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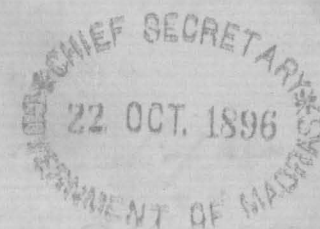
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From

The Collector of South Arcot

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government
proposals for the improvement
of vital statistics, called for
in G.O. Nos 1173 & 1174 L dated
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To The Collector of South Arcot
Dated 15/12/96

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South Arcot Collectors office Cuddalore
20 October 1896

From

A E Castle Stuart Stuart Esq.

Collector of South Arcot

To

The Chief Secretary

to the Government of Madras

Local and Municipal Department

Sir,

With reference to para 10 of G.O. nos 1173, 1174k dated 25 June 1896 calling upon Collectors to state what measures they propose to adopt to improve the registration of vital statistics, I have the honour to report as follows:—

The system of registration now in force leaves the work of recording vital statistics wholly in the hands of the Kurnams of villages who gather information by personal enquiries in the village and also by means of the village menial servants. There can be no doubt that this practice accounts, to a great extent, for the defective registration brought to notice. Kurnams are often away from their village on duty and often their battams are large, the result being that the information they obtain does

does not admit of sufficient verification.

The following proposals for the improvement and verification of registration submitted by Divisional officers are calculated to ensure better results.

1. Where a battam or a Kurman's range comprises two or more villages or a village with a large population the work of registration might be divided between the Kurman and village munsiff who should be impressed with the importance of accurate registry.

2. Where a Kurman happens to be absent from his battam on duty the Registers should be left in charge of the village munsiff for the purpose of recording Carnatives and Births.

3. Both Kurmans and village munsiffs should be required to sign the monthly extracts from the Registers with a certificate appended to it that no Corses have been omitted.

4. The Revenue Inspectors during their tours should more carefully scrutinize the Registers and see that they are properly written up and certify to the accuracy of the entries by subsequent independent enquiries.

5. The Subordinates of the Vaccination Department who

who are always on tour should be directed to assist the Revenue officials and they should themselves check the entries after due enquiries.

6. A great deal can be done by Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars and Divisional officers themselves who should be required to test the accuracy of entries by personal enquiries at every village they camp in, and prevent any tendency to careless work.

7. As regards villages constituted "Unions" the responsibility might well be fixed upon the Chairman of the Unions who with the assistance of the village munsiffs as Ex officio members of the Panchayats can secure accurate registration. I would also suggest that when the Local Board's Act is taken up for amendment a provision might well be inserted making it obligatory on the House-holders to come forward and furnish correct and prompt information to the Chairman of the Unions about Births and Deaths. The time cannot be far distant, if indeed it has not already arrived, for compulsory registration of Births and Deaths, as also for Compulsory

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in a manner being required throughout the
Presidency in the general interests of legislative
Enactments.

8 As regards the towns constituted "Municipalities"
a uniform ^{system of} registration has been prescribed
and a Birth and Death Registrar is specially
employed for the purpose. Fairly trustworthy
statistics are therefore available in this respect
in these areas. They ought to be strictly accurate
if Municipal bodies worked properly.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Yours most obedt servant

A. B. Williams
for Collected

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