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No. Bccl. 472/D. 2(b).
Government of India,
Ministry of Defence,

NEW DELHI, the 23rd March 1948.

1. The Most Rev. the Metropolitan of India,
Burma and Ceylon, Bishop's House, Calcutta.
2. The Secretary, Church of Scotland Colonial Chaplaincy Board
in India, St. Andrew's Church, Dalhousie Square, Calcutta.
3. His Excellency the Most Rev. the Apostolic Delegate of the
East Indies, 17 Palace Road, Bangalore.
4. The Most Rev. the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Bombay,
Archbishop's House, Bombay.

Subject:- Transfer of churches, church buildings etc. to the church
authorities concerned on the wind up of ecclesiastical
affairs with effect from the 1st April, 1948.

Most Revd. Sir,
Revd. Sir,

I am directed to say that in accordance with the wind up of all
ecclesiastical affairs, it has been decided that all churches and connected
buildings attached thereto, which have hitherto been maintained at State
expense from funds provided under "32-Ecclesiastical", will not be maintained
by them after the 31st March, 1948, and that all such churches and connected
buildings will be handed over to the church authorities concerned who will
be responsible for their upkeep and maintenance from the 1st April 1948. No
expenditure shall therefore be incurred by the Government on their maintenance,
repairs, contingencies, lighting, establishment, etc. from that date. The
details of the churches, the authorities to whom they will be transferred,
and other particulars are given in the succeeding paragraphs and the
annexures to this letter.

2. (a) Church of India: All Anglican churches included in the List of
Maintained Churches which forms the Second Schedule to the Indian Church
Act, 1927, will be removed from the List from the 1st April 1948, which will
have the effect of vesting them in the Indian Church Trustees from that date.
I enclose a copy of a Notification that will shortly be published in the
Gazettes of India and Pakistan in this connection.

There are certain Anglican churches which are at present being
maintained at State expense but which do not find a place in the Second
Schedule to the Indian Church Act, 1927. The names of these churches are
shown in annexure I to this letter. As the Government will not maintain
these churches after the wind up of ecclesiastical affairs, they will also
be transferred to the Indian Church Trustees with effect from the
1st April 1948.

(b) Church of Scotland: The churches of the Church of Scotland at
present being maintained by the Government are detailed in Annexure II to
this letter. All these churches will be transferred to the Church of
Scotland Colonial Chaplaincy Board in India with effect from the
1st April 1948.

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(c) Roman Catholic Church : The names of the Roman Catholic Churches that are at present being maintained by the Governments and the Authorities whom each church will be transferred with effect from the 1st April 1948 are indicated in Annexure III to this letter.

3. Along with the churches specified in the annexures, the sites of the churches and church buildings, the church compounds proper, and other connected buildings situated therein, which have hitherto been maintained by the Government will also be transferred to the Church Authorities concerned. In case of those churches and church buildings situated in Cantonment lands, the sites of the buildings and the church compounds, when no longer required by church authorities for the purposes for which they are intended, will revert to the Government concerned.

4. The various church authorities concerned are therefore requested to make necessary arrangements for taking over the churches, church buildings etc. transferred to them with effect from the 1st April 1948. The agencies which at present are responsible for their upkeep and maintenance are being instructed to hand these churches, etc. over to the representatives of the Church Authorities concerned on the 31st March 1948 and not to incur any expenditure on these churches, etc. after the 1st April 1948.

5. All allowances to churches or church authorities hitherto paid under the provisions of Ecclesiastical Rules or of the Pay and Allowances Regulations for the Army in India will cease to be payable with effect from the 1st April 1948. Any other miscellaneous items of expenditure used to be incurred on churches, etc., will also be stopped from the same date.

