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No. 1377.

FROM

P. G. MELITUS, Esq.,

Under-Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Home Department.
Judicial.

Simla, the 19th October 1891.

SIR,

WITH reference to the correspondence ending with the endorsement from the Government of Madras No. 295, dated the 18th April 1890, on the subject of the duties of clergymen as Registrars of Births and Deaths under

* No. 154, dated 6th August 1891.

Act VI of 1886, I am directed to forward a copy of a letter* from the Resident at

Hyderabad and of its enclosures, from which it will appear that some of the chaplains of the Church of England on the Madras establishment, employed in the Cantonment of Secunderabad and the Hyderabad State, and the Reverend J. Dobie, Chaplain of the Church of Scotland, Secunderabad and Trimulgherry, are not prepared to undertake the duties of Registrars under the Act. I am

Circular No. 3-939, dated 13th July 1889.
Endorsement No. 12-1744, dated 19th December 1889.

to invite attention to the communications from this Department marginally noted, and to request that, with the permission

of the Governor in Council, the Bishop of Madras and the Senior Chaplain of the Church of Scotland may be invited to issue to the Chaplains concerned any instructions similar to those given in the case of the Calcutta Diocese that may be necessary in order to secure that they shall undertake the work of registration.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

P. G. Melitus

Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

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From—Sir DENNIS FITZPATRICK, K.C.S.I., Resident at Hyderabad,

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

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Dated Trimulgherry, the 6th July 1891.

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To—The First Assistant Resident at Hyderabad.

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To—J. A. Crawford, Esq., First Assistant Resident at Hyderabad.

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No. 3971-I.

A copy of the foregoing * letter is forwarded to the Home Department for favour of issue of such orders as may be necessary.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT,

Simla, the 26th September 1891.

By order &c.,

C. ARCHER, *Lieutenant,*

Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

* From the Resident at Hyderabad No. 154, dated the 31st August 1891, and enclosures.

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The Government of India.

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Revd: the Bishop and
the Senior Chaplain,
Church of Scotland,
with copies of fcs. of

7.8.89 & 30.1.90, & Nos
662 and 65 respectively.
attention is invited to
the request of the G. of India

Note

India asks that the Bishop
& Sen: Chap: may be invited
to issue instructions. It is
subd: that, with ref: to f.p.
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sufficient to simply com-
municate the letter, & draw
attention to the G.O.B. request.

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Re: Revd the Bishop
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To—The First Assistant Resident at Hyderabad.

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His Highness the Nizam's Dominions,

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TOUCHING your Circular No. 3212 of 1891 and dated 30th June 1891, I desire to say that I have no objection to being appointed Registrar of Births and Deaths under rule 12 of the Secunderabad Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration law, 1888 (published in Residency Orders of the 15th March 1889), in Secunderabad and Trimulgherry.

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To—The First Assistant Resident at Hyderabad.

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No. 63, dated Secunderabad, the 20th July 1891.

From—The REV. C. H. S. WRIGHT, M. A., Chaplain of Secunderabad,

To—J. A. Crawford, Esq., First Assistant Resident at Hyderabad.

REFERRING to your Circular No. 3677 of 1891, I have the honour to inform you that I have not received your Circular letter No. 3212 of 30th June 1891.

I have the honour to state that, my registers being admissible under the existing law of evidence, I must refuse to send them to the Registrar-General for Secunderabad.

No. 3971-I.

A COPY of the foregoing * letter is forwarded to the Home Department for favour of issue of such orders as may be necessary.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT,

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From—Sir DENNIS FITZPATRICK, K.C.S.I., Resident at Hyderabad,

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

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the information of the Government of India, copies of the correspondence marked in the margin, with reference to the voluntary registration of births and deaths amongst certain classes of persons in the Cantonment of Secunderabad and the Hyderabad State.

Circular letters, No. 3212, dated 30th June 1891, and No. 3677, dated 17th July 1891.

Replies to the above.

Letter dated 6th July from	Rev. W. G. Barry.
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" " 20th " "	Rev. C. H. S. Wright.

2. I understood that the objects of the Act and the duty of Government chaplains to co-operate in giving effect to it had been explained to them through the proper channels. If this has not been done, I would beg to suggest that it should be.

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From—LIEUTENANT C. H. PRITCHARD, for First Assistant Resident at Hyderabad,

To—The REV. A. H. B. BRITTAIN, Church of England, Secunderabad.

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2. I am to explain that your duties as Registrar would be confined to the persons at whose baptisms or burials you yourself actually officiate, and that your co-operation in the matter is desirable to afford every possible facility for carrying out the provisions of the law and to secure the benefits of it to the classes of persons to whom your ministrations extend.

Circular No. 3677, dated Hyderabad Residency, the 17th July 1891.

From—J. A. CRAWFORD, Esq., First Assistant Resident at Hyderabad.

To—The REV. A. H. B. BRITTAIN, Church of England, Secunderabad.

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No. 1377.

P. G. MELITUS, Esq.,

Under-Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Home Department.
Judicial.

Simla, the 19 October 1891.

SIR,

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Endorsement No. 12-1744, dated 19th December 1889.

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P. G. MELITUS,

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