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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Regarding the
marriage of a niece**2/12**RTS 2-19-91*

Notice of Marriage

To

The Register of Cannalore.

Sir

I hereby give you notice that a marriage is intended to be held within three Calendar months from the date hereof between me and the other party herein named

Name	Condition	Rank or position	Age	Residing place	Length of residence	Church, chapel or place of worship in which the marriage is to be performed	District in which the other party resides when the parties dwell in different districts.
George Thupthorp	Bachelor	Engineer in M. R. C.	37	Podanur	Six years	Register's Office	Bangalore.
my wife	Spinster		19	Podanur	Four years		

Witness my hand this 30th day of August 1891.

(True Copy)
E. W. Watkins
M. R.

(sd) George Thupthorp.

Combaton Marriage Registrar's Office

Combaton

2nd September 1891

From

E. W. Wilkins

Marriage Registrar of Combaton

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Ootacamund

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a true copy of a
"Notice of Marriage" that has been served upon me
as Marriage Registrar by a Mr. Thompson of Podanur
in the District from which you will observe that he
wishes me to celebrate a marriage between himself and
his niece (Sister's daughter). The parties are Eng-
lish Protestants and I have, consequently,
great doubts as to whether such a marriage is per-
missible, i.e., whether the parties are not within the
prohibited degrees of kindred ^{and} affinity, and whether
I would be justified or not in refusing to marry them.
By English Law, to them within the Protestant Com-
munion, marriage with a Sister's daughter is forbid-

(Vide the Table of Kindred and affinity in the Book of Common Prayer). But there is no Indian enactment embodying this Table or expressly making it applicable to persons domiciled in this country, and it seems doubtful whether persons in the position of the parties to the proposed marriage are subject to its prohibitions.

I feel a difficulty in determining, in consequence, what course to pursue in this case, ^{and} should ^I be called upon to issue the Certificate referred to in Section 41 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, especially as the Act throws on a marriage Registrar the responsibility of determining whether or no there exists a "lawful impediment" to the issue of the Certificate. I have therefore determined on submitting the matter to Government, and I do so the more especially in order to draw the attention of Government to the general uncertainty that exists ~~in this~~ with regard to the law in this matter. The Indian Christian Marriage Act refers in an indefinite vague way to "impediments of kindred and affinity", "lawful hindrances" and "lawful impediments" and leaves the public to find out for itself if it can what constitutes such.

I shall be obliged by an early reply to this reference.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedt. servant

E. W. Little

Public Dept

2593 H.M.

From The Marriage Registrar,
Coimbatore

Order. 5th Sept 91 No 757

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The Table of Kindred
and affinity in the
Prayer Book should be
taken as a guide.
The Marriage Registrar
should at once inform
the person by whom the
notice was given that
he cannot issue a
Certificate or proceed
further in the matter.

27th Sept 1891
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I am now prepared to back the
Prayer book as a rule but need
not do so if deemed necessary. The
person giving notice must send in
the 24 form of the Marriage Reg.
Form under sec 4b.

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To

The Marriage Registrar, Coimbatore

Enquiring whether
Catholic marriage
can be celebrated.

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

ENCLOSURES.

CURRENT No.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

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STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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