6. We have been advised that with a view to avoid future complications and for the sake of exactitude, documentation of the transfer of each church or church building to the Church Authorities would be desirable, except of course in the case of Anglican Churches removed from the Second Schedule to the Indian Church Act, 1927. It may be necessary in some cases to state the boundaries in detail; and a formula will have to be devised in respect of those cases where it is not clear whether Government is or is not the owner. A formula declaring that if Government is the owner it conveys the property or if it is not the owner or its title is in doubt, it withdraws all claim that it might at any time have made. I am therefore to request that in every individual case of transfer of church or church building or merely the sites, whether in India or Pakistan the church authorities concerned should prepare a draft deed of transfer in consultation with their legal advisers and submit the draft deed of transfer to this office as early as possible. The deeds in respect of such ecclesiastical property situated in Pakistan, after necessary formalities having been completed by this office, will be forwarded to the Government of Pakistan for formal execution.

7. Orders regarding the transfer of Parsonages at present maintained by the Governments, will be issued separately.

8. This letter has the authority of the Government of Pakistan vide No. 42/PS dated the 23rd August 1947 from Secretary to Government of Pakistan, Defence Department.

I am, Most Revd. Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- J.R. Mody
Major
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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Copy of the above together with enclosures forwarded to:-

The Financial Adviser, Defence and Supply, with reference to his u.o. No. 1262-W of 1948, for communication to the Accountant General, Central Revenues, New Delhi.

Accountant General, Central Revenues, Pakistan, Karachi.
All Accountants General and Comptrollers in India and Pakistan.
All Controllers of Military Accounts, in India and Pakistan.
The Military Accountants General, India and Pakistan.

The General Officers Commanding-in-Chief,
all Commands, India and Pakistan.

The Ministry of Railways (Railway Board),
New Delhi, for necessary action on the
Railway side.

The Ministry of Railways, Pakistan, Karachi.

The Ministry of Finance (O.B.), New Delhi.

The Ministry of Finance (Defence), New Delhi.

The Ministry of States, for communication to the States concerned,
for necessary action (25 copies).

The Chief Engineer, C.F.W.D., New Delhi.)

The Chief Engineer, Pakistan, F.W.D., Karachi.)

The B-in-Chief, Armed Forces Headquarters)

(India), New Delhi.)

) for necessary

The B-in-Chief, Armed Forces Headquarters)

) action.

(Pakistan), Rawalpindi)

The Quartermaster General in India, New Delhi.)

The Quartermaster General in Pakistan, Rawalpindi.)

The Deputy Financial Adviser (A.G.) New Delhi.

The Deputy Financial Adviser (W), New Delhi.

The Ministry of Defence (C. & L. Section).

The Ministry of Works, Mines and Power

(Government of India).

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Draft Gazette Notification.

Part - E

ECCLISIASTICAL

In exercise of the powers conferred by rule 12 of the Indian Church (India) Statutory Rules, 1940, the Governor General, by agreement with the Bishop of Calcutta, is pleased to remove with effect from the 1st April 1948 the churches specified below from the list contained in the Second Schedule to the Indian Church Act, 1927, namely, :-

SECOND SCHEDULE (SECTIONS 1, 5 AND 6) TO THE INDIAN CHURCH ACT, 1927

(17 AND 18 G.O. 15, CH. 40)
List of Maintained Churches
Part I.

Churches Vested in the Crown.

