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ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1310

Dated 22. 11. 88

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[Despatch Abstract.]

In forming the members ^{and sympathisers of} of the Southern
India Brahmo Samaj, ~~Board~~, that Govt.
is unable to comply with their request to
appoint one of the members of the Samaj as a
marriage Registrar under the India Act III of
1872.

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CURRENT No. 2729

From The Members of the
Southern India Brahma Samaj
Madras

In Order

In this petition, the members
& sympathisers of the Southern India
Brahma Samaj, Madras, beg that
one of the marriage Registrars Dated 28 Sept: '99
at Madras may be a native, & Received 1 Oct: "
that a member of the Samaj may Registered 2 "
be appointed a marriage Registrar Enclosures -
under Act III of 1872. The same Spare copies -
of candidate is mentioned.

2. Both Messrs Brink & Doster
are marriage Registrars under Act
III of 1872. It is not quite clear
whether the petitioners desire to
have one of these gentlemen ousted
or whether they wish to have
a Native appointed, in addition,
under Act III of 1872. The

SUBJECT.
Requesting Govt to appoint one
of the members of the Southern India
Brahma Samaj as a marriage
Registrar for the City of Madras
& suggesting that Rao Bahadur Pandit
M. Veerabalingam Pantulu Garu
be appointed to the office

number of marriages solemnized under Act III of 1872 during the past five years is as follows:-

1894-95 — 2
1895-96 — nil
1896-97 — nil
1897-98 — 1
1898-99 — 2

These figures do not appear to show the need of a separate marriage Register for the Brahman Samaj. If considered necessary, the petition might be referred to the Registrar General for remarks.

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Mk. Kishor Sen Esq
Ment:

[Signature]

N Recd No. 2503
12.10.99.

Referred to the Registrar General of District, District & Marriage, for remarks.

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To the R. Secy of Dist. Office.

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The Chief Secretary to

The Government of Madras,

Fort St. George.

SIR,

WE, the undersigned Members and sympathisers of the SOUTHERN INDIA BRAHMA SAMAJ, MADRAS, most respectfully beg to submit the following for the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

The legislature requires that marriages under India Act III of 1872 should be performed in the presence of a Registrar appointed by Government, and that the parties thereto should sign a marriage register.

During the last few years, several marriages have been performed under the auspices of the Southern India Brahma Samaj and on those occasions we had to secure the services of one of the existing Marriage Registrars for the City of Madras. As these gentlemen are always of a different faith and nationality from us, their presence on such occasions, though not objectionable, gives a peculiar nature to the ceremony which we are anxious to avoid if possible. Moreover, the fees paid to them are in some cases beyond the means of the parties to the marriage, and we cannot therefore conveniently take them to the humble quarters of our poorer members. As all these difficulties could be easily overcome if one of the Registrars is a native and as Government has appointed natives to this office in Calcutta and other places, we beg to request His Excellency the Governor in Council to be pleased to appoint one of the members of our Samaj to be a Marriage Registrar for the purposes of the above Act in this City.

If our request meets with the approval of His Excellency the Governor in Council, we beg to suggest that Rao Bahadur Pandit K. Veerasalingam Pantulu Garu is a suitable person for the said office and that he may be appointed thereto.

SOUTHERN INDIA BRAHMA SAMAJ,
97, ANNA PILLAI STREET,
Madras, 28th Sept 1899.

We beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,

[Signature: M. Jeyaram Pillai]
[Signature: K. Veerasalingam]
[Signature: R. Soondrampillay]
R.S.G.

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Thangarajam Raju

C. Purohitham Pillai

C. Govindarajam Pillai

Thangarajam

A. B. Pillai B.A.

S. Somasundaram Pillai, B.A.

U. S. S. Pillai B.A.

C. Ramaswami B.A.

B. Pattabhisataramaiah

Y. Sastri

W. S. S. Pillai B.A.

C. Govindaraj B.A.

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M. S. S. Pillai B.A.

C. S. S. Pillai B.A.

C. S. S. Pillai B.A.

H. S. S. Pillai B.A.

R. Venkataramaiah

P. V. S. Pillai B.A.

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P. Venkatarajam B.A.

L. Balakrishnaiah B.A.

M. S. S. Pillai B.A.

G. S. S. Pillai B.A.

N. R. S. Pillai B.A.

L. Venkatarajam B.A.

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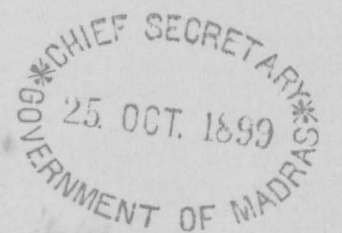
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CURRENT No. 2997



From

The Registrar-General of
Births, Deaths and Marriages
Madras

Order

G. No. 709

Dated 24 October 1899

Received } 25th October 1899
Registered }

Enclosures one. Pub. C. No. 2729 (renewal)

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SUBJECT.

