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Marriages between Native
Christians Requesting
the Right Rev. the Bishop
& the Senior Chaplain
Church of Scotland
to take the necessary
steps for the Register
General of Birth Deaths
& Marriages being pro-
posed in future with
extracts from registers
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17TH JULY 1891, No. 585, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From M.R.Ry. S. SRINIVASA RAGHAVAIYANGAR Avargal, Diwan Bahadur, Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 29th April 1891, G. No. 222.

I have the honour to submit, for the orders of Government, copies of the correspondence noted in the margin between the Registrar of the Diocese and myself in regard to the omission of Clergymen of the Church of England belonging to the Diocese as well as Clergymen of the Church of Scotland to furnish to my office extracts from the register books kept by them under section 37 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, in

respect of marriages between Native Christians.

2. While extracts from the register books of Native Christian marriages have been received from Roman Catholic Clergymen under sections 62 and 64 of the Act, none have been received from either the Clergymen of the Church of England or of the Church of Scotland although many marriages between Native Christians must have been solemnized by them. I accordingly brought the omission to the notice of the Registrar of the Diocese and asked him to state why the extracts referred to are not being forwarded as required by law.

3. Mr. Rowlandson has stated in reply that extracts from the registers of Native Christian marriages have not hitherto been furnished as in the rules sanctioned in 1874 under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, it is expressly stated that returns of marriages of Native Christians were not required by Government. He points out that as the evidential value of extracts from Church of England registers is not fully admitted in this country such returns coming in from Native Clergy in vernacular languages would not be reliable and that the original registers which when completed have to be deposited in my office would supply more trustworthy data for "statistical and other purposes." He further suggests that rule No. 6, head IV of the rules of 1874 which was expunged when the rules were revised in 1888 under G.O., dated 15th September 1888, No. 902, Public, should be restored.

4. Sections 62 and 64 before they were amended by Act VI of 1886, required that true extracts from marriage register books of Native Christians duly authenticated should be deposited at such places as the Local Government might direct; and in rule 6, head IV of the rules of 1874, it was directed that the extracts from the registers should be deposited on the 31st December of each year as follows:—by the Clergymen of the Church of England, in the office of the Registrar of the Arch-deaconry; and by the other Clergymen, in the office of the Senior Marriage Registrar of Madras. Since the passing of Act IV of 1886, the extracts should have been deposited in the office of the Registrar-General of Madras under rule 7, head I of the revised rules sanctioned in G.O., dated 26th February 1889, No. 189, Public. From Mr. Rowlandson's letter it is clear that the provisions of the law and rules have not been given effect to almost from the commencement. The statement in head IV, rule 6 of the rules of 1874 to the effect that the returns of marriages between Native Christians were not required by Government does not affect the present question.

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What was meant then was that returns of marriages of Native Christians need not be forwarded to Government for transmission to the Secretary of State to whom returns concerning *European Christians* have alone to be furnished.

5. The result is that the indexes required to be kept in this office under section 7 of Act VI of 1886 are incomplete. I beg, therefore, that Government will issue orders for certified copies of entries in registers of marriages between Native Christians being furnished to my office by Clergymen of the Church of England and of Scotland through the Registrar of the Diocese. I do not quite understand Mr. Rowlandson's remark in regard to the doubtful evidential value of the registers kept by Clergymen of the Church of England, as since in 1864 these registers have been kept under a special enactment and are therefore receivable in evidence in courts of justice under section 37 of the Evidence Act.

ENCLOSURES.

From M.R.Ry. S. SRINIVASA RAGHAVAIYANGAR Avargal, Diwan Bahadur, Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, to the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras, dated Madras, 9th January 1891, No. 11-G.