A. Military Churches.

<u>Station</u>	<u>Dedication</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Dedication</u>
<u>DIOCESE OF CALCUTTA</u>		<u>DIOCESE OF LAHORE - contd.</u>	
Balasure	St. John the Baptist	Manora	St. Paul
Barrackpore	St. Bartholomew	Mardan	St. Alban
Calcutta	St. Peter	Multan	St. Mary
Dinapore	St. Luke	Nowshera	Christ Church
Muzaffarpur	Christ Church	Peshawar	St. John
<u>DIOCESE OF MADRAS</u>		Rawalpindi	Christ Church
Calicut	St. Mary	Rawalpindi	St. Mary
Madras	St. Mary	Sabathu	-
Malapuram	Christ Church	Sanwar	Holy Trinity
St. Thomas' Mount	St. Thomas	Sialkot	Holy Trinity
Wellington	St. George	Solen	-
<u>DIOCESE OF BOMBAY</u>		<u>DIOCESE OF LUDHIANA</u>	
Ahmedabad	St. George	Agra	St. George
Ahmednagar	Christ Church	Agra	St. Matthew
Belgaum	St. Mary	Allahabad	St. David
Bombay	St. John the Evangelist	Almora	St. Mark
Ghorpuri	-	Bareilly	St. Stephen
Kirkee	All Saints	Bareilly	Christ Church
Poona	St. Mary	Banaras	St. Mary
Purandhar	Holy Trinity	Cawnpore	All Souls
Satara	St. Thomas	Cawnpore	St. John
<u>DIOCESE OF LAHORE</u>		Chakrata	St. Hugh
Abbottabad	St. Luke	Chaubatia	St. Michael
Amala	St. Paul	Byzabad	St. Andrew
Bakloh	St. Oswald	Jhansi	St. Martin
Bannu	St. George	Landour	St. Paul
Campbellpore	All Saints	Landsdowne	St. Mary
Cherat	St. Saviour	Lucknow	All Saints
Dagshai	St. Saviour	Meerut	St. John
Dalhousie	St. John	Muttra	Christ Church
Delhi New	-	Ranikhet	St. Peter
Cantonments	St. Martin	Roorkee	St. John
Fera Ismail Khan	St. Thomas	Shahjahanpur	St. Mary
Ferozapore	St. Andrew	<u>DIOCESE OF NAGPUR</u>	
Hyderabad (Sind)	St. Thomas	Jubbulpore	St. Michael and all Angels
Jhelum	St. John	Kanpree	Christ Church
Jullundur	St. Luke	Nasirabad	St. Paul
Jotogh	St. Michael	Pachmarhi	Christ Church
Karachi	Holy Trinity	Saugor	St. Peter
Kasauli	Christ Church	<u>DIOCESE OF PANJAB</u>	
Kohat	St. Augustine	Fort Blair	Christ Church
Lahore	St. Mary Magdalene		

