

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th August 1867.*

No. 526. Read the following letter from the Very Reverend S. FENNELLY, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 22nd August 1867, No. 4 :—

1. The Pay and Audit Departments have made stoppages on account of License Tax from the allowance of Rupees 500 drawn by the Right Reverend Dr. Fennelly, and from the allowances of Rupees 200 or Rupees 150 drawn by the Roman Catholic Clergymen at the Mount, Palaveram, Poonamallee, &c., for ministering to the Troops of the Roman Catholic persuasion at these stations. These stoppages appear to be clearly opposed to the spirit and to the letter of the orders of the Supreme Government. On the 18th April last, the Governor General in Council was pleased to exempt, from the operation of Act XXI of 1867, Junior Chaplains on the Ecclesiastical Establishment of British India, who draw Rupees 500 a month, and Members of the Additional Clergy Society. On the 24th April last the above exemption was extended, by the Governor General in Council, to Missionaries of all denominations. As I cannot find this latter order in the "Fort Saint George Gazette," I copy it in full from a Calcutta paper, the *Indo-European Correspondence* of the 4th May 1867 :—

"CIRCULAR No. 2,109.

"Government of India, Financial Department, Fort William, April 24th, 1867.
"In the opinion of the Governor General in Council, Missionaries of all denomina-
"tions are not amenable to tax under Act XXI of 1867, as they do not hold any
"office or employment of profit within the meaning of the Act.

"(Signed) E. H. LUSHINGTON,
"Secretary to the Government of India."

2. The Roman Catholic Bishops and Priests, who have come from Europe to labor in British India, are all Missionaries in the strictest sense, and are fairly entitled to the privilege, which the Governor General in Council has been pleased to grant to Missionaries of all denominations. I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to bring this matter to the notice of the Governor in Council, who, I hope, will be graciously pleased to order a refund of the stoppages complained of.

No. 527. ORDER THEREON, 27th August 1867, No. 2,011.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government consider that this claim to exemption is entitled to every consideration, and regret that in the face of the rulings of the Supreme Government, quoted in the above letter, the assessment should have been carried out without reference to them.

2. The Examiner of Claims will refund the amount levied.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To Very Reverend S. Fennelly.
,, the Examiner of Claims.
,, the Accountant General.

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Examiner of Claims
Attest Genl. N.

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