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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2679-2680 Press Mis.

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Dated 23.12.1926

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No. 348. Read the following letter from G. E. COWER, Esq., Acting Registrar of the Diocese and Archdeaconry of Madras, to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 15th December 1862 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Minutes of Consultation of Government No. 2,512, and dated 1st December 1862, directing that "authenticated or certified" copies of Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages should be on stamped paper of the value of 8 Annas per sheet, and that unauthenticated copies, may be on unstamped paper, I beg to state that I have received the accompanying letter* from the Registrar of Calcutta, in reply to an enquiry as to the course adopted by him, in reference to Certificates of Sacred offices, since passing the of Act X of 1862.

* See copy enclosed.

2. From this it appears that under the orders of Government, Certificates granted to Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers, are exempted from Stamp duty.

3. I shall feel obliged for instructions, for the guidance of the Clergy, and the Registrar, as to whether it is the desire of Government that the Calcutta practice should be adopted in this Diocese.

From W. H. ABBOTT, Esq., Registrar of the Diocese of Calcutta, to the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras, dated Calcutta, 8th December 1862.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 15th ultimo, I have to inform you that all Certificates granted by me as Registrar are stamped with an 8 Annas Stamp save those granted to Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers, which, under orders of Government, are not stamped.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed.) G. E. COWER, *Acting Registrar.*

No. 349. ORDER THEREON, 23rd December 1862, No. 2,679.

The Governor in Council is of opinion that Certificates granted to Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers should in Madras as in Bengal be free of Stamp duty, and resolves to apply to the Supreme Government for the exemption of such documents under Section XXXIII of Act X of 1862.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 350. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 23rd December 1862, No. 2,680.

SIR,

This Government lately ruled that under Article 32 of Schedule A of Act X of 1862, "authenticated or certified" copies of Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages must be on stamped paper of the value of 8 Annas per sheet. It appears, however, from the accompanying letter* from the Acting Registrar of the Diocese and Archdeaconry of Madras and its enclosure that Certificates granted to Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers are in Bengal exempted from Stamp duty; and it being desirable that the same practice should be followed in this Presidency, I am directed to request that the documents in question may be exempted from Stamp duty under Section XXXIII of the Act.

* Dated 15th December 1862.

No. 2679.

The Govt is of opinion that certificates granted to Non-Com^d Officers & Soldiers should in Madras as in Bengal be free of Stamp duty and rules. to obtain the benefit for the exemptions of such Docts under Sect xxxvii of Act ~~X~~ of 1862

Fort St George
23rd December 1862

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Recd

Act X of 1862

Rev: 1862 Nov 15
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No 3465

From the acting
Registrar of the Dio
-cese & Archdeacon
of Madras

Date 15th December
Received 16th " 1862.

No 2680

Requesting to be
informed whether the issu
-cated Certificates of Birth
Deaths and Marriages
granted to Non Commissio
Officers and Soldiers at
Presidency are to be, on
stamped paper as it is
not the case at Calcutta

Nos 348 & 349.

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To

The Secretary to the
Govt of India

Sir,

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Stamp

× dated 15th December
1862.

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it being desirable
that the same practice
should be followed in
this Residency, I am
directed to request
that the documents
in question may be
exempted from Stamp
duty under section 4
XXXIII of the Act.

I am &c
Jas. St. George
23d December 52

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To
The Secretary to the
Govt of India.
Dy 23d Decr/62

Asking whether the Certificates of Births, Deaths and Marriages granted to non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers in this Presidency are to be exempted from Stamp duty as the case in Bengal.

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No 350.