

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th September 1863.*

No. 103. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Ecclesiastical Department:—

Declaring that with the exception of Non-Commissioned Officers and Private Soldiers all others resident within British territory who may apply for copies of Registers of Marriages, Baptisms and Burials shall be required to pay the value of the Stamp on such documents in addition to the prescribed fee for those documents. } (Here enter 1st September 1863, No. 210.)

No. 104. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1863, No. 1,651.
Communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.
(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Ecclesiastical Department, No. 210.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

**ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.**

- Read the following letter from the Reverend J. RUTHVEN MACFARLANE, M.A., Senior Chaplain of the Church of Scotland; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Ecclesiastical Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 20th August 1863, No. ²³⁴/₈.

In reference to Proceedings of Government 9th December 1862, No. 389, directing that Extracts from the Registers of sacred offices shall be drawn on stamped paper of the value of 8 Annas, I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Honorable the Governor in Council a point which has been raised and which requires to be authoritatively set at rest.

2. A gentleman recently applied for a certified or authenticated Extract but declined to pay more for it than the usual authorized Clerk's fee on the ground that the Clerk had no authority to levy any sum beyond the fee, and also that he was bound to furnish the Extract when it was demanded.

3. On consulting with the Registrar of the Diocese I find that the point has not as yet been raised in his Department, but he concurred with me that it was desirable that a decision should be obtained from Government for the future guidance of all concerned.

4. Is the cost of the stamp to be borne by the Clerk who makes the Extract or by the party who applies for it?

5. Is the Clerk justified in withholding the Extract unless the price of the stamp is paid in addition to the usual fee?

6. I presume the order of Government above referred is intended to apply to the Church of Scotland, although it is nowhere so stated, and although no intimation or information has been forwarded to me on the subject.

ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1863, No. 210.

With reference to the two points here submitted for their decision, the Government resolve to that, with the exception of its class of persons referred to in the margin, all others resident within British territory who may apply

for copies, duly authenticated by the Chaplain or by the Registrar of the Diocese, of Registers of Marriages, Baptisms and Burials, shall be required to pay the value of the stamp on such documents in addition to the prescribed fee of Rupees 2-8.

2. No such certificates shall be issued without the price of the stamp being previously paid.

Ecclesiastical Department, 9th December 1862, No. 339.
" 10th January 1863, " 8.
" 17th " " 12.
" 31st " " 21.
" " " 23.
" 11th June " 139.
" 25th " " 153.
" 27th " " 156.

3. These orders shall apply as well to the Scottish as to the English Church. A copy of the Proceedings noted in the margin will be furnished to the Senior Chaplain of the Church of Scotland for his guidance.

(True Extract.)

A. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary.

To the Senior Chaplain of the Church of Scotland,
(with the papers referred to in paragraph 3.)

Right Reverend the Bishop.
Commissary of the Diocese.
Registrar of the Diocese.
Revenue Department, for information.

Edw. T. McMootry,

