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[Despatch Abstract.]

The Govt. not pre-
pared to name the
Govt. of India to extend
the time for the veri-
-fication of registers
of births & deaths &
marriages. —

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It was brought to the notice of the Conference that by a notification in Fort St. George Gazette, it was announced that registers requiring validation under the Act VI of 1886 were ~~to be~~ received by the Registrar General up to April, 1st of this year; and that after that date registers are not admissible. But in as much as only very few of those most concerned see the Gazette, the notification was all but a dead letter and large majority of registers which ought to have been submitted and which would otherwise have been submitted to the Registrar General have not been sent in. In view of these circumstances the Missionary Conference addressed a circular letter to Ministers and heads of Missions concerned with a view to discovering how far the notification had reached them: and from the replies received it appears evident that only a fraction of those who should have received it were aware that any notification of the kind had been issued.

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The Conference there ^{regarding} the importance of the interests involved in the matter resolved after a full discussion to approach Government with the request that an extension of time for the submission of registers be granted.

The Conference would urge the following among other reasons in support of their request:-

1. That the failure to send up Registers in the majority of noteworth cases, which comes under the act, is due more to the neglect of those in charge of the Registers than to the fact that, through no fault of their own, the order calling for registers was not known to them.

2. That unless the request is granted inconvenience and loss of a serious kind are likely to fall on many through no fault of theirs or of those who had direct charge of their interests in this matter.

3. That the granting of the request would be an in keeping with the spirit of the last clause of the Telegram from the Home Secretary, to the Government of Bombay G. O. No. 476, Public. 3rd July 1890.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your Obedient Servant

W. H. Peattie
Secretary

Madras Missionary Co.

Madras
25.8.91

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Public DEPARTMENT

From

The Secretary,
Madras Missionary
Conference,
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No.

Dated 23rd }
Received 24th } Oct 1888

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Requesting an
extension of time for the
submission of Reports of Progress,
Deputies & Managers.

Public Current 3126.

The Madras Missionary
Conference request that
the time for sending in
registers to the Registrar
General for verification
under Section 32 of Act
vi of 1886 may be further
extended, principally
on the ground of want
of sufficient notice to
parties concerned.

The file (printed) put up
shows that the Secretaries
of the different Missionary
Societies, and later, the
Secy to the Missionary
Conference were kept
aware of the orders passed
from time to time. The
latter, Mr. Peattie, was
himself one of the Comrs
appointed to verify the
registers.

The time fixed by the
act was one year from
the date the Act came
into force - viz:- 1st Oct. 88
but the time was subse-
quently extended to
the 1st April 1891 by Act

Public Dept.

Current No. 3126.

Order. 14 Nov 91, No. 956.

The time allowed at first for registers to be sent in for verification was one year from the date on which Act VI of 1886 came into force, which was the first of Oct: '88. An extension of 18 months, or up to the 1st April 1891, was allowed by Act XVI of 1890. The time cannot be further extended except by legislation, and there is no certainty that if further legislation were undertaken those concerned would avail themselves of it. The Govt: is, therefore, not prepared to move the Govt: of India in the matter.

2. It is observed that the Secy to the Missionary Conference was aware of

Verification of Registers

Hon: Mr. Stokes, C.S.O.

Peattie is, probably not in a position to give any guarantee that they would.

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The time cannot be further extended except by legislation. It was fixed by an Act of the Legislature & extended by one, and if those concerned do not take notice of such Acts, they must take the consequences. It appears also that the matter affecting them was specially brought to their knowledge. There is no certainty that if further legislation was undertaken those concerned would avail themselves of it, and that

The Secretary Madras Missionary Conference - Madras.

no good in saying this. My

xvi of 1890. It is submitted that the Govt: of India is hardly likely to be disposed to legislate again in the matter, especially as the last extension was one of 18 months.

Mr Peattie must have been aware of the extension and as he is the Secy to the Missionary Conference it is thought that he should have taken steps to let all missionaries know about the matter.

The Govt: is not concerned in the verification of these registers, and it is submitted that the time allowed - 2 1/2 years - was ample.

30.3.11. That has occurred is to be regretted but it is no concern of Govt: and there is not the slightest chance of the Govt: granting a further extension of time which can be done only by legal enactment. Submitted that the Govt: cannot be held responsible for anything done in this matter. 3 Nov.

of the extension granted
to the 1st April '91, as he
was one of the Commis-
sioners appointed to
verify the registers.

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verification of Registers.

Hon. Mr. Stokes. C.S.E.

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