Section 64 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, read together with section 37 and section 62 as amended by section 30, clause (c) of Act VI of 1886, requires every person solemnizing marriages between Native Christians to maintain a register book and to deposit true extracts therefrom duly authenticated in the office of the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages. I find that while extracts from the registers of Native Christian marriages are being received from Roman Catholic Clergymen, none have been received hitherto from the Clergymen of the Churches of England and Scotland; and consequently the indexes prepared in this office under section 7 of Act VI of 1886 are incomplete. May I request the favour of your informing me whether Government has issued any order in past years on this subject and why the true extracts above referred to are not being forwarded to this office by the Clergymen of the Churches of England and Scotland who solemnize marriages between Native Christians.

From F. ROWLANDSON, Esq., Registrar of the Diocese of Madras, to the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, dated Madras, 29th January 1891, No. 315.

I have now the honour to reply to your letter of the 9th instant.

2. By an order of Government, dated 22nd February 1866, the Registrar of the Diocese was requested to instruct the Clergy to furnish him with quarterly returns in duplicate of *all* marriages, but it was directed that for the sake of convenience the returns for "Native" Christians should be kept separate from those for "European" Christians.

This Government order was superseded by the "rules" of March 14, 1874, which expressly say that returns of marriages between Native Christians are not required by Government.

This rule has not been introduced into the rules (without date) which are apparently now in force, but these rules are issued concurrently and in the same volume with those for the submission of quarterly returns of baptisms and burials of "*European Christians*," and the first of such rules commences with the words in italics "*in addition to*" and runs on "the quarterly marriage returns required under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872," &c. And rule 4 is that "these returns are to include no entries in respect of Native Christians." Under these circumstances, I have not altered the practice of this office.

I am not aware why the returns of baptisms and burials of Native Christians are not required whilst those of European Christians are. I suppose the births and deaths of both races alike are recorded "for statistical and other purposes."

3. The evidential value of extracts from Church of England registers does not appear to be fully admitted in this country and such returns coming in from Native Clergy in vernacular languages through this office to your office would not, I submit, be safe material for the preparation of statistics, &c. The original register books when filled have to be sent in for record, and these will supply data of as approximately a correct value as is probably to be obtained through this agency.

The cost of collecting from all parts of the Diocese these returns from the Native Clergy who are ordained ministers of the Church of England (now over two hundred in number) of recording one copy in my office and of transmitting one copy to your office has also to be taken into account.

4. I trust, therefore, that you will move the Government for the restoration of No. 6 of "head IV" of the rules of 1874, if indeed it has ever been formally rescinded or superseded.

From M.R.Ry. S. SRINIVASA RAGHAVAIYANGAR Avargal, Diwan Bahadur, Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, to the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras, dated Madras, 8th April 1891, No. 157-G.

With reference to your letter, dated 29th January 1891, No. 315, I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to favour me with information as to whether under sections 62 and 64 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, and rule 6, head IV of "the rules of March 14, 1874," true extracts from register books of marriages of Native Christians were regularly deposited in your office by the Clergymen of the Church of England till the new rules came into force in 1888.

From F. ROWLANDSON, Esq., Registrar of the Diocese of Madras, to the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, dated Madras, 13th April 1891, No. 24.

With reference to your G. No. 157 of the 8th instant, I have the honour to inform you that true extracts from register books of marriages of Native Christians were not and are not regularly deposited in this office. Some such returns have come.

Reference—dated 20th May 1891.

This correspondence will be referred to the Right Reverend the Bishop and the Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland, for favour of remarks.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Right Reverend the Bishop.
„ Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland.

From Rev. J. N. OGILVIE, Acting Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 1st June 1891, No. 23.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of L. No. 1309 of 1891, dated 20th May 1891, containing copies of correspondence between the Registrar of the Diocese and the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, regarding the non-transmission of the returns of marriages of Native Christians, celebrated by Clergymen of the Churches of England and Scotland.

2. No returns of marriages between Native Christians have been received by the Senior Chaplain; and on communicating with the Native Clergy of the church, I find that they have not been in the habit hitherto of forwarding such returns to any quarter.

3. A minute examination of those sections in the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872 as amended by Act VI of 1886), which are referred to by the Registrar-General, convinces me that in this matter there has been an unintentional omission of duty on the part of the Native Clergy of the Church of Scotland, due solely to ignorance of the provisions of the Act.

