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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording certain papers
relating to the ~~mass~~ consecration of Rev. P.
Joseph Titus as Suffragan & Successor
to Mar Titus Thomas, Metropolitan of
St Thomas' Syrian Church of Malabar.

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From *A. A. Sam Esq. Sec*

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SUBJECT.

*Transferring for disposal
letters from the Metropolitan
St Thomas Syrian Church,
requesting the kind sympathy
& support of Govt on behalf
of their Church & Communi*

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St Thomas Syrian Church
Maramannu. Arammala

26th Nov: 1898.

May it please

Your Excellency.

I beg to inform your Excellency that in accordance with the resolution passed by a representative meeting of the St Thomas Syrian Christians of Malabar, electing the Revd. P. Joseph Titus Kattannar of Maramannu Edavagay, as my Suffragan & Successor, I purpose D.V. to consecrate and admit him to the office & work of a Metran on Friday the 9th Dec: 1898 at the Puthencann Church.

I humbly beg to solicit your Excellency's kind sympathy with this ancient Church and community that your Excellency condescendingly pleased to extend your Excellency's protecting support and good wishes to this solemn occasion which under Divine blessing is intended to maintain peace and loyal good Government in the Church entrusted to my charge.

I remain

your Excellency
your Excellency's obediently

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

3rd Decr 1898

*CHIEF SECRETARY
5 DEC 1898
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS*

My dear Stokes,

*His Excellency presumes
that the enclosed is more or
less official and he wishes
we therefore to send it on to you
in order that a suitable
reply may be drafted.*

Yours sincerely,

W. H. M.

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My Dear Nicholson -

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~~Send you~~ herewith a letter received from the Metropolitan of the Syrian Church. Will you please furnish me with some information as to the writer of the subject dealt with in his communication.

Yours sincerely.

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F.A. Nicholson Esq. 1cs.

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SUBJECT.

Furnishing certain information regarding Martin Thomas, Metropolitan of the Syrian Church to the Rev P. Joseph Titus who was consecrated as his suffragan

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Therandram
5th January 1899.

My dear Stokes,
Your D.O. of the 21st ultimo asking me for some information regarding Mar Titus Thoma, Metropolitan of the Syrian Church and Rev. P. Joseph Titus who was consecrated on the 9th Idem as his suffragan.

Mar Titus Thoma is the Head of the so-called Reformed Syrian Church officially styled St. Thomas' Syrian Church of Malabar which disowns the Supremacy of Antioch and allegiance to the Patriarch. He asserts the independence of the Malabar Church in matters of Church Government and practice. In consequence of this, the selection and consecration of Bishops of this branch, take place without Staticons or Letters Patent from Syria.

As Mar Thoma is getting old and infirm the Reformed party resolved upon having a Suffragan with right of succession and their choice fell upon Rev. J. Titus a member of the family of the Metropolitan himself which has already supplied two bishops to the Church.

The newly consecrated Bishop also Mar Titus Thoma is a nephew (brother's son)

of the Metropolitan. The consecration took place at the Puthencavoor Church on the 9th Dec. assisted by Mar Kurilos, Metropolitan of the Tellichur Diocese.

The Metropolitan in his letter to His Excellency (herewith returned) requests his kind sympathy and good wishes to the new Bishop and the Church which he represents. As British Resident I have already acknowledged receipt in suitable terms of a similar communication

Yours sincerely
F. A. Nicholson.

To

The Hon'ble G. Stokes
Chief Secretary
to Government.

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Ed.

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Get the Syrian Church India - ment file please & ascertain how these Metropolitans are addressed by Govt.

Cur.S.
16. 1896.

Rel. Refs

~~Phum-tan-ent-an-origina~~
~~which will furnish the~~
~~information~~ ^{Book -} ~~file herewith~~

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CA - On page 224 of Book
File the Patriarch is addressed from India Office as "Your
Aliness" but as Res^t says the Malabar section has started off independently of him & owes no allegiance the expression would probably be inappropriate here - I do not see any letter addressed to this Authority in particular -

On page 239 he is referred to as "Most Reverend" - this is a letter from the Metron -

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D/O No 810.

NOTE FOR THE Chief Secretary -

B. The Private Secretary forwards a letter from the Metropolitan of the Syrian Church commending requesting H.E.'s "support & Good wishes" on the "solemn occasion" of his handing over charge of his appointment of Metropolitan of the Church to Rev P Jos Sibus Kattamar.

Orders are solicited as to whether it would not be advisable to first ask the Res^t J & C - H/o for some information on the matter, forwarding the out going - Metropolitan's letter to him for perusal.

C 2. A draft D/O is subm^t for approval in the event of it being thought advisable to send it & to save time -

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have resolved to have a Supra-
can with right of succession
& their choice fell upon Rev J
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politan's own family - which
has already given two Bishops to
the church.

3. The consecration duly took
place on Dec: 9th last. The
Resident received a similar
communication to that under
reference & acknowledged it,
as Resident, in suitable terms.

4. The request of the retiring
Metropolitan is for His Excellen-
cy's "protecting support & good
wishes" in view of the former's
efforts to maintain peace &
good Govt in the Church
entrusted to him.

For the C.S.

The Resident states that he
has acknowledged, as Resident,
the receipt of a similar
communication and it is
for orders whether under these
circumstances any acknowledgment is required
from H.H. or from Govt.

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I certainly think not.

H. J. V.

A.D.O. of acknowledgment from the
P.E. Sec. with H.H.

R.S.H.
19.1.99

As been sent.



H. J.
Jan 22/99

See. H. J. V.

Note for the C.S.

Subd. that to bring these
papers on record they may be
Recorded. The index & the letter
will not refer to the D.O. or
make any mention of them,
but to the subject of the papers.

Cumb
24.1.99 Very truly
Yours H. J. V.

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

This may go to the

Pt. H.H. the Governor in C.

What D.O.?

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