

ORDINARY, MS.

<i>Public</i>	DEPARTMENT.
G.O., DATED 3-11-91	
No. 929 ✓	

INDEXED.

When given for copying 3/11

[Despatch Abstract.]

Appointing certain
missionaries of the
Basel German Evan-
gelical Mission to
be registrars of births
& deaths —

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

Sept 12/11/91

ENCLOSURES.

CURRENT No.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

A A

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

PAPERS NOT FILED UP, BEING MEANT FOR DESPATCH
IN ORIGINAL (not paged).

N.B.—

A = Copy in full.
B = Not to be copied.
P = Copy abstract only.
Q = Copy heading only.

Mangalore September 26th 1891.

From

The Rev: M. Hoch.
Chairman of the Basel German
Evangelical Mission in
India

To The Registrar General of
Births Deaths and Marriages
Mangalore
Madras.

Through the District Magistrate of
South Canara.

Sir.

In section 12 of the Births Deaths
and Marriages Registration Act 1886 provision
has been made for special appointments,
either by name or by virtue of their offices
of persons to be Registrars of Births and
Deaths for certain local areas and for
certain classes of people.

With reference to this pro-
vision, The Rev. J. Knobloch, the then
Chairman of the Basel German
Evangelical Mission in India sub-
mitted an application to Government
(dated Calicut, 1 August 1889) requesting

that the Senior missionaries in charge of the Stations of the said mission in South Canara, Malabar and the Nilgiris be appointed by virtue of their office to be Registrars of Births and Deaths for the Native and other Christians belonging to their congregations.

3 This proposal which was supported by the District Magistrate of Malabar and South Canara was not accepted by Government, on the ground that,

"a missionary is not the holder of an office within the meaning of Section 12 Act II of 1886."

(Proceedings of the Madras Government No. 965, 27 November 1889)

4. Now as the registration of Births & Deaths of Native and other Christians in accordance with the provisions of Act II of 1886, is acknowledged to be very useful and desirable, I have the honor to submit again an application for special appointments of Registrars for Native and other Christians connected with the Stations of the Basel mission,

requesting to give it a favorable consideration.

It appears that there is no person more fitted to discharge the duties of a Registrar for Native Christians than the Missionary as Native pastor, who is in charge of one or more congregations and as such enjoys not only the confidence of his flock, but also possesses sufficient authority to ensure a complete and accurate registration of all births and deaths occurring in his congregations and lastly as also by the rules of his church bound to keep regular and complete registers of all baptisms and ~~funerals~~ performed in his parish. If therefore some Missionaries and Native pastors were appointed by Government to be Registrars for the Native and other Christians under their charge, every security would be given for a sufficient and accurate registration of all births and deaths occurring in their congregations. Whereas when the Registrar is a person that has no personal nor official connection with

Native Christians, it cannot be avoided but that the registration will be very deficient and incomplete.

Now as there can be no doubt that the object of the provisions of the Registration Act, is frustrated unless efficiency and completeness of registration be ensured. I earnestly request you will kindly move Government to be pleased, in accordance with Section 12 of Act VI of 1886, to appoint by name. Some missionaries and native pastors connected with the Basel Mission to be registrars of Births and Deaths for Native and other Christians under their charge. The names and addresses of the persons proposed for appointment are given in the margin.

- 1) Mangalore - Rev. P. Ott.
- 2) Mulki - Rev. C. H. Keppeler
- 3) Udipi - Rev. G. Ritter
- 4) Karkala - Rev. R. Hartmann
- 5) Kalaragod. Rev. J. Hermelink
- 6) Badruv - Rev. L. Gengnagel.

I have &c

(Signed) M. Hock.
Basel Mission Bangalore

No. 3943.

Forwarded.

2. As already remarked in this office endorsement No. 3258 A, dated the 24 August 1889, the registration of Births and Deaths under Act VI of 1886 is voluntary and there are already two Registrars in the District, neither of whom has even up to the present date registered a single birth or death.
3. The Rev. Mr. Hock, however, now represents that this non-registration is due to the fact that the present Registrars have no direct connection with any section of the Native Christian Community and asserts that if the persons nominated by him are appointed Registrars, all births and deaths occurring in the Lutheran Protestant Native Community would be registered. Doubtless most if not all would be.
4. My predecessor decided that he could not recommend any more Registrars as the fact that the existing ^{Registrar} had never been resorted to indicated that no more were needed. I cannot quite endorse this view. All that non-registration up to date seems to prove, is that the present system has for practical purposes proved a complete failure, not that

3121

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

From
The Registrar General of
Births Deaths and Marriages
Madras

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government
Fort St George

Dated 17 } October 1891
Received }

G. No. 571
Enclosure

No.

Subject.

Submitting for the orders
of Government, copy of a letter
from the Rev: M. Koch of the
Basel Mission, Mangalore, with
the recommendation that the
Government may be pleased to
appoint the persons referred
to, as Registrars of Births and
Deaths in the South Canara
district.

Public DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 18 , No.
Again G.O., dated 18. , No.
Current No. of 18 , dated from

Current No. 3121 of 1891, dated 17/X from The R. G. of B. & M.

Order 3 Nov 91 K 929

The following notice
will be published in the
Fort St. George & ~~South Canara~~
District Gazette:-

Notification.

Under the provision
of Section 12, act VI of '86,
the Births, Deaths and
Marriages Registration
act, the Governor in
Council is pleased to
appoint the undermen-
tioned Missionaries
of the Basel German
Evangelical Mission
to be Registrars of Births
and Deaths for the
district of South Canara:-
~~specific appointments~~

The Revd: P. Ott - Mangalore
- C. H. Keppeler - Mulki

The Revd: G. Ritter - Udipi.
 — R. Hartmann - Karcala
 — J. Harmelin - Kasargod.
 — L. Genquagel - Basru.

20B
 27th

App: of Regis: of Birth
 & Deaths.

The R. G. of B. D. cells.
 — Collr: of S. Canara.
Garette

12 NOV 91
 M.S.

Hon: Mr: Stokes. C.S.I.