4. I would, however, respectfully submit that upon this point the Act has not the transparent clearness which is to be desired in dealing with the duties of a class of men, such as the Native Clergy, who are unaccustomed to interpreting legal enactments. Section 31, which deals with the returns of *European* marriages, is clear and definite; but before one can ascertain how the *Native* Clergy are to proceed, section 64 has to be read together with section 37 and section 62, as amended by section 30, clause (c) of Act VI of 1886. Under these circumstances, I think it would be desirable that a definite ruling should be given on the subject.

5. As, however, an omission has undoubtedly been made, I have communicated with the Native Clergy on the subject, desiring them in future to forward their returns of marriage quarterly to the Senior Chaplain, as directed in the Marriage Act of 1872.

From Rev. S. MORLEY, B.A., Bishop's Chaplain, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 26th June 1891, No. 989.

With reference to Current No. 1309 of 1891, I am desired by the Right Reverend the Bishop to state that uniformity of practice throughout India seems very desirable in regard to the transmission of certified copies of marriages of Native Christians by the Registrars of the Dioceses to the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages. But it will be seen in the enclosed letters from the Registrars of the Dioceses of Calcutta and Bombay that the Registrar of Calcutta does not send returns of marriages of Native Christians at all, such returns not being required by the Secretary of State in England; and that the Registrar of Bombay (as it seems) sends returns of marriages of Native Christians if performed by Chaplains and others authorized to keep Diocesan registers, but not otherwise.

Hence it would appear that to require the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras to send to the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages certified copies of all marriages of Native Christians would not only add greatly to the labour of the Registrar's office, but would be different from the practice in the other Dioceses.

2. The papers under reference are herewith returned.

ENCLOSURES.

From T. A. PEARSON, Esq., Officiating Registrar of the Diocese of Calcutta, to the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras, dated Calcutta, 16th June 1891, No. 7385-C.

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, I beg to inform you that returns of marriages of Native Christians are not sent in by this office to the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, such returns not being required by the Secretary of State in England.

From F. Y. SMITH, Esq., Registrar of the Diocese of Bombay, to the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras, dated Bombay, 17th June 1891, No. 100.

In reply to your letter, No. 113, of the 12th instant, I have the pleasure to inform you that in compliance with a resolution of the Bombay Government, Ecclesiastical Department, No. 107, of the 23rd November 1889, certified copies of the quarterly returns of marriages are now periodically sent by me, in duplicate, to the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages in accordance with section 29 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, as modified by section 30 (b) of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act VI of 1886.

2. The above returns are only those returns which are made by Chaplains and others authorized to keep Diocesan registers, but they include marriages of some Native Christians.

ORDER—dated 17th July 1891, No. 585, Public.

In the opinion of Government the law on the subject is perfectly clear. Section 64 of Act XV of 1872 makes the provisions of section 62 as amended applicable to the books kept under section 37.

2. The Right Reverend the Bishop and the Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland, will be requested to take the necessary steps for ensuring compliance with the provisions of the law in future.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Right Reverend the Bishop.
 " Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland.
 " Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
 " Registrar of the Diocese.

Exd. P. L. Pereira.

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the Evidence Act.

I have the honor to be,
Yours most obedt,
Wm. Howard

James
Registrar
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Sub No 1309

Public (1891) Department
(Registration of Births, Deaths
and Marriages)

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Reference on No. 1309 of 1891.

In replying the above should be quoted.



Public DEPARTMENT.

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Ref.

27th May 1891
17 May

This correspondence
will be referred to the
Rt. Revd. the Bishop &
the Senior Chaplain,
Church of Scotland,
for favor of remarks.

From

The Registrar General of
Births, Deaths and Marriages
Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government,
Botacumund.

Dated 29 April } 1891
Received 5th May

G. P. 222.

Enclosures (four)

Requesting that orders
may be issued for extracts
from register of marriages
between Native Christians
being furnished to Registrar
General's office by Clergy-
men of the Churches of
England and Scotland

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This correspondence will be referred to
the Rt. Reverend the Bishop and the Senior
Chaplain, Church of Scotland, for favor of
remarks.

