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FROM

JOHN LAMPARD, Esq.,

(Known in the Salvation Army in India as Colonel Ajeet Singh),

Officer in charge of Salvation Army Operations in India.

TO

THE MARQUESS OF LANSDOWNE, G. C. M. G.

Calcutta, the 11th January 1892.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

In accordance with the suggestion your Excellency was good enough to make at the interview with General Booth on Saturday last, I beg to submit the following application to your Excellency's consideration:—

The Government of Bombay has recently conferred upon me the power to grant certificates of marriage to the Native Christian members of the Salvation Army in that Presidency. I beg to ask that your Excellency may be good enough to extend this power to myself over the remaining parts of India; and that as considerable difficulty is experienced in country villages in obtaining marriage certificates, and also in view of the expense which is very considerable to such poor people, it would materially assist our operations if your Excellency would grant the power to issue certificates of marriage to those officers of the Salvation Army known as "Divisional Officers," that is, those having charge of large districts. At present these are four in number. The officers holding these positions are reliable men of tried ability, and are fully cognisant of the peculiar bearings involved in the discharge of this privilege, and may be relied upon not to in any way abuse the confidence thus reposed in them.

Inasmuch, however, as for administrative purposes it is our custom to interchange these "Divisional Officers" from time to time, it would obviate a good deal of trouble if the power asked for could be granted to the officers holding these positions *for the time being*.

I need hardly assure your Excellency that we should be pleased to comply with any requirements that may be made, and to furnish the fullest information as to the officers upon whom this power is conferred from time to time as may be thought necessary.

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

(Sd.) JOHN LAMPARD.

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FROM

J. P. HEWETT, ESQ., C.I.E.

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

JOHN LAMPARD, ESQ.,

(Known in the Salvation Army in India as Colonel AJEET SINGH)

Officer in charge of Salvation Army Operations in India.

Home Department.
Ecclesiastical.

Simla, the 9th April 1892.

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter* of the 11th January 1892, in which you state that the Government of Bombay has conferred upon you the power to grant certificates of marriage to the Native Christian members of the Salvation Army in that Presidency, and request that similar powers may be granted to you in respect of the rest of India, and also to the officers of the Salvation Army, known as "Divisional Officers" within their respective charges.

2. His Excellency in Council is advised that the office of Divisional Officer of the Salvation Army is not an office, the holder of which for the time being can be authorised, under section 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act of 1872, to grant certificates of marriage between Native Christians. This being the case, it follows that such licenses can only be granted to your Divisional Officers "by name," and under the section of the Act just referred to the discretion as to licensing persons to certify marriages between Native Christians within British India rests with Local Governments and Administrations. I am therefore to suggest that application for the necessary licenses should be made to the Local Governments and Administrations in whose territories the gentlemen holding the post of "Divisional Officers" wish to be empowered to certify marriages. It is necessary that a separate license should be obtained from each Local Government within whose territories this power is desired.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. P. HEWETT,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

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By order,

M. Melius

Recd
Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

nothing to do but ⁸⁵ ~~be~~ ^{been} absent from Madras
the morning, is not good weather ever since my first
They are tempted to spend President of the Board of
than they need spend, I we had no opportunity of
worse things. If they were maintenance with the young
weeks or a month after joined the service in 1890
to make the acquaint. general report, however, a
iors of the service, engage the report of the Commandant
horses and tents, it would be clear that they
be quite enough. They would be good riders when they
in their districts immediately, no doubt have improved
as holidays, with at least is probably not going too far
the cold weather still before still ride so badly that
to learn what life is and never will be, able

This would be far charge their duties as Reve
now spending most should therefore never be
either in Madras to the service at all, &
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on in riding is necessary, ick these young men pa
ish examination in the either not by any mean
be a fair, practical, turgent, or is not of the re
ould much prefer that this is the case, it is in e
that the deficiency

of early education should
by systematic instruction
ever possible that the course
here pursued might be ma-
tical one. No doubt it is re-
man to be a good horse-
man should maintain a correct
all circumstances and his
knowledge of the aids. But
to every man to be a good ho-
think we attempt too much
ing to make every young
good horseman. What a
in order to do his work is to
along at 7 or 8 miles an h
ordinary road or cart tra-
make his way across easy
with an occasional very s-
at a somewhat slower ra-
need to be particular abo-
a correct position nor ne-
to turn his horse with his
sits on his horse like a sac-

that the English exam-
rendered so much more
stringent as to dispense with
further course of instruction
venture to recommend the
of State be addressed in
8. In order to reply
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officiated for me as Pres-
of Examiners during las
and who permits me
agrees with me in the o-
expressed.

I have the
Sir
Yours most

D. W.
President, B.

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what does it matter? His
do may smile, but it won't
eney. I think therefore the
use for young civilians should
riding School and more practice
's and over tank beds and
'at the final test might be
'ride out to the Mount and
ble of hours without undue
ething of that kind.

On other hand, I think it would
thing if the examination
ish the young civilians have
land were so modified as to
essing a really practical
e art. At present, it does not
ide the views of the Commandant
and as perhaps too exacting,
d only last year in which
ian could not pass the
School test at all, and was
owed to go up country without
passing.

Mr. W. H. Grimley	For his first examination also in eight lessons in a riding school, for his second examination about twelve lessons. For his final examination about twenty four lessons at Woolwich riding school.	Gets fairly well on the horse but has absolute knowledge of riding.	From November to 29 th Jan 1892.
Mr. A. B. Ord	No instruction beyond two lessons at Woolwich as he had long been accustomed to riding. Was certified as to his ability to ride by the Commandant, Woolwich Academy.	He knew absolutely nothing about riding and nearly fell off at a trot.	From 27 th November 1891 to 29 th January 1892.
Mr. A. B. Knapp	About six lessons at the Military College, Cowley, about eighteen lessons (private) in London, about twelve lessons at Woolwich riding school and about twelve lessons at	do.	

Name.	Instruction in England.	Where riding on arrival in India.	Time in instruction in India.
Mr. G. S. S. S. S.	at Portsmouth. Each lesson about one hour. No regular instruction.		
Mr. B. A. Graham	About 18 lessons at the Oxford Military Col- lege, Leavelly; the Albany Barracks, Regents Park and Knightsbridge Barracks. Also 36 lessons, Royal Artillery Riding Estab- lishment, Woolwich. Each lesson about one hour.	Knows absolutely nothing about riding and nearly fell off at a trot. do. do.	From 15 Decem- ber 1891 to 2 March 1892. From 16 November to 27 March 1892.

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