

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2349	Press Mis
40-141	
Dated 7 — 10 — 1918	1867

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No. 140. Read the following letter from the Principal of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 28th September 1867 :—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the copy of the G. O. of the 23rd August 1867, No. 1,975, informing me that the Governor General in Council is unable to entertain my application for exemption from the operation of the License Tax Act.

2. I trust I shall not be thought irregular or obtrusive in earnestly requesting that, if possible, my case may be favored with a careful re-consideration, since I think it may yet be found a simple act of justice to award to me the privilege requested.

3. In my former application I urged my request on the ground that Junior Chaplains, drawing precisely the same pay as myself, are favored with this exemption; but since it may be answered that this is done on account of their status as Military Chaplains, then I would respectfully remind the Government that Missionaries, drawing the same salary (as in the case of Dr. Fennelly of Madras) have the like exemption, though they cannot be regarded as having any Military status in the country.

3. Filling, as I do, the joint offices of Principal, Chaplain, and Secretary of an important *Military* institution, I think my claims certainly not less well grounded than those of the last mentioned gentleman; and I sincerely hope every consideration will be given to this my application. I have a most responsible and anxious charge, and a very considerable amount of work devolving on me, and all this in a very expensive station, where Rupees 500 per mensem will not go so far as it would at Madras, or any other town in the low country.

Commending the subject to your attentive consideration, I have &c.

No. 141. ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1867, No. 2,349.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government see nothing in Mr. Whitehouse's present representation which was not within the knowledge of the Supreme Government when they declined to entertain his application for exemption.

2. Under these circumstances the Government regret that they are unable to send on this renewed application.

3. Missionaries were exempted by the Government of India as not holding any office or employment of profit within the meaning of the Act.

4. The Roman Catholic Priests, to whose exemption Mr. Whitehouse alludes, had been erroneously assessed as Government servants on the pay they receive for ministering to the Soldiery, in which capacity they were fully entitled to the benefit of the ruling exempting Junior Military Chaplains.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Reverend T. Whitehouse, M. A.

„ the Examiner of Claims.

„ the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

From the Rev. J. Whitcombe Esq.

Principal of the Lawrence Asylum

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To the Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George Madras.

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Commending the subject to your at-
tentive consideration, I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
T. Whitehouse.

Lane. Regt. Col. & Command

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The Govt. is nothing
in Mr. Whitcomb's present
representation & I want to
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Supreme Govt. when they decided
to entertain his application
for exemption. Now these
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his renewed application.

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the soldiers in B. capacity, they were

W.H.
I fully understand & in consequence of the
making & supporting Mission in 13th April
1842 & 11th August 1842 & 11th August 1842
3d Dec 1842 & 11th August 1842
6th Dec 1842 & 11th August 1842
1st Dec 1842 & 11th August 1842

Rev. 7 Aug 1867 do 105 + 106
.. 24 June 1867 do 326. 328
.. 23 August 1867 do 460 + 461
.. 21 August 1867 do 526 + 527

Per = 1867. Overpaid
for Court for Octo
No. 2586

From

Rev. J. Whitehouse M.A.
Print. of the Lawrence
Asylum Octua,
:mmd.

Noted 28th 3rd Sept 1867
Received 30th 7th Sept 1867

Requesting re-
consideration of his
application for exemption
from the operation of the
License Tax Act.
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