.

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5. The Government sanction the grant of a pension of 12 Rupees a month to Sergeant Lamoury to be charged to the Saint Mary's School Fund.

6. The Government also sanction, as a public charge, the gratuities noted marginally, to the servants who have been in the employment of Saint Mary's Church School for a period exceeding five years. The charge will be debited to the Provincial grant "Education."

Mr. W. Walker.....	Rs. 630
Meerah Saib.....	45
Moonesawmy.....	40
Mauresappen.....	35
Valoyden.....	21
Chelly.....	10½
Ramanjooloo.....	12
Total...	793½

7. The services of a peon to meet the increased amount of correspondence anticipated by the amalgamation of the institutions seem unnecessary.

8. The Government are unable to comply with the recommendation made by the Venerable the Archdeacon, that the carriage allowance to the Garrison Chaplain should be increased from 30 to 50 Rupees per mensem.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras.

„ Military Department.
„ Accountant-General.
„ Directors of the Civil Orphan Asylums, Madras.
„ Pension Department.

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To
THE VENERABLE THE
ARCHDEACON OF MADRAS,
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Dated September, 29th.
Recd. October 6th

Encl.

G. O., 29th September 1871, No. 280.

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Passing orders on certain points connected with
the amalgamation of St. Mary's School with the
Civil Male Orphan Asylum.

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