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[Despatch Abstract.]

Forwarding to Mr. J. S. Gardiner, Fellow of Gonville & Cain's college, and Balfour student of Cambridge University, for perusal & return, certain books ~~required~~ ~~by him~~ which ~~would~~ may give the information required by him regarding the census returns of the Maricoy Islands.

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Note

There appears to be no data available for checking the integrity of this request — not even a Cambridge Calendar. ~~It might~~ It would be advisable the Ceylon authorities, or Commander Channer (Minicoy Impt Light Service) might be consulted, however. What is asked for is information which is always available which is, in a way, public property. Perhaps, therefore, the Res Dept might be asked — u-o- ~~D. O.~~ to supply the information required which appears to be —

1 The last census returns of Minicoy.
2 Any information regarding Minicoy which would be likely to be of service in the objects aimed at by the "Expedition".

Mr Gardner might be referred to the Collector of Malabar for any information he may require beyond what Res can supply. —

H.W.G.
21/9/99

Ans
There is no Sec Dept where will find it if asked
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I consulted that Dept yesterday — they have one in Madras but not here. J.W.B.
22/9/99

From H. A. Sue Esq^re I.C.S

No.

Dated 20 Sep^r 1899
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding letter from M^r H. Gardiner asking for Census re relig[illegible] Minicoy Islands.

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Poste Restante
Colombo
Ceylon
14/9/99.

Sir.

An expedition from the University of Cambridge and the Royal Society of England has recently spent three months on the atoll of Minicoy under my charge.

The expedition was formed for the purpose of studying the fauna and physical conditions of the Maldive Islands in connection with the formation of coral reefs. First however three months were spent on Minikoy, ready access to which can always be obtained. The expedition is now shortly proceeding to the Maldive

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Islands.

Fairly complete collections were formed at Minicoy of the land and marine fauna; a large number of observations were made too on the currents, geology and changes in land and sea of that atoll. The plants were collected and will shortly be sent to the Peradeniya Gardens, Kandy, Ceylon, where they will be named.

A large amount of Ethnological work was also done, but in connection with this we have found it impossible to obtain here any information with regard to the census returns relating to the island. Copies or references to any "Blue Books" published on Minicoy would be of great value. The assistance of Your Excellency in these matters would be of great value to the expedition.

Copies of all work relating to the island will be forwarded to Your Excellency's Government in due course.

It would be ungrateful of me were I not to acknowledge the assistance rendered to the expedition by the native officials of Minicoy, particularly the "gunasta".

I have the honour to be
Yr obedient servant
J Stanley Gardiner
(Fellow of Gonville & Caius College &
Balfour Student of Cambridge University)

His Excellency
the Governor of Madras.

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Ootacamund, 20th Sep 1899

PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR · MADRAS ·

RECEIVED 21 SEP 1899 GOVERNMENT OFFICE

My dear Stokes,

His Excellency wishes me to pass the enclosed on to you, & to ask that the help which Mr Jardiner asks for, may, if possible, be supplied. His Excellency does not know Mr Jardiner, but assumes that he is what he pretends to be.

Yours truly,

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× Letter dy Colombo, 14th Sep 99, from Mr J. S. Jardiner asking for Census returns about the Minicoy islands

To the Governor of Madras

D.O 440/99.

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NOTE FOR THE C. A.

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With reference to C. A.'s note on the do. it is submitted that the Cambridge University Calr for 1898-99 ~~was~~ has been looked up & Mr J.S. Gardner's name is found amongst the list of Fellows of Gonville & Caius College (1898.)—page 687 of the Calendar—. I have not been able to trace any entry as to his holding the Balfour Studentship of the University.

R/

As for the request to be supplied with information re: the Census of Minicoy Island, the Census report 1891,— Taluk & village statistics of Malabar Dt, page 52,— gives the information required. Also there is an account of the Minicoy Island at pages cccii to cccvii of the Malabar manual Vol II. It is submitted that both the books referred to above may be available in the Collector's office, Malabar. & Mr Gardner may therefore be referred to

* available in Coll's Office

S.C. here