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It is requested that in any further communication on this subject the under-mentioned letter and number may be quoted and the reply addressed to—
The Under Secretary of State for India,
India Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.

No. 784.

India Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.
28th September 1894.

Sir,

I have to call your attention to the great delay that takes place in the receipt at this Office of the Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials performed in the Presidency of Madras. The latest Returns are for the quarter ending the 31st of March 1893, whereas the latest Returns from Bombay and from most of the Provinces under the Government of India are for the Quarter ending the 31st of March 1894.

As frequent applications are made to this Office respecting information contained in these Returns, it is desirable that they should be forwarded as early as possible, and I am to request that instructions may be given for their punctual and regular transmission.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Fred^k. Trevor.

Director of Funds.

The Chief Secretary to the Government
of Fort St. George,
Madras.

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Public Department.

From The India Office
London.

No. 784

Dated 28th Sept 1894

Received 23rd Octr—

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Respecting that instructions may be given for the punctual & regular transmission of Returns of Baptisms, marriages and burials.

No 2069 dy 25 October 1894

Forwarded to the Registrar General for early remarks.

for Chief Secretary

F.D.B. 23/10

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

(Births, Deaths and Marriages).

No. 435

From

~~M.R.Ry~~. S. SRINIVASA RAGHAVAIYANGAR, ~~Avargal~~, C.I.E.

Dewan Bahadur,

Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages,

Madras,

To The Honorable J. H. Price C.S.I.

Chief Secretary to Government,

Fort St. George.

Tinnevelly, the 14 November 1894.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement dated the 25th ultimo No 2069 calling for remarks on a communication from the India office regarding the delay in the transmission of the Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials performed in the Presidency of Madras, I have the honor to state as follows.

2. The returns transmitted to the Secretary of State are furnished to this office by (1) the Registrar of the Diocese, Madras (2) the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Madras (3) the dissenting Protestant Ministers and the Roman Catholic Clergy

rough the Roman Catholic Archbishop and (4) Marriage Registrars.

3. The dates on which returns of Baptisms, Burials and Marriages were received from the Registrars of the Diocese and transmitted to the Secretary of State during the current year are shown below.

	Date of receipt in this office	Date on which covering letter to India Office was sent to the Secretary for signature.	Date on which returns were despatched to England.
Returns for the quarter ending 30th Sept. 1892	9th January 1894.	19th February 1894.	10th March 1894.
—do— 31st Dec. 1892.	7th March 1894.	30 April 1894.	23rd May 1894.
—do— 31st March 1893.	18 May 1894.	11th June 1894.	26th June 1894.
—do— 30th June 1893.	21st July 1894.	8th Sept. 1894.	27th Sept. 1894.
—do— 30th Sept. 1893.	7th Nov. 1894.	—	—

Returns for the subsequent quarters have not as yet been received from the Registrar of the Diocese, though he was reminded on the subject on the 13th June 1894. There is similar delay in the receipt of returns from the Most Revd. the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Madras. The returns for the quarters ending 31st December 1893 and 31st March 1894 came in only on the 17th ultimo - There is no difficulty as regards the returns furnished by the dissenting clergymen and the Marriage Registrars.

4. After the receipt of returns in my office, copies have to be taken of the Marriage returns furnished by the Registrar of the Diocese for record in this office. Copies of returns furnished by Roman Catholic clergymen and dissenting ministers. In the case of returns and certificates furnished by the Roman Catholic clergymen and dissenting ministers &c the returns have to be examined for in regard to illegible signatures, discrepancies in dates &c frequently found in them - It will thus be seen that there is no avoidable delay in my office as regards the transmission to the India office of returns received in my office.

5. I am writing to the Registrar of the Diocese to expedite the transmission of the returns for quarters subsequent to 30th September 1893 and to state when they will be furnished.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Registrar Genl. of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

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Public (1894) 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.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S
19 NOV 1894
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dated --- 14th
Despatched 19th } November 1894.
Received 19th
Regd 22nd

No. 435.

Enclosures One — Pub. c. no 3082 read

Subject.

Stating, with reference to Government endorsement, dated 25th October 1894, No. 2069, Public, that the delay in the submission of Returns of Baptisms, Burials and Marriages to the India Office is due to delay in the receipt of returns from the ... of returns ...

PUBLIC (189) 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
Received } 189

No.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

Subject.

Public Dept.

Currents 3082 & 3371

Order dd 28 Nov 1894 No 980

Copies of the foregoing letters will be forwarded to the Most Revd. archbishop Colgan and the Registrar of the Diocese with the request that every endeavour may be made to furnish the returns of sacred offices to the Registrar General within a reasonable date after the expiration of the quarter to which they refer.

2. The Govt. trust that there may be no ground for similar complaints in future.

dd
22/11/94

Letter

To The Director of Funds
India Office

Despd 4/12/94
Letter ...

Sir

Most Revd: Archbishop Colgan D.D. 3
The Regr: Genl: of B. D. & M. 6
" Regr. of the Diocese 3
} Despd 3/12/94

No. 784 of the 28th Sept: last, I am directed to forward a copy of the Proc: of this Govt: No. 900 of this date, and to say that the Govt: trust that there may be no occasion for further complaint of delays in the transmission of sacred returns of sacred Births.

