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[Despatch Abstract.]

GAZETTED HOLIDAYS.

Stating that the Government much regrets it is unable to comply with the request of the Right Revd. Dr. Reed daSilva that the "Feast of Assumption" be included in the list of---- for the Roman Catholics of his diocese of Mylapore.

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 Reg¹⁹ that the ^{feast of} assumption
 may be included in the list
 of gazetted holidays in the
 Presy. for the Catholics of
 his diocese of Megalaya:

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Hme.

For orders. They've got on
 all right hitherto. The
 grant would open the
 door to further applications

From

The Right Rev.

The Bishop of Megalaya

J.B.B.
 15.3.5.

The holiday is not granted here -
 where and there seems no
 remedy for Govt. trouble
 it. It has hitherto not
 been allowed

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I regret I don't see
 my way to grant this
 application - say so as
 civilly as possible

J.B.B.

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The Govt. much regrets
 it is unable to meet the
 wishes of ^{the Rt. Revd. Dr. Reel} Bishop Reel da
 Silva in this matter.

from orders.

J.B.B.
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J.B.B.
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The Rt. Revd.

Bishop Reel da Silva

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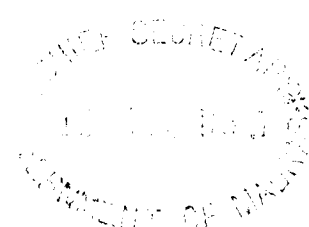
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Bishopric
of
St. Thome of Mylapore
MADRAS.

Year 1895.
No. 24

Mylapore, Madras.
15th March, 1895.



From

The Right Rev. Dom Henry J. Reed de Silva, D.D.,
Bishop of Mylapore.

To

The Honble J. P. Price, Esq. C. S. I., C. S.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Sir,

1. The annually recurring immovable feast of the Assumption, on the 15th August, being a holiday of obligation, binding Roman Catholics generally, to hear mass and abstain from servile work on that day, I have the honor to request that it be included in the list of gazetted holidays in the Presidency, for the Catholics of my diocese, of Mylapore.
2. Independently of all Sundays, there are four feasts during the year, on which Catholics in this Presidency generally, are obliged to hear mass and abstain from servile work. These are: Christmas-day (25th December), Ascension-Thursaday (movable), Corpus Christi (movable) and the Assumption (15th August). Of these, Christmas-day is a general holiday; Ascension-Thursaday, a holiday common to Christians of all denominations; and Corpus Christi alone, a holiday peculiar to Roman Catholics. Accordingly, on the feast of the Assumption, which has to be observed as strictly

as any of the others, the Catholic employees under Government have either to draw on their allowance of casual leave for its due observance, or omit to observe it in the manner prescribed by their Church.

3. This, I beg to represent, is a hardship on them, of the existence of which I don't think Government can be aware, and of which I venture to hope, it will now relieve those subject to my jurisdiction.

4. In this connection I would bring to your notice the fact that, while Christians in general have 2 holidays specially granted them for religious purposes, and Roman Catholics 1 day more, thus making the number of holidays for the religious purposes of Roman Catholics, 3. — Hindus have 7 holidays specially granted them for religious purposes, and Muhammadans 9 days. The grant of the extra day asked for, for the Catholics of my diocese, would accordingly bring up the number of holidays specially granted them for the purposes of their religion, to but 4, which would yet be less than one-half the number of such holidays specially granted to Muhammadans and about one-half the number specially granted to Hindus.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

your obedient servant,

Henry, Bishop of Myslapore

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