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Major, R.
Under Secretary, P.W.D.
for Chief Secretary?

Botacumund,
20th May 1891.

Re-Rvd. the Bishop
Senior Chap. of Scotland

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To

The Right Reverend the Bishop,
with original Enclosure

Registration Department
(Births, Deaths and Marriages.)

G. No. 11.

From

M. A. M. S. Srinivasa Raghavayanga Swamikal,
Dewan Bahadur,
Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages,
Madras.

To
The Registrar of
The District,
Madras.

Madras, the 9th January 1891.

Sir,

Section 61 of the Indian Christian
Marriage Act, 1872, read together
with Section 37 and Section 62 as
amended by Section 30 Clause (c) of
Act II of 1885 requires every person
solemnizing marriages between Native
Christians to maintain a register book
and to deposit true extracts therefrom
duly authenticated in the office of the
Registrar General of Births, Deaths and
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from the registers of Native Christian
Marriages

marriages are being received from Roman Catholic Clergymen, none have been received hitherto from the clergymen of the Churches of England and Scotland; and consequently the indexes prepared in this office under Section 7 of Act II of 1866 are incomplete.

I request the favor of your informing me whether Government has issued any order in past years on this subject and why the true extracts above referred to are not being forwarded to this office by the clergymen of the Churches of England and Scotland who by marriage contracts become naturalized Christians.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. S. S. Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

(True Copy)

Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Diocesan Registry
Madras, 29th January 1891.

No. 315.

From

The Registrar of the Diocese of Madras.

To

The Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages,
Mount Road, Madras.

Sir,

I have now the honor to reply to your letter of the 9th instant.

2. By an order of Government dated 22nd February 1866, the Registrar of the Diocese was requested to instruct the Clergy to furnish him with Quarterly Returns in duplicate, of all marriages, but it was directed that for the sake of convenience the Returns for "Native" Christians should be kept separate from those for "European" Christians.

This G. O. was superseded by the

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"Rules" of March 18, 1874, which expressly say that ~~Records of~~ Marriages between Native Christians are not required by Government.

This Rule has not been introduced into the Rules (without date) which are apparently now in force, but these rules are issued concurrently and in the same volume with those for the ~~Records of~~ Quarterly Returns of Baptisms and Burials of "European Christians," and the ~~fact~~ of ~~these~~ ~~being~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~volume~~ with the ~~words~~ in ~~the~~ ~~Rules~~ "in ~~the~~ ~~Records~~" and ~~have~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~Quarterly~~ ~~Marriage~~ ~~Returns~~ ~~which~~ ~~are~~ ~~the~~ ~~Native~~ ~~Christian~~ ~~Marriage~~ ~~Act~~ ~~1874~~ ~~and~~ Rule 4 is that "These Returns are to include no entries in respect of Native Christians." Under these circumstances I have not allowed the practice of this office.

I am not aware why the Returns of Baptisms and Burials of Native Christians

Christians are not required whilst those of European Christians are. I suppose the Births and Deaths of both races alike are recorded "for statistical and other purposes."

3. The evidential value of extracts from Church of England Registers does not appear to be fully admitted in this country and such returns coming in from Native Clergy in Vernacular Languages through this office to your office would not I submit be safe material for the preparation of Statistics &c. The original Register books when filled have to be sent in for Record, and these will supply data of as approximately a correct value, as is probably to be obtained through this Agency.

The cost of collecting from all parts of the Diocese these returns from the Native Clergy who are ordained ministers of the Church of England (now over two hundred in number) of recording one copy

in my office and of transmitting one
copy to your office has also to be
taken into account.

4. I trust therefore that you
will advise the Government for the
restoration of Art 6 of "Head IV" of
the Rules of 1874, - if indeed it
has ever been formally rescinded
or superseded.