B. Civil Churches

<u>Station</u>	<u>Dedication</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Dedication</u>
<u>DIOCESE OF CALCUTTA</u>		<u>DIOCESE OF MADRAS - Contd.</u>	
Arrah	The Holy Saviour	Ootacamund	St. Stephen
Bankipore	Christ Church	Palencottah	Christ Church
Bhagalpore	Christ Church	Poona	St. Mary Magdalen
Calcutta	St. John	Rajahmundry	Holy Trinity
Calcutta	St. Stephen	Salem	Christ Church
Chinsurah		Tranquebar	Zion Church
Cuttack	The Epiphany	Trichinopoly	St. John
Dacca	St. Thomas	Vellore	St. John
Darjeeling	St. Andrew	Vizagapatam	St. John
Dum Dum	St. Stephen	Waltair	St. Paul
Dumka	St. Andrew		
Gaya	St. David	<u>DIOCESE OF TRAVANCORE AND COCHIN</u>	
Howrah	St. Thomas	<u>DIOCESE OF TINNIVELLY</u>	
Howrah	St. Peter	Madura	St. George
Jalpaigiri	St. Michael and All Angels.	Tuticorin	
Jessore	Christ Church		
Magole	Christ Church	<u>DIOCESE OF BORNEM</u>	
Murda Road	St. John	Masulipatam	St. Mary
Kurseong	Christ Church		
Mymensingh	Christ Church	<u>DIOCESE OF PUNE</u>	
Puri	St. Thomas	Poona	St. Stephen
Purnea	Immanuel	Bijapur	All Saints
Serampore	St. Olave	Brouh	St. Mathias
Suri	All Saints.	Dharwar	All Saints
		Igatpur	St. Mathias
<u>DIOCESE OF CHOTA NAGPUR</u>		Lonavla	All Saints
Hazaribagh	St. Stephen	Mahabaleshwar	Christ Church
		Mount Abu	St. Saviour
<u>DIOCESE OF ASSAM</u>		Poona	St. Paul
Cowilla	Christ Church	Sholapur	Christ Church
Dibrugarh	St. Paul	Surat	Christ Church
Gauhati	Christ Church		
Shillong	All Saints	<u>DIOCESE OF LAHORE</u>	
		Ambritsar	St. Paul
<u>DIOCESE OF MADRAS</u>		Balhouses	St. John
Bellary	Holy Trinity	Delhi	St. James
Berhampore	St. Stephen	Dharamsala	St. John in the Wilderness
Bimlipatam	St. Peter	Gujrawala	Christ Church
Cannanore	St. John	Gurdaspur	All Saints
Chittoor	St. Luke	Hissar	St. Thomas
Cocanada	St. Thomas	Kalka	St. John
Coimbatore	All Souls	Khewra	St. James
Coonoor	All Saints	Kotri	Christ Church
Dowlaishwaram	Church of the Good Shepherd	Lahore	St. Andrew
Gudalur	St. John	Ladhiana	Christ Church
Kotagiri	Christ Church	Lyallpur	St. Peter
Lovedale	Church of the Ascension	Madhapur	All Saints
Madras	St. Mathias	Moghalpura	St. Oswald
Madras	St. Mark	Montgomery	St. Patrick
Mangalore	St. Paul	Murree	Holy Trinity
Mercara	St. Mark	New Delhi	Church of the Redemption
Nagapatam	St. Peter	Sargodha	St. Pallen's
Sellore	Christ Church	Siala	All Saints

B. Civil Churches - contd.

<u>Station</u>	<u>Dedication</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Dedication</u>
<u>DIOCESE OF LAHORE - Contd.</u>		<u>DIOCESE OF NAGPUR</u>	
Simla	Christ Church	Ajmer	St. Mary
Sirsa	St. John in the Wilderness	Amraoti	St. Thomas
Sukkur	St. Saviour	Bandikui	St. John the Baptist
		Chhindwara	St. Mark
		Bilichpur	St. Andrew
		Jubbulpore	Christ Church
		Nagpur	All Saints
		Raipur	St. John
		Sambalpur	St. James
<u>DIOCESE OF LUCKNOW</u>			
Agra	St. Paul		
Aligarh	Christ Church		
Allahabad	Holy Trinity		
Badaon	St. Saviour		
Basti	St. James		
Dehra Dun	St. Thomas		
Fatehgarh	All Souls		
Ghaziabad	Holy Trinity		
Ghaziपुर	St. Thomas		
Gonda	St. Thomas		
Gerakhpur	Christ Church		
Jaunpur	Holy Trinity		
Lahimpur	Christ Church		
Lalitpur	St. John		
Lucknow	Christ Church		
Mirzapur	St. John		
Moradabad	St. Paul		
Mussoorie	Christ Church		
Maini Tal	St. John in the Wilderness		
Saharanpur	St. Thomas		

Part II

CHURCHES NOT VISITED IN THE CROWN

<u>Station</u>	<u>Dedication</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Dedication</u>
<u>DIOCESE OF CALCUTTA</u>		<u>DIOCESE OF LAHORE</u>	
Asansol	St. Paul	Fungagali	St. Simon and St. Jude
Calcutta	St. James	Kangra	St. James
Calcutta	St. Paul	Lahore	The Church of the Resurrection
Saidpur	Christ Church	Nathiagali	St. Mathew
<u>DIOCESE OF CHHATA NAGPUR</u>		<u>DIOCESE OF LUCKNOW</u>	
Dhambad	St. Mary	Allahabad	All Saints
<u>DIOCESE OF MADRAS</u>		Chunar	The Settlement Church
Madras	Christ Church	Tundla	Christ Church
Madras	St. George		
<u>DIOCESE OF DERNAKAL</u>		<u>DIOCESE OF NAGPUR</u>	
Dernada	St. Paul	Bahera	St. George
<u>DIOCESE OF BOMBAY</u>		Bina	St. John the Baptist
Bombay	Christ Church	Katni	St. Philip and St. James.
Bombay	St. Thomas		
Batheran	St. Paul		

