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[Despatch Abstract.]

Replying to a reference  
from the Govt. regarding  
the functions of Ministers  
of religion who may be  
appointed to be Registrars  
of Births & Deaths under  
Act II of 1886 forward  
up copy of it to the Registrar  
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FROM

C. J. LYALL, Esq., C.I.E.,  
Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

To

THE BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN.

Home Department.  
Judicial.

Calcutta, the 19 December 1889.

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 702, dated the 7th ultimo, communicating the views of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Calcutta upon the proposal made by Mr. Filgate, Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Bombay, that the functions of ministers of religion who may be appointed to be Registrars of Births and Deaths under Act VI of 1886, should not be restricted in the manner indicated in the Home

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Department circular marginally noted, but that the class of persons for whom they may be required to act in that capacity should be that class of the community in respect to which they are, by reason of their respective denominational callings, in the habit of officiating at baptisms and burials.

2. His Lordship, though not satisfied that it is necessary, has no objection to the proposed alteration in the definition, but is apparently apprehensive lest the clergy in their capacity as Registrars may be brought too much under the control of the Registrar General. I am therefore to explain for His Lordship's information that, though section 16 (1) of Act VI of 1886 contemplates that each Registrar of Births and Deaths should have an office at which applicants for registration can attend, there is no intention of giving the Registrar General authority to direct the clergy to open offices as Registrars, and that Local Governments will no doubt arrange that section 16 (2) shall not be applied to clergy on the establishment and will avoid placing them under the direct control of the Registration Department. Their connection with the Registrar General will, the Governor General in Council hopes, be confined to the transmission to him of the documents which the rules promulgated by Home Department Notification No. 1173, dated 19th July 1888, require them to send to him.

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3. In these circumstances the Governor General in Council thinks it best to leave to the Local Governments and Administrations the discretion of deciding whether they will adopt the definition of the duty of the clergy who act as

Registrars which has been suggested by Mr. Filgate or not, and trusts that, in view of the explanation offered in the present letter, the Lord Bishop will be satisfied that the consequences apprehended by His Lordship will not be involved in making over to the clergy on the establishment the duty of registering the ~~baptisms and burials~~ of members of the Church of England.

*births & deaths*

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. J. LYALL,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

No. <sup>12</sup>1744

\* Letter from Bombay Government, No. 3673, dated 5th September 1889, with enclosure.

Letter to Bombay Government, No. 1448, dated 17th October 1889.

Letter to the Bishop's Chaplain, No. 1449 of the same date.

Letter from the Bishop's Chaplain, No. 702, dated 7th November 1889.

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COPY, with copies of the papers marginally noted,\*

forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations marginally noted,  
Foreign Department

for information and guidance, in continuation of the

Circular of 18th July last.  
endorsement No. 246, dated 18th July 1889.

No. <sup>12</sup>1763

COPY, with copy of the letter to which this is a reply, forwarded to the Government of Bombay for information and guidance, with reference to the letter from this Department No. 1448, dated the 17th October last.

By order,

*J. M. Hemmels.*

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Government of Madras.

No. 3673, dated Bombay Castle, the 5th September 1889.

From—J. NUGENT, Esq., C.S., Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General Department.

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

With reference to your letter No. 3—940, dated the 13th July last, stating that His Excellency the Governor General in Council is of opinion that in making appointments under section 12 of Act VI of 1886 the class of persons for whom clergymen may be required to act as Registrars of Births and Deaths should be defined to be those at whose baptisms or funerals they have themselves officiated, I am directed to forward herewith, for the consideration of the Government of India, copy of a letter No. 1962, dated the 3rd ultimo, from the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Bombay.

No. 1962, dated Bombay, the 3rd August 1889.

From—The Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Bombay.

To—The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General Department.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of Government Resolution, General Department, No. 3038, dated the 31st ultimo.

2. As I understand the views of the Governor General in Council as quoted in the preamble to the above quoted Resolution it is contemplated that in future a Minister of Religion appointed as a Registrar of Births and Deaths under Act VI of 1886 shall only be required to register the birth of an infant whom he may have himself baptised or the death of a person at whose funeral he may have himself officiated.

3. I venture, with the very greatest respect, to urge that the registration powers of these Minister-Registrars should not be narrowed down in this manner. If it be laid down that the class of persons for which clergymen may be required to act as Registrars of Births and Deaths should be that class of the community in respect to which these Minister-Registrars are by reason of their respective denominational callings in the habit of officiating at baptisms and burials the object of the Government of India will be secured, and seeing that each Minister-Registrar in this Presidency has jurisdiction as a Registrar throughout the entire Presidency it will enable, let us suppose, a Baptist Minister-Registrar residing at Dharwar to accept and register notice of a birth or death which has occurred amongst the Baptist Community at Karachi and which the tenderer of the notice at Dharwar may have been unable to register at Karachi before his departure from the latter place.

No. 1448, dated Simla, the 17th October 1889.

From—C. J. LYALL, Esq., C.I.E., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India.

To—The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3673, dated the 5th ultimo, submitting for consideration a representation by the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Bombay, in connection with the instructions conveyed in the Home Department

No. 3—940, dated 13th July 1889. circular marginally noted that, in making appointments under section 12 of Act VI of 1886, the class of persons for whom clergymen may be required to act as Registrars of Births and Deaths should be defined to be those at whose baptisms or funerals they have themselves officiated. For the reasons mentioned in his letter, Mr. Filgate urges that the functions of ministers of religion who may be appointed to be Registrars under the Act should not be restricted in the manner indicated in the circular, and that the class of persons for which they may be required to act in that capacity should be that class of the community in respect to which they are, by reason of their respective denominational callings, in the habit of officiating at baptisms and burials.

