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No. 281, PUBLIC, 25TH FEBRUARY 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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G.O., Nos. 975, 976, Public, dated 25th November 1895.

Read—the following letter from the Hon'ble S. SRINIVASA RAGHAVAIYANGAR, Diwan Bahadur, c.r.e., Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 8th November 1895, G. No. 274 :—

I have the honour to submit, for the orders of Government, the accompanying copy of a letter from the marriage registrar of the Chingleput district, in which he enquires whether he can grant certified copies of entries in marriage registers on unstamped paper to soldiers and sailors.

2. Article 6 of Schedule II to notification of the Government of India, No. 5199-S.R., Finance and Commerce Department, dated 1st November 1895, reducing and remitting stamp duties, does not exempt from stamp duty copies granted to soldiers and sailors by marriage registrars. The certificates of marriages relating to British subjects received in my office from marriage registrars are, along with returns of European Christian marriages received from the Registrar of the Diocese, transmitted in original to the India Office. Persons who are in need of copies of entries of marriages have to apply to the registrars concerned so long as the registers are in their custody and until they are deposited in the office of the Registrar-General under section 55 of Act XV of 1872. Marriage registrars are authorized by section 79 of this Act to grant copies of entries in their registers, but such copies have not been exempted from stamp duty when granted to soldiers and sailors.

3. I beg, therefore, to request that Government may be pleased to move the Government of India to remit the duty payable under Article 22, Schedule I, to the Stamp Act, on copies of entries in marriage registers granted by marriage registrars to soldiers, sailors or non-commissioned or petty officers, as has been done in the case of copies specified in Article 6 (b), Schedule II, appended to Government of India notification, No. 5199-S.R., dated 1st November 1895.

4. In this connection, I have the honour to further request that I may be informed whether I am right in thinking that the terms *soldiers* and *sailors* as used in the said Article 6 (b) and (c) of Schedule II to the notification, include natives of India who may belong to the Army or the Navy.

ENCLOSURE.

From T. TRANFIELD, Esq., Marriage Registrar, Chingleput (District, No. 33, Pallavaram, to the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Madras, dated Pallavaram, 30th September 1895, No. 7.

I have the honour to respectfully request you will be kind enough to give me the following information for future guidance :—

Is there any order requiring me to affix an eight-anna Court-fee stamp to certificates of marriage granted by me to men of the Army and Navy? I have always been under the belief that in the Army and Navy all ranks under the rank of commissioned and warrant officers are exempted from paying this duty under the Indian Stamp Act (I of 1879). Now, however, this has been questioned on the plea that ministers of religion affix such stamps to all certificates of births and marriages, &c., no matter whether the parties are soldiers, sailors or civilians, and as I wish to be correct in my proceedings, I ask your advice, trusting you will not consider me troublesome in so doing.

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(True Extract.)

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From J. E. O'CONOR, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 13th February 1896, No. 713 S.R.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 976, dated the 25th November 1895, and with reference to the recommendation therein made for the remission of stamp duty payable on copies of entries in marriage registers granted by marriage registrars to soldiers, sailors, non-commissioned and petty officers, I am to enclose copy of a notification, No. 712-S.R., of this day's date.

2. In answer to the enquiry made in the last paragraph of your letter, I am to say that the terms "soldiers" and "sailors," as used in entries Nos. 6 (b) and 6 (c) of the second schedule to the notification in this department, No. 5199, dated the 1st November 1895, include natives of India who may belong to the Army or Navy.

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Secretary to the Govt of India
(True copy)
sd. M. K. J.
Registrar

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