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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1630 Press Mis.

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Dated 21 7 1862

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No. 410. Read the following letter from G. E. COWER, Esq., Acting Registrar of the Diocese and Archdeaconry of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 15th July 1862:—

1. With reference to an official Memorandum from the Acting Deputy Secretary to Government, dated the 11th instant, I have the honor to state, that hitherto I have not issued Certificates of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, on stamped paper, under Act X of 1862.

2. I have some doubts whether such Certificates do, or do not come within the meaning of Section 32, of Schedule A of the Act, and I shall feel obliged for the instructions of Government on the subject.

3. It may not be out of place to mention, that a large number of the Certificates granted by this Office, are forwarded to residents up-country. The Registrar in many cases abating all fees from the poverty of the parties, and in other cases, forwarding the Certificate, on the chance of the fees being remitted to him in due course, when it not unfrequently happens that they are totally lost.

4. In such cases it is manifest that if the Certificates are to be issued on stamped paper, either the Registrar must be subjected to additional pecuniary loss, on account of the stamp duty, which he must disburse in the first instance, or the Certificates must be withheld pending the remittance of fees; a course which would, I consider, be most unseemly, considering the nature of the Certificates themselves, and the poverty in many instances of the parties requiring them.

5. I beg respectfully to suggest, that the course most advisable will be to allow applicants to take their own course, when if they desire merely to preserve the Certificates, as family records, no stamps will probably be needed, while if they require them, to produce in a Court of Justice, or elsewhere, as provided by the Act itself, they will naturally take the precaution to supply stamped paper.

No. 411. ORDER THEREON, 31st July 1862, No. 1,630.

Ordered to be recorded with reference to Government Order dated 24th July 1862, No. 1,586.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Rec'd 4th Court for July
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No 2058

From

The Rg Registrar
of the Diocese & Archdeaconry of Madras.

Rec'd 15th July 1862.
Ansd 31st July 1862.

No 241

States that he has not issued Certificates of Baptisms, Marriages & Burials on stamped paper under Act 10 of 1862 & offers a certain suggestion relative thereto.

Ref: 1520. 31 July
William Taylor

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No 1630.

Ordered to be recorded with reference to G. O dated 24 July 1862 No 1506

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Lt Col St George
31st July 1862