

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Indivul DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>422</i>	Press
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Dated	<i>31-3-1958</i>	

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No. 1. Read the following letter from ANDW. N. MAGRATH, Esq., Director General, Medical Department; to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 20th March 1858, No. 65.

SIR,

No. 202, 22nd February 1856. With reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation, Public Department, marginally noted, relative to the Mortuary Returns of the Presidency, I have the honor to forward, for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, six copies of the Mortuary Report* for 1855.

* Received from the Press 18th Instant.

2. Agreeably to the order of Government (300) three hundred copies were printed, and I solicit instructions as to their distribution.

3. The registration is being continued, but as observed at the close of the Report, there is reason to believe, that little more than one-half of the total number of deaths during the year have been reported; it is requisite therefore that the attention of the authorities concerned, should be specially drawn to the subject. It is also desirable that a Census of the population should be taken, distinguishing Hindoos, Mahomedans, Eurasians and Europeans. I am not aware of any objection as likely to be made to such a measure being effected, save probably on the part of the Mahomedans, and which on proper explanation might be overcome. If the amount of population were ascertained accurately, tables of a more valuable nature than now presented, could be readily framed; as it is however, the most unhealthy localities of the Presidency are clearly pointed out in the tables now given.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 422; dated 31st March 1858.

The Director General Medical Department, will be good enough to forward to Government the whole of the printed copies of the Mortuary Report referred to for 1855. The report will then be distributed as follows:—

	Copies.
The Honorable Court of Directors...	20
„ Government of India (Home Department)...	3
„ do. of Bengal...	3
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„ do. of N. W. Provinces...	3
„ do. of Ceylon...	1
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„ Honorable the Governor of the Straits Settlements	1
„ Most Noble the Governor General...	1
„ Right Honorable the Governor...	1
His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief...	1
Senior Member of Council...	1
Junior Member of Council...	1
Member of the Legislative Council for the Madras Presidency...	1
His Excellency the Governor of Pondicherry and Monsr. Montbrun.	2
Chief Secretary...	1
Deputy Secretary...	1
Secretary to Government Revenue and Public Works Department...	1
Deputy Secretary Revenue and Public Works Department...	1
Secretary to Government Military Department...	1
Deputy Secretary... do ...	1
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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 9th April 1858.

The do. do. for distribution	21
Director General Medical Department...	1
do. do. for distribution	25
Adjutant General of the Army, for distribution...	50
The Chief Engineer Department Public Works...	1
„ Deputy Chief Engineer ...	3
„ Commissioner of Mysore	3
„ do. of Nagpore ...	3
Dr. H. F. C. Cleghorn...	1
Commissioner of Police...	3
Municipal Commissioners...	3
The Resident at Hyderabad...	1
„ do. at Travancore and Cochin...	1
„ do. at Indore...	1
„ do. at Baroda...	1
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„ Agent at Kurnool...	1
„ Director of Public Instruction...	1
„ Board of Examiners...	3
„ Council of the Madras Medical College...	5
„ Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines...	1
„ Commissary General ...	1
„ Quarter Master General of the Army...	1
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways...	1
Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory...	1
C. M. Duff, Esq., M. D...	1
The Principal, Presidency College	1
„ Madras Engineers' Library...	1
„ Editors' Library...	1
„ Secretary Madras Literary Society...	1
Dr. E. G. Balfour...	1
The Officer in charge of the Government Central Museum	1
„ Local Museum at Cuddalore...	1
„ do. Rajahmundry...	1
„ do. Bellary...	1
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„ do. Mangalore...	1
„ Government Office...	1

2. It is observed, that the accuracy of the present returns is questioned, the mortality being very small in proportion to the population of Madras and its suburbs. The Commissioner of Police made a similar remark in regard to the returns for 1856, (para. 79 of Colonel Boulderson's Annual Report, dated 19th October last), and the Government on that occasion requested, that he would give the subject his attention as President of the Municipal Commissioners, in whom the law (Section CXI of Act No. XIV of 1856) has now vested the necessary authority.—*Vide* para. 7, Extract Minutes Consultation, Judicial Department, No. 1551, under date the 26th November 1857.

3. With reference to the suggestion, that a census of the population should be taken, it is observed, that a Draft Act for the purpose was submitted by this Government in the Revenue Department, under date the 23rd September 1856, to the Member of the Legislative Council for Madras, when Mr. Elliott replied, that a general census of the whole population of British India is intended to be made in 1861, and that the Supreme Government will not sanction the taking of any partial census in the meantime.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Govt.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Judicial Department.

No. 422

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 31st March 1858.

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His Excellency the Commander in Chief	1/1
Senior Member of Council	1/1
Junior Member of Council	1/1
Member of the Legislative Council for the Madras Presidency	1/1
His Excellency the Governor of Pondicherry & French India	2/1
Chief Secretary	1/1
Deputy Secretary	1/1
Secretary to Govt Revenue and Public Works Dept	1/1
Deputy Secretary Revenue and Public Works Dept	1/1
Secretary to Govt Military Department	1/1
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" Council of the Madras Medical College	5/1
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Director Genl. Med. Dep't
" Commissioner of Police } Disptd

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to my & son's 3rd child.
Died in 1858 about 44

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See table

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