I have
(signed) H. Rawlandson
Registrar

(True copy)

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Registrar General of

Births, Deaths and Marriages

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Registration Department.
(Births, Deaths and Marriages.)

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G. No 157

From

M. R. S. Srinivasa Raghavayyar Esq.,
Deewan Bahadur,
Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages,
Madras.

To

The Registrar of
The District of
Madras.

Madras, the 8th April 1891.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated
29th January 1891, No. 315, I have the
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good enough to favor me with inform-
ation as to whether under sections
62 and 64 of the Indian Christian
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I have &c.

(Signed) S. Srinivasa Raghavayyer

Registrar General of
Births, Deaths and Marriages

(True copy)

Srinivasa Raghavayyer

Registrar General of
Births, Deaths and Marriages

Diocesan Registry
Madras, 13th April 1891.

No 24.

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The Registrar of the Diocese of
Madras.

To

The Registrar General of
Births, Deaths and Marriages,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your G. No. 159 of the 8th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that true extracts from Register books of Marriages of Native Christians were not and are not regularly deposited in this office. Some such returns have come.

I have &c

(Signed) H. R. R. R.
Registrar

(True copy)

Srinivasa Raghavayyer

Registrar General of
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S.^t Andrews Church
Madras
1st June 1891

From
The Ag. Senior Chaplain
Church of Scotland
Madras

To The Honble,
The Chief Secretary to Government.
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I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of L^{tr} N^o 1309 of 1891, dated 20th May 1891, containing copies of correspondence between the Registrar of the Diocese & the Registrar General of Births Deaths & Marriages, regarding the non-transmission of the Returns of Marriages of Native Christians celebrated by clergymen of the Churches of England and Scotland.

2. No returns of marriages between Native Christians have been

been received by the Senior Chaplain,
and on communicating with the
Native Clergy of the Church I find
that they have not been in the
habit hitherto of forwarding such
returns to any quarter.

3. A minute examination of those
Sections in the Indian Christian
Marriage Act (IX of 1872, as amended
by Act VI of 1886), which are re-
ferred to by the Registrar General,
convinces me that in this matter
there has been an unintentional
omission of duty on the part of
the Native Clergy of the Church of
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the Senior Chaplain, as directed in
the marriage act of 1872.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
James H. Ogilvie
Senior Chaplain

Public Department

From

The Rev Senior Chaplain,
Church of Scotland,
Madras

No. 23.

Dated 1st }
Recd 3^d } June 1891.

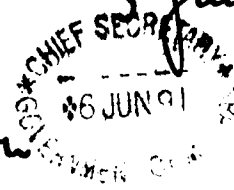
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Native Christians Celebrated by Clergymen
of the Churches of England & Scotland
is not quite clear & that he ^{has now} directed
native Clergy to forward the Returns in future

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Obtained

5 June 1891



To

The Hon. Secy

The Chief Secretary to Government

Dear Sir,

The Bishop desires me
to say that before replying to
your reference of Chs 1309
of 1891 Public Dept. he is
inquiring what is the custom
with regard to this matter.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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From The Bishop's Chaplain

Awaiting reply from
the R. & Secy. the
Bishop. 20th

10/11/91

No.

Dated 5th }
Received 6th } June 1891
Enclosures nil.

SUBJECT.

Inquiring what Custom prevails
in the Dioceses of Calcutta &
Bombay regarding the furnishing
of extracts to the Reg. Genl. office
by clergy men of the Church of
England & Scotland.

Diocesan Registry office
No. 3. Hastings Street
Calcutta 16th June 1891

no 9386B.

From

S. A. Pearson Esq.
Offg: Registrar of the Diocese
To The Registrar of the Diocese of
Madras

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant,
I beg to inform you that returns of marriages of
Native Christians are not sent in by this office to the
Registrar General of Births & Deaths and Marriages;
such returns not being required by the Secretary of
State in England.

x x x x x x

Yours very truly,
/ signed / S. A. Pearson
Offg: Registrar

(True copy)

J. R. Anderson
Registrar

Cotacumand, 26 June 1891.