ANNEXURE I

List of Anglican Churches not included in the Second Schedule to the Indian Church Act, 1927 which are transferred to the Indian Church Trustees with effect from the 1st April, 1948.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
1. The Anglican Church	Neemuch
2. All Saint's Church	Jaipur
3. St. Saviour's Church	Abu
4. Garrison Church	Risalpur
5. Church at Gharial	Murree Hills
6. The Anglican Church	Deolali
7. St. Martin's Church	Dulikhet
8. The Anglican Church	Chaubattia
9. The Anglican Church	Jala Pahar
10. The Anglican Church	Lebong
11. St. Mathew's Church	Baroda
12. St. Mary's Church	Masulipatam
13. Christ Church	Trivandrum
14. Christ Church	Trichinopoly
15. Holy Trinity Church	Palghat
16. The Anglican Church	Hosur
17. St. James Church	Thana.

ANNEXURE II

List of Church of Scotland churches which will be transferred to "The Church of Scotland Colonial Chaplaincy Board in India." With effect from the 1st April, 1948.

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1. Allahabad	St. Andrew's Church
2. Ambala	St. Aidan's Church
3. Bangalore	St. Andrew's Church
4. Bombay	The Scot's Kirk
5. Calcutta	St. Andrew's Church
6. CawnPore	St. John's Church
7. Chakrata	St. Cuthbert's Church
8. Cherat	Garrison Church
9. Jubbulpore	St. Ninian's Church
10. Karachi	St. Andrew's Church
11. Lucknow	St. Mungo's Church
12. Madras	St. Andrew's Church
13. Mhow	Church of Scotland
14. Murree	St. Margaret's Church
15. Peshawar	St. Columbia's Church
16. Quetta	Church of Stewart Road
17. Ranikhet	St. Ninian's Church
18. RawalPindi	St. Paul's Church
19. Roona	St. Andrew's Church
20. Kirkee	St. Andrew's Church
21. Sialkot	St. Columbia's Church
22. Secunderabad	St. Andrew's Church

ANNEXURE III

List of Roman Catholic Churches that will be transferred to the Church authorities with effect from the 1st April, 1948.

