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(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
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Read the following papers:—

No. 5. From R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 9th May 1865, No. 2329.

With reference to the Order of Government, dated 22nd March 1865, No. 304, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit, for approval, the annexed draft of a Circular Order, which they have prepared, in consultation with the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, and the Inspector General of Police.

2. It will be observed that the Committee have taken it for granted that the Municipal Act now before the Legislative Council will be extended to all towns of sufficient size to require any special agency for keeping up a Register of Deaths, and that the object of the Circular is only to obtain these statistics from the agricultural parts of the country.

3. The Committee have thought it best, at any rate at first, to restrict the operations of the measure to those parts of the country which are under the immediate management of Government Officers, leaving the information regarding the Zemindary tracts to be supplied separately, as it may be available. The Principal Inspector General expressed decided objections to any Returns received from the latter portions of the country being mixed up with those obtained from more reliable sources, as such a course must tend to vitiate the correctness of the whole of the Returns when viewed as statistics.

4. The only agency which it is proposed to employ in keeping *the Registers*, is that of the Village officers, who will perform this small additional duty without any special remuneration. The Form of Register will be so simple, and the directions for filling it up so complete, that no difficulty need be anticipated as to its correct preparation. No very reliable data as to the causes of death can of course be expected at first, and only a few general headings, including well known diseases and accidents, have been adopted in the Forms. A commencement, however, will have been made, and more accurate statistics may hereafter be obtained.

5. It is proposed that a duplicate of each village Register shall be sent with the Monthly Accounts to the Taluq Cusbah. As the Village Accounts are despatched on the 25th of the month, this plan will involve the exhibition in the Register of the transactions occurring between the 25th of one month and the 24th of the next; but when the information is tabulated in the Collector's Office, the Deaths may be entered as being the Deaths in the one month, in the same manner as the Cash transactions which take place between the 25th and the end of the month appear in the Return appertaining to the following month.

6. For the purpose of tabulating the Village Registers, which will be a work requiring some care and attention, it will be necessary to entertain in each Collector's office two Clerks on Rupees 20 and Rupees 15 per mensem, who will perform this duty, under the direction of the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, under whose signature the abstract will be forwarded to the Civil Surgeon, for transmission to the Medical Authorities.

7. It is estimated that the entire expenditure necessary, including stationery, will amount to about Rupees 12,000 per annum. This is a large outlay; but nearly one-fourth of it is the charge for stationery and printing. The charge for establish-

ment might be obviated were the duty thrown entirely on the Revenue Department; but in this case, the abstract of each Register would have to be prepared by the Village Officers, who could not be depended on to make the Returns with sufficient care, punctuality, and accuracy. The additional duty which would be thrown on the Revenue Inspectors, Taluq establishment and Huzur establishment, though from its sub-division it would not fall very heavily on any particular official, is undesirable, when, as Government are aware, the Revenue establishments have lately been considerably reduced in numbers.

8. In conclusion, I am to express the Committee's regret that the Government have not thought proper to direct a Registration of Births as well as of Deaths. The proposed measure, without a Register of Births, will be deprived in great part of its usefulness, and a Register both of Births and Deaths might, in the opinion of the Committee, be carried out by the agency now proposed, without any additional expense, and without any vexatious interference with the private concerns of the people.

No. 6. From F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 22nd May 1865, No. 22.

Budget and Finance Department.

In reply to your official Memorandum, No. 216, dated the 19th instant, requesting me to state how the expenditure of Rupees 12,000, proposed on account of the Registration of Deaths in the agricultural parts of the Country, can be met during the Current year, I have the honor to state that I do not anticipate that there will be any large savings in the Budget Grant under F. IX Miscellaneous, which seems to me to be the proper head of Service to which the charge should be debited, the Government of India having reduced the provision made in the Budget under that head, by Rupees 98,000.

2. I expect, however, there will be savings in the Grant of Rupees 39 lacs on account of Police, the actual charges on this account for 1863-64 having been only Rupees 34,91,000, and those of 1864-65, so far as at present known, Rupees 35,55,000. I would, therefore, beg to suggest that an application be made to the Government of India for a transfer of Rupees 12,000 from the Grant under F. IV Police to F. IX Miscellaneous, in conformity to paragraph 13 of Financial Resolution, No. 1739, dated 12th August 1864.

3. The enclosures received with your Memorandum under reply are herewith returned.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1865, No. 591.

The Governor in Council authorizes the Board of Revenue to issue the Circular of which a draft is submitted with the first of the letters above recorded, subject to the following modifications in the forms:—Under the head of accidents, "hanging" should be omitted. Murders should be included in a single column.

2. To meet the expenditure at the rate of Rupees (1000) one thousand per mensem, which will have to be incurred during the current year, application will be made to the Government of India for a transfer of Rupees (9000) nine thousand from the Budget Grant under F. IV "Police," to F. IX "Miscellaneous," in conformity to para. 13 of their Financial Resolution, No. 1739, dated 12th August, 1864.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Accountant General.
" Financial Department.
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Exd. J. H. Burns.

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