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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 13th January 1863.

No. 165. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 8th January 1863, No. 42 :—

Communicating to certain authorities the Proceedings in the Revenue Department, deciding that Certificates granted to Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers should be free of Stamp duty in Madras as in Bengal.

(Vide Military Proceedings, 8th January 1863, Nos. 53—55.)

No. 166. ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1863, No. 85.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue for information and guidance.

(Signed.) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.

Read the following letter from the Acting Registrar of the Diocese of Madras, 15*th November* 1862; *to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.*

1. I have the honor to state, that an extract Proceedings of the Revenue Board, No. 6155, together with Order of Government thereon, No. 2078, dated 24th September 1862, has been brought under my notice unofficially, and from it I collect, that it is the desire of Government, that Certificates of Christian marriages, should be subjected to Stamp duty, to be paid by the parties requiring such Certificates.

2. This resolution seems in part to dispose of the reference made to Government in my letter of 15th July 1862, in which I have submitted an inquiry, as to whether all Certificates granted by the Registrar of the Diocese, are to be issued on stamped paper.

3. Government having decided that Chaplains are hereafter to issue Marriage Certificates on Stamps, I conclude that the order on this subject will likewise apply to Certificates issuing from the Office of the Registrar, and it being ruled that Certificates of this nature are liable to the impost, I would respectfully submit, that there seems no sufficient reason why the practice should not be general in its application to all Certificates granted by the Clergy and the Registrar.

4. It is of importance that uniformity of practice should be observed in this respect, I have therefore the honor to solicit instructions on the subject for my own guidance, as well as that of the Clergy of the Diocese.

ORDER THEREON, 1st December 1862, No. 2512.

The Acting Registrar is informed 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. Unauthenticated copies may be on unstamped paper.

(True Extract.)

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

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.

Read the following letter from the Acting Registrar of the Diocese and Archdeaconry of Madras, 15*th December* 1862; *to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.*

1. With reference to the Minutes of Consultation of Government, No. 2512, 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 inquiry as to the course adopted by him, in reference to Certificates of sacred offices, since passing the 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 the Registrar of the Diocese of Calcutta, 8*th December* 1862; *to the Registrar of the Diocese of Madras.*

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.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd December 1862, No. 2679.

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.

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

ORDER, No. 42, *8th January* 1863.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, with reference to Proceedings of Government, Military Department, dated 29th September 1862, No. 3329,—also to the Controller of Military Finance and Military Accountant, to whom a copy of those Proceedings will now be furnished.

2. Stamps for Marriage Certificates submitted, under Regulation, by Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers (European and Native) will be furnished by the State, pending the reply of the Government of India to the application made in the second of the papers above recorded.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department. Wth 10 spare Copies
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„ Dy. Adjt. Genl. H. M.'s British Forces.
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„ Asst. Adjt. Genl. Royal Artillery, ...
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„ Principal Inspector General Medical Department,
} for information.

Exd. A. A. DeMonte.

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Communicating to certain Merchants the Rules on the Subject directing that Certificates granted to Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers should be free of Stamp duty on Inwards as are Granted

No. 85 - 13 January

By Order
William Baker

No. 165 & 166.