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28TH NOVEMBER 1894, No. 900, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From F. TREVOR, Esq., Director of Funds, India Office, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Whitehall, London, S.W., 28th September 1894, No. 784-E.

I have to call your attention to the great delay that takes place in the receipt at this of the returns of baptisms, marriages and burials performed in the Presidency of Madras. The latest returns are for the quarter ending the 31st of March 1893, whereas the latest returns from Bombay and from most of the Provinces under the Government of India are for the quarter ending the 31st March 1894.

As frequent applications are made to this office respecting information contained in these returns, it is desirable that they should be forwarded as early as possible, and I am to request that instructions may be given for their punctual and regular transmission.

From the Hon'ble S. SRINIVASA RAGHAVAIYANGAR, C.I.E., Dewan Bahadur, Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Tinnevelly, 14th November 1894, No. 435-T.

With reference to your endorsement, dated 25th ultimo, No. 2069, calling for remarks on a communication from the India Office regarding the delay in the transmission of the returns of baptisms, marriages and burials performed in the Presidency of Madras, I have the honour to state as follows.

2. The returns transmitted to the Secretary of State are furnished to this office by (1) the Registrar of the Diocese, Madras, (2) the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Madras, (3) the Dissenting Protestant ministers and certain Roman Catholic clergymen who do not send their returns through the Roman Catholic Archbishop, and (4) Marriage Registrars.

3. The dates on which returns of baptisms, burials and marriages were received from the Registrar of the Diocese and transmitted to the Secretary of State during the current year are shown below:—

—	Date of receipt in this office.	Date on which covering letter to India Office was sent to the Chief Secretary for signature.	Date on which returns were despatched to England.
Returns for the quarter ending 30th September 1892	9th Jan. 1894	19th Feb. 1894.	10th Mar. 1894
Returns for the quarter ending 31st December 1892	7th Mar. ,,	30th Apr. ,,	23rd May ,,
Returns for the quarter ending 31st March 1893	18th May ,,	11th June ,,	26th June ,,
Returns for the quarter ending 30th June 1893	21st July ,,	8th Sept. ,,	27th Sept. ,,
Returns for the quarter ending 30th September 1893	7th Nov. ,,	..	..

Returns for the subsequent quarters have not as yet been received from the Registrar of the Diocese, though he was reminded on the subject on the 13th June 1894. There is similar delay in the receipt of returns from the Most Revd. the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Madras. The returns for the quarters ending 31st December 1893 and 31st March 1894 came in only on the 17th ultimo. There is no difficulty as regards the returns furnished by the Dissenting clergymen and Marriage Registrars.

4. After the receipt of returns in my office, copies have to be taken of the marriage returns furnished by the Registrar of the Diocese for record in this office. Copies also have to be made of returns furnished by Roman Catholic clergymen and Dissenting ministers. In the case of returns and certificates furnished by the Roman Catholic clergymen, Dissenting ministers, &c., the returns have to be examined, explanations have to be called for in regard to illegible signatures, discrepancies in deaths, &c., frequently found in them. It will thus be seen that there is no avoidable delay in my office as regards the transmission to the India Office of returns received in my office.

5. I am again writing to the Registrar of the Diocese to expedite the transmission of the returns for quarters subsequent to 30th September 1893 and to state when they will be furnished.

ORDER—dated 28th November 1894, No. 900, Public.

Copies of the foregoing letters will be forwarded to the Most Revd. Archbishop Colgan and the Registrar of the Diocese, with the request that every endeavour may be made to furnish the returns of sacred offices to the Registrar-General within a reasonable date after the expiration of the quarter to which they refer.

2. The Government trusts that there may be no ground for similar complaints in future.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Most Revd. Archbishop Colgan, D.D.
" Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
" Registrar of the Diocese.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Govt. of {1894} Madras.

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Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 28th November 1894, No. 900.

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Returns of Sacred Offices.

Requesting the Most Revd. Archbishop Colgan and the Registrar of the Diocese to furnish the — to the Registrar-General within a reasonable date after the expiration of the quarter to which they refer.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—to

THE DIRECTOR OF FUNDS,
INDIA OFFICE.

SIR,

With reference to your communication, No. 784, of the 28th September last, I am directed to forward a copy of the Proceedings of this Government, No. 900, of this date, and to say that the Government trusts that there may be no occasion for further complaint of delays in the transmission of returns of sacred offices.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
28th November 1894.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. A. Raitt.

Govt. of {1894} Madras.

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Issued

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Letter, 28th Nov. 1894, No. 901.

NOVEMBER.

Returns of Sacred Offices.

Forwarding copies of Proceedings regarding delay in the transmission of — to the India Office.

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED 18 , No.

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G.O., DATED 28 Nov 1894

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Returns of Sacred Offices

Requesting the Most Rev Archbishop Colgan the Registrars of the Provinces to furnish the to the Registrar General a reasonable time the expiration of the quarters to which they refer.