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[Despatch Abstract.]

Referring to interference in
the cases of justice in
regulations in certain
States. Christian mas-
sages brought to notice
by Revd J.C. Perkins
Madras Dist.

Order 14th July 91 No. 578

From

The Rev. J. E. Perkins

Madras District.

The Govt. cannot interfere in these cases.

The Petitioner is referred to Sections 497 and 494 of the Indian Penal Code ~~and the provisions of the~~

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13 July.

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Dated 9th June 1891

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Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Calling attention to the irregularities of Native Christian marriages

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
18, No. , MISCELLANEOUS.

ENCLOSURE.

CURRENT No.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

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By threatening to write to the government
I have succeeded in stopping many irregularities.

The above mentioned parties have defied me to do
the worst + Several copies are waiting to see
the result of my application to you.

If the above named parties cannot be punished
there are several standing ready to put away their
wives + great license will be given to the members of
the above castes to act in this irregular manner.

I therefore ask that you will be
good enough to give the matter some attention + instruct
me as to what method to pursue.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

J. C. Perkins

Snuffunkota
June 29. 1891

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the house but she is unwilling to live there while these relations are existing between her husband & this woman.

The difficulty there is apparent namely, the husband does not thrust his wife out & is willing to support her but he is living unlawfully with this other woman the so called wife of his little brother.

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In Paralechi a village near Kamati.
David & Sandai were married in accordance with
the Christian Marriage Act -

The wife left her husband a year & half ago & returned to her parents house and lived there in adultery with another man. A year ago the woman's father & mother married her after the Hindu custom to this other man. Every effort to reunite the couple has proved of no avail.

Therefore I have the honor to apply
to you for intervention in the above matters.

These troubles only arise in the Pariah & Pallar
Castes of our Christian Community. The higher Castes
give no trouble in this matter. But someone of the
above named Castes is always endeavoring to annul
the requisition of the Christian Marriage Act.

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7-7-20
From

The Rev. J. C. Perkins

Aruppukota

Madras Dist

To The Hon Chief Secretary to Government

Madras,

Sir, I have the honor of calling your attention to certain irregularities in marriage among a certain class of our native Christians.

About 8 or 9 years ago one Rajandram Son of Y. Samuel of Mallempatty near Aruppukota married Kelai in accordance with the Christian Marriage Act.

They have a Son born to them who is now about 5 years old. The husband Rajandram becoming attached to another woman one Kallathampal daughter of Kammam of Mallempatty, cruelly treated his wife, thrust her out & he & his father have an illegal marriage performed between the above named girl & his 9 years old brother.

Thus there is an apparent reason for the girl living in the house of Rajandram & now the said Rajandram withdraws his opposition to his wife living in the

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The offences are apparently adultery and bigamy - sections 497 and 494 of the Penal Code. But in accordance with the footnote at page 193 cognizance may be taken of an offence under § 494 only on complaint by an aggrieved party and under 497^{only} on complaint by the husband, in this case a child of nine. As in both cases both marriages were not under the act (xv of 1872) it is not known whether the law applies. In any case the Govt. does not seem able to interfere in the matter.

The Govt. cannot interfere in these cases - must refer to petitioners to the courts

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The petition which is signed by the Revd. Mr. Jenkins looks somewhat like the introduction of some sheep of this flock who has had a difference with his neighbours. He is actually business men but he has nothing to do.

J.B.B.

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