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Diocese</u>	<u>Authority to whom transferred</u>
1.	St. Mary's Church	Virgin Rd. Delhi	Delhi & Simla	The Most Revd. The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Delhi and Simla.
2.	R.C. Church	Anabala	-do-	-do-
3.	R.C. Church	Kasauli	-do-	-do-
4.	R.C. Church	Sabatlu	-do-	-do-
5.	R.C. Church	Dagshai	-do-	-do-
6.	R.C. Church	Solon	-do-	-do-
7.	R.C. Church	Jutogh	-do-	-do-
8.	R.C. Chapel	Perozepore	Lahore	The Rt. Revd. the Roman Catholic Bishop of Lahore.
9.	St. James R.C. Chapel	Sialkot	-do-	-do-
10.	R.C. Church	Amritsar	-do-	-do-
11.	R.C. Church	Lahore Cantt	-do-	-do-
12.	R.C. Church	Jullunder	-do-	-do-
13.	R.C. Chapel	Dalhousie	-do-	-do-
14.	R.C. Chapel	Attack	-do-	-do-
15.	R.C. Church	Garwood Road Quetta Cantt.	Sind & Baluchistan	The Superior of the Roman Catholic Mission of Karachi
16.	St. Francis Church	Hyderabad (Sind)	-do-	-do-
17.	St. Anthony's Chapel	Manora	-do-	-do-
18.	R.C. Church	Dera Ismail Khan	Multan	The Rt. Revd. the Roman Catholic Bishop of Multan
19.	R.C. Church	Multan Cantt	-do-	-do-
20.	R.C. Church	Peshawar	Rawalpindi	The Roman Catholic Mission of Rawalpindi
21.	St. Peters Chapel	Campbellpore	-do-	-do-
22.	St. Joseph's Church	Rawalpindi	-do-	-do-
23.	St. John's Church	Risalpur	-do-	-do-
24.	R.C. Chapel	Neemuch	Ajmer	The Ajmer Diocesan Corporation Ltd.
25.	R.C. Church	Nasirabad	-do-	-do-
26.	St. Francis of Assize	Indore	Indore	The Prefecture Apostolic of Indore.
27.	R.C. Church	Ajmer	Ajmer	The Ajmer Diocesan Corporation Ltd.
28.	R.C. Church	Mhow	Indore	The Prefecture Apostolic of Indore.
29.	R.C. Chapel	Meerut	Agra	The Most Revd. the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Agra.
30.	St. Peters Church	Landour	-do-	-do-
31.	R.C. Chapel	Agra Fort	-do-	-do-
32.	R.C. Church	Barielly	-do-	-do-
33.	St. Joseph's Church	Jhansi	Jhansi	The Prefecture Apostolic of Jhansi.
34.	R.C. Church	Dilhusha, Lucknow.	Lucknow	The Rt. Revd. the R.C. Bishop of the Diocese of Lucknow.
35.	R.C. Church	Ranikhet	-do-	-do-
36.	R.C. Church	Chaubattia	-do-	-do-
			-do-	-do-

S.No.	Name	Place	Diocese	Authority to whom referred
39.	St. Mary's Chapel	Byzabad	Allahabad	The Rt. Rev. the R.C. Bishop of the Diocese of Allahabad
40.	R.C. Church	Cannore	-do-	-do-
41.	R.C. Church	Daurahore	Patna	The Rt. Rev. the R.C. Bishop of the Diocese of Patna.
42.	R.C. Church	Lohang	Calcutta	The Most Rev. the R.C. Archbishop of Calcutta.
43.	R.C. Church	Barrackpore	-do-	-do-
44.	R.C. Chapel	Fort William.	-do-	-do-
45.	St. Patrick's	Dum Dum	-do-	-do-
46.	Sacred Heart Church	Asansol	-do-	-do-
47.	R.C. Cathedral	Chittagong	Chittagong	The Rt. Rev. The R.C. Bishop of the Diocese of Chittagong
48.	St. Joseph's Church	Colaba Bombay	Bombay	The Most Rev. the R.C. Archbishop of Bombay.
49.	St. Ignatious Church	Kirkee	Poona	The Rt. Rev. the R.C. Bishop of the Diocese of Poona.
50.	R.C. Church	Deolali	-do-	-do-
51.	R.C. Church	Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad	The Roman Catholic Mission of Ahmedabad:
52.	St. Patrick's Church	Trimulgherry	Hyderabad (Dn)	The Rt. Rev. the R.C. Bishop of Hyderabad (Dn).
53.	R.C. Church	St. Thomas Mount	De S. Thome de Meliapor	The Rt. Rev. the R.C. Bishop of the Diocese of San Thome de Meliapor.
54.	St. John the	Coonamallee	-do-	-do-
55.	R.C. Church	Ballary Cantt	Ballary	The Institute of the Franciscan Fathers of the Province of Ballary.
56.	St. Joseph's Church	Wellington	Mysore	The Rt. Rev. the R.C. Bishop of the Diocese of Mysore.
57.	R.C. Church	Chunar		
58.	R.C. Chapel	Furandhar.		