2. In reply I am to say that the reasons which induced the Government of India to issue the instructions referred to will be gathered from the correspondence with the Bishop's Chaplain, Calcutta, which forms part of the enclosures of the communication from this Department, No. 9—1236, dated the 31st August last. I am at the same time to point out that, as it is left to Local Governments to make the necessary rule in order to secure the object in view,

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the Government of Bombay may, if it thinks fit, instead of defining the class for which clergymen are to be Registrars as those persons at whose baptisms or burials they *have officiated*, adopt the definition proposed by Mr. Filgate.

No. 1449, dated Simla, the 17th October 1889.

From—J. P. HAWERT, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India.

To—The Bishop's Chaplain.

With reference to the correspondence ending with the letter from this Department, No. 1145, dated the 16th August last, I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a communication\* from the Government of Bombay, submitting a representation by the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Bombay, in connection with the instructions conveyed in Home Department Circular of 13th July last that, in making appointments under section 12 of Act VI of 1886, the class of persons for whom clergymen may be required to act as Registrars of Births and Deaths should be defined to be those at whose baptisms or funerals they have themselves officiated. It will be seen that for the reasons mentioned in his letter Mr. Filgate urges that the functions of ministers of religion who may be appointed to be Registrars under the Act should not be restricted in the manner indicated in the circular, and that the class of persons for which they may be required to act in that capacity should be that class of the community in respect to which they are, by reason of their respective denominational callings, in the habit of officiating at baptisms and burials. I am to enquire whether this suggestion commends itself to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop.

\* No. 3673, dated 5th September 1889.

No. 702, dated (on tour, Morar), the 7th November 1889.

From—The Reverend H. O. MOORE, Bishop's Chaplain.

To—The Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1449 (Judicial), dated the 17th October 1889,

\* Copy of Government, Bombay, to Home Department, No. 3673, dated 5th September 1889.  
Registrar General, Bombay, to Government, Bombay, No. 1932, dated 3rd August 1889.

together with enclosure,\* on the subject of the limitation of the duties of Clerical Registrars of Births and Deaths.

2. I am directed to say in reply that the Bishop of Calcutta never contemplated that the recommendations issued by the Government of India to Local Governments defining what was to be required of the Clergy would necessarily have the effect of absolutely restricting them within the limits there laid down. His Lordship considered that Clergy who were Registrars would be at liberty, and, he hoped, also willing, to act for any member of their own communion, whenever there was any good reason for so doing. His Lordship expected that the effect of the limitation would be that as a general rule those persons who wished to register a birth or death would do so at the time of the baptism or burial. If this were the general practice it would be unnecessary for the Clergy to have a Registration Office, or for the Registrar General to fix for them times of attendance, which would be both impracticable and undesirable; and in consequence His Lordship thinks that the Clergy would be less disinclined to accept the office.

3. If, however, the Government of India is of opinion that the present definition of the duties of Clergy who are Registrars will have the effect of preventing them altogether from acting outside the limits laid down, His Lordship has no objection to their duties being defined as suggested by Mr. Filgate. But he is of opinion that the alteration is hardly necessary, and that it would be undesirable should it have the effect, by widening the limits within which they would be expected as a general rule to act, of making it necessary for the Clergy to keep a Registry Office, and to be under the orders of the head of another department than their own as to times of attendance; or should it have the effect of making the Clergy still more disinclined to accept the office.

4. I am to add that His Lordship feels very strongly that it cannot be expected that the Clergy will be able to undertake these duties, if it should be considered necessary for them to keep such an Office and times of attendance fixed by the Registrar General; and further that His Lordship feels bound to support the Clergy, as ecclesiastical officers, in declining to place themselves in any degree under the direct control of the Registration Department.

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From

The Govt: of India  
Home Dept.

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SUBJECT.

Regarding the functions of  
ministers of religion who may  
be appointed to be Registrars  
of Births and Deaths under  
Act II of 1886.

ABSTRACT.

Letter of 30th Jan 90 No 65  
to the Secy to the Govt of India  
Home Dept. (Judicial).  
14th Jan

19.11.89, I am directed to inform  
you that the only Clergymen  
in this Presidency who are  
Reg: of Births & Deaths are those  
in Mysore who were appointed  
by the B.G. in Foreign Dept. No.  
342-I, published at page 53  
of the Gazette of India d/26.1.89,  
and it rests with the Supreme  
Govt to modify the terms of that  
order or not as it seems best.  
2. Of the two Clergymen of the  
Madras Establishment named in  
the order the Rev. J. N. Ogilvie  
alone continues to serve in  
Mysore.  
3. The remarks in para 2 of your  
letter under reply, will be con-  
sidered by the Reg: Genl. of B. & D. for  
guidance.

Letter of 30th Jan 90 No 66  
Copy forwarded - in contr: of B.  
No 662 d/7.8.89 - to the Secy of B.  
D. & D. for information and  
guidance with ref: to para 2  
of the Govt of India's letter.

JDB.  
17.1.90.

To  
The Reg: Genl. of B.  
D. & D.  
with SC. Encls.

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