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[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing the Most Rev. Mar Dionysius, Syrian Metropolitan of Malankara, that it is not customary to grant copies of the papers of the nature of those regarding the Syrian Church endowment asked for by him, but that the Resident in Travancore & Cochin will be requested to supply him with any material information which he may require.

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The Syrian Metropolitan
of Malankara
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SUBJECT.

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Kottayam
14th March 1897

From

The Most Reverend Mar Dionysius,
Syrian Metropolitan of Malankara

To: The British Resident in
Tranconore and Cochin.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 22nd ultimo and the copy of the decision of the Madras Government on my application for payment of the interest on the 3000 Star Pagodas constituting the Syrian Trust Fund invested in the Residency.

That decision which seems inferentially to hold that the election of my co-trustees, Mathan Cathanar and Korah Colahannan, did not follow the award of 1840, though I had previously taken the best legal advice available, is professedly based on the views contained in the Resident's letter to Government on this subject dated 9th December 1896. As it is necessary that before I consider the necessity of calling another general meeting of the Syrian Community for

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for the re-election of trustees, I should learn the exact grounds on which the first election is considered by the Resident and the Madras Government to be invalid, improper or contrary to the provisions of the award of 1840, as the case may be. I have the honour to request you, with a view to the avoidance in future of what has now been apparently considered illegal or irregular, to furnish me with copies of the papers mentioned below. Furnished with these papers and in possession of the grounds on which the decision of the Government is based, I may be able either to clear the misunderstanding, if any, or to convene another general meeting of the Community — a matter which involves no little expense, trouble and inconvenience to all people concerned — for the election of trustees to which no exception can be taken.

I beg again to add that your predecessor, Mr. Harrington, in communicating to me the decision of the Madras Government on a former application of mine furnished me with printed copies of all the correspondence that had passed

passed in relation to the subject between the Resident, the Madras Government and the Advocate General.

The papers whose copies I request to be furnished with are: —

1. Mr. Thomson's letter to the Madras Government forwarding my application of the 26th March 1896 for payment of interest to me and Co-trustees
2. The Advocate General's opinion on my application and Mr. Thomson's above letter.
3. The order of the Government of Madras under the terms of which the Assistant Resident, Captain Andrews, enquired of me by his letter dated 26th November 1896, whether I was "prepared to receive the capital of the bond abandoning all further claims on the 8 per cent interest." The Assistant Resident's letter says that he makes the enquiry at the instance of the Government of Madras
4. The Assistant Resident's letter to the Government of Madras dated 9th December 1896 No. 3850 and referred to in the Madras Government order dated 26th January 1897.

Trusting that these copies will be furnished to me at your earliest convenience. I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Mar Dionysius Malankara

Ref: on C No. 812

Residents' office
on circuit
Camp Permaad
29th March 1897

From

F. A. Nicholson Esq.,
Ag. Resident in Trananconore
& Cochin

To: The Most Revd Mar Dionysius
Syrian Metropolitan of Malankara

Most-Revd Sir,

In reply to your letter
of the 17th Instant, I have the honour
to inform you that copies of none of the
papers therein asked for can be
given without the orders of the
Madras Government, to whom you
should apply.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
your Most Obedient Servant,
(signed) F. A. Nicholson.
Ag. Resident.

True copies

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8th September 1897

From

Mar Dionysius,
Syrian Metropolitan of
Malankara

To,
The Chief Secretary to
The Government of Port
St. George.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose
copy of an application made by me to
the Resident in Trananconore and Cochin
for copies of certain papers relating to
the Syrian Endowment Fund attached to
the Seminary at Kottayam, as also of the
reply I received from that officer.

you will observe that for the
grounds stated in my above application,
the papers applied for are absolutely ne-
cessary to enable the Syrian Community
to properly elect their representatives.
I may be permitted to add that on
former occasions I was invariably
favoured with copies of similar papers
and

and that I fail to see why Mr. Nicholson
should not have, in the present instance,
followed the precedent of his predecessors.

I therefore request you to
be good enough to favour me with
copies of the papers applied for to the
British Resident, at your earliest
convenience.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

your Most-Obedient Servant
Mar Dionysius Malankara

J. J. J.

C. No. 1128.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Papers re Syrian Church
Endowment.

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FOR ORDERS.

The Most Revd. Mar
Bishop asks for ^{copies of} the following
papers:-

(i) Mr. Thomassin's letter to the
Madras Govt. Ref. on C. No. 972 of
1st June 1896 [pages 3 to 7 of
G.O. No. 756 Pt. 7 30. 10. 96].

(ii) The Advocate General's opinion
of 25. July 1896 [pages 23 & 24
of the same]

(iii) G.O. No. 756 Pt. 7 30. 10. 96

(iv) The Asst. Resident's letter Ref on
C. No. 3850 of 9. 12. 96 [page 1 of
G.O. No. 70 of 25. 1. 97]

He states that on previous
occasions such copies have been
supplied by the Resident.

It is submitted that
the grant of copies would be unreasonable.

and that the following order will meet the case:-

Order W. 621 of 20th Sept '97
The Mool. Resd. Mar
Dionysius will be informed that
it is not customary to grant
copies of papers of the nature
of those applied for by him but
that the Resident in Travancore
& Cochin will be requested to
supply him with any material
information which he may
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