, B.A.,

TOP'S CHAPLAIN,

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

With the Governor

Stonehouse Hill

Reference to C. N. 1309 of 1891
by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop
uniformity of practice through-
out is very desirable in regard
to the issue of certified copies
of Native Christians by the
the Dioceses to the Registrar
the Deaths and Marriages.
As seen in the enclosed
the Registrars of the
Calcutta & Bombay that
of Calcutta does not
of marriages of Native
all, such returns not
by the Secretary of State
and that the Registrar of
to send) sends returns
of Native Christians if
Chaplains and others
Keep Diocesan Registers,

It would appear that the
Registrar of the Diocese

Madras to send to the Reg.
of Births, Deaths and Marriages
copies of all marriages of N.
would not only add greatly to
of the Registrar's office, but
different from the practice
dioceses.

The papers under reference
returned. —

I have the honor,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt.

J. J. J.
Bishop's Chapel

Public (1891) Deptt

No. 989

From

REV. S. MORLEY

BISH

To

THE HONORABLE

from

The Bishop's Chaplain

SIR,

With ref
I am desired
to state that in
Bombay India seem
to the transmission
of marriages of
Registrars of
General of B.
But it will be
letters from
Dioceses of &
the Registrar
send returns of
Christians at
being required
in England & C.

Subject
Bombay (as in Re Transmission of certified
of marriages performed by priests of marriage of Native Christians
authorized to register marriages in the Dioceses of the
but not otherwise registered of B. & C. & D.

Hence it
require the A. W. & C.

No. 989.

Dated 26th June 1891.

Recd 26th

Enc. 1309 & 4 enclosed
+ Enc. 2.

Master General
pages, certified
positive Christians
in the labour
; would be
in the other

ence are herewith

to be,

J. D. Servant,

Shy.
min.

Order 17th July 91 N^o 555

C. 1309, 1624 & 1835.

In the opinion of Govt:
the law on the subject
is perfectly clear. Section
64 of Act XV of 1872 makes
the provisions of Section
62 as amended applicable
to the books kept under
Section 37.

The Rt. Revd: the
Bishop and the Senior
Chaplain, Church of
Scotland, will be requested
to take the necessary steps
for ensuring compliance
with the provisions of
the law in future.

/ From orders/

30B.

15/7.

To The Rt. Revd: the Bishop
" Sen: Chap: Ch: of Scot.
" Regr: Genl: of B. D. & C.
" Regr: of the Diocese

4/8/91

Public currents 1309, 1624,
1648 and 1835.

The Registrar General
brings to notice the omission
on the part of clergy men
both European & Native
of the Churches of England
& Scotland to furnish his
office with extracts from
their registers of marriage
between native Christians
in accordance with the
provisions of Sections 57,
62, 63 & 64 of Act XV of 1872.

The Senior Chaplain of the
Church of Scotland regrets
the unintentional omission
of duty, and has issued
necessary instructions to
the native clergy for their
future guidance. He sug-
gests the promulgation
of a clear and definite
ruling on the point as
native clergy "are un-
accustomed to interpret
legal enactments."

The Rt. Revd: the Bishop
desires uniformity of
practice throughout
and, as he has ascertained
that extracts of the Re-
ferred to are not pro-
vided universally.

change in this Presidency

The sections of the Act noted seem quite clear and the fact that the Secretary of State does not require returns of marriages between native Hindus or not - it is submitted - affect the question. Because the provisions of the Act be not complied with in other Presidencies may be held to be a sufficient excuse for all adras following suit.

It is submitted that other orders should issue for the due observance of the provisions of the Act in this Presy and a copy of the whole correspondence forwarded to India for information; or India should be addressed in view to definite general orders being issued either on the submission of the acts referred to or laying on that such extracts should not be furnished to the Rep: Genl. as directed in the Act.

The law is hereby amended; but it remains as explained elsewhere in the Act. The law is hereby amended; but it remains as explained elsewhere in the Act.

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Attest
11/11/11