Submitting, with reference to
Public Department memorandum
No. 2583, dated 12 instant, that
there is no objection to M. R. R.
Rao Bahadur K. Venkatesalingam Pantulu
Garu being appointed a Marriage
Registrar under Sec. 3 of Act III of 1871.

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CURRENT No 2997

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

(BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES).

G. No. 709.

From

THE HON'BLE P. RAJARATNA MUDALIYAR,

DEWAN BAHADUR,

REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES,

Madras,

To

The Hon'ble Mr: G. Stokes, I.C.S.,

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Fort St. George.

Madras Dated 24th October 1899.

SIR,

With reference to the Public Department Memorandum No. 2583, dated the 12th instant, forwarding for remarks a petition from M.A. Jayaram Pillai and others, members and -- sympathisers of the Southern India Brahma Samaj, Madras, I have the honour to state that at present the Marriage Registrars of Madras, under Act XV of 1872, are also Registrars of Marriages under Act III of 1872 for the town of Madras. Section of Act III of 1872, however, empowers the Local Government to appoint one or more persons as Registrars of Marriages under the Act for any portion of the territories subject to its administration. I therefore see no objection to the appointment

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of M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur K. Viresalingam Pantulu Garu as a Marriage Registrar under Act III of 1872 for Madras, in view to obviate the inconveniences referred to by the petitioners.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

M. J. S. S. S.

Reg. Genl. of Births, Deaths & Marriages.

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Please see the Registrar General's report to the Reg. Co. at A. Orders are requested as to whether a license shd. be granted to the R. R. Viresalingam Pantulu under Sec: 3 of Act III of 1872 or whether on account of the small no. of marriages which have been performed under that Act during the past year, the petitioners may be told that Govt. sees no necessity at present to increase the no. of marriage Registrars in the town of Madras.

See
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For the C.S.

* There is no objection, under Sec 3 of Act III of 1872, to complying with the request of the Memorandum, but when it is considered

that the Brahma Samaj has celebrated only five marriages during the past five years it really appears, it is subm^d, that the appointment of a separate Registrar is uncalled for. The Memorialists' nominee is the President of the Society in Madras.

See Note on docket of C No 2729-A.

See last para of Art on Brahma Samaj - pp 1047/8 Lawrence's English Almanac.

There seems to be no objection to the app^t of a native Registrar of marriages in the Town of Madras. but there is no special reason to appoint a native Registrar. or any Brahma Samaj man. It will probably be better I think to appoint some one like the Registrar of the Registrar's office. or in the H^o office. I presume whoever is appointed will not be allowed to take this as smaller fee than those fixed by law.

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NOTE FOR THE Chief Secretary.

only 5 Brahma Samaj marriages have been performed within the last five years; in 1895-6, & in 1896-7 there were none; in 1897-8 one; in 1898-9 two. In accordance to Act III of 1872 with a view that the Reg^r has to keep office (Sec. 12), and records, find a number of some what difficult legal functions to perform or to require, and neglect of or careless as might invalidate the marriage & render illegitimate the offspring. It seems necessary therefore that the Registrar should be an experienced official, and no member of the Brahma Samaj seems suitable even if the number of marriages justified the app^t.

It will be observed that the objection of the petro to the present Madras City Registrars are - (1) That, being of a different faith nationality, their presence gives the ceremony a nature which it is desired to avoid.

(2) That they require a fee which is beyond the means of some of the Brahma Samaj adherents. They propose to remedy this by the appointment of one of their number as an additional Marriage Registrar.

If this is permitted under Sec 3 of Act III of 1872 the second objection is not removed as Sec 14 prescribes the fees to be levied the amount of which is to be, fixed by the local Govt. The scale is set out in G.O. No 1410 of 24-12-92. If a Brahma Samaj adherent is not appointed the appointment of a Hindu or Muhammadan would, apparently, not remove the first objection as the difference

I think therefore the Memorialists should be told that Govt. regrets it cannot comply with their request.

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The Memorialists will be informed that under the Special Marriage Act (iii of 1914) Registrars are compelled to maintain an office, ^{and} keep records, ^{if there are cases} and perform many ~~statutory~~ legal functions, such as can be entrusted only to an experienced official.

Considering these facts & the fact
that during the past five years
only five marriages have been
registered among the members
of the Brahma Samaj, Govt
reports that it is unable to
satisfy the request of the Memorial

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