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[Despatch Abstract.]

Vital Statistics Recording letter from the Collector of Salem reporting the steps taken to improve the registration of births and deaths in the district.

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## SUBJECT.

Reporting the steps taken to improve the registration of births & deaths at Shenda Mangalam & in the District in general.

Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner

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No. 5411 dated 30th November 1895.

The acting Collector regrets to observe from official letters from the Sanitary Commissioner, and from his report for 1894, that the death registration is very defective in this District.

The following figures for 1894 prove it.

*Births and deaths per mille.*

| Taluk.               | Births. | Deaths. |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Namakkal             | 29·2    | 18·7    |
| Uttankarai           | 29·8    | 17·8    |
| Tiruppattur          | 30·0    | 16·6    |
| Krishnagiri          | 30·9    | 14·9    |
| Hosur                | 32·1    | 15·3    |
| Tiruchengodu         | 34·2    | 17·7    |
| Atur                 | 30·3    | 19·8    |
| Salem                | 33·7    | 16·3    |
| Dharmapuri           | 36·9    | 18·3    |
| District Rate        | 32·1    | 17·3    |
| Presidency Rate      | 26·4    | 19·0    |
| Municipal Towns Rate | 33·2    | 30·0    |

The above shows that, though the Births are fairly recorded, Deaths are not.

The acting Collector though loath to introduce new returns, is in the face of the above facts bound to do so. He accordingly instructs Revenue Inspectors to submit, with their fortnightly diaries, returns in the forms sent them for use. Tahsildars will similarly send their returns as instructed, in the printed forms that will be sent them. Divisional officers will take such action as is necessary and forward their reviews and Tahsildar's returns in original before the 20th of each month to the Collector. The Tahsildars' returns will be first due for December.

The attention of all inspecting officers is drawn to the fact that first finding a Birth or Death in a register and then enquiring to see if such a birth or death took place, is absolutely useless. It is the births and deaths that are omitted that should be inquired into. To do so, inspecting officers will enquire of village officers, caste headmen, chief residents in any street or hamlet, native doctors, midwives and above all from washermen barbers and village servants, whose attention must necessarily be drawn to a cremation or burial. It is from them that information can be had and then the registers must be checked to see if they correspond to what they ought to do and the return made accordingly.

C. H. MOUNSEY,  
Ag. Collector.

30th November 1895.

To all Divisional officers.  
 " Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars, and Revenue Inspectors.  
 Copy to the District Medical and Sanitary officer for information.  
 " to the Sanitary Commissioner in reference to his 2174<sub>3</sub> dated 26th November 1892.

Salem Collector's Office,  
30<sup>th</sup> September 1896.

No. 52574

Despatched on 2-10-96

From C. H. Mountney  
G. STOKES Esq.,

Collr. & Dist. Magte. of Salem.

To Chief  
The Secretary to Government,  
Local and Municipal Department,  
Madras.

SIR,

Adverting to para 10 of G. O. No: 1173L dated 25<sup>th</sup> June 1896 observing that the registration of births and deaths at Theudamangalam, among other rural towns in other Districts, was defective, and calling on the Collectors, concerned to report what measures they propose to adopt to improve registration, I have the honor to state as follows:-

2. I understand that the Government wants proposals for the improvement of registration not only in the towns referred to but generally throughout the districts concerned. In the year 1894 it came to Collectors' notice that

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the Karnam of Phendamanagalam had omitted to note many births and deaths and on a report being called for, the Tahsildar stated that the Karnam of the village was too old and incompetent to do the work of this large town consisting of a population of 13,354 and that being a mittha village the village servants were not amenable to any control and he suggested that a paid Registrar be appointed as a special case. This was considered not feasible and it was arranged in consultation with the Taluk Board Namakkal that the Union clerk at Phendamanagalam be directed to do the work and this is accordingly being done since the latter part of 1895.

3. I noticed on my joining the district in November last that registration here was not being done properly and I immediately directed <sup>that</sup> Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars, and Revenue Inspectors should scrutinize the village registers of births and deaths in the course of their tours and submit returns to me through the Divisional officers showing the results

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being monthly reviewed by the Divisional officers as well as in my office - I enclose a copy of my circular issued soon after joining for the information of Government. The Divisional officers also are being requested from time to time to give their personal attention to the matter and I hope that there will be improvement in course of time.

I have directed that the Births and Deaths in Phendamanagalam be specially verified once a month at least.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

W. M. M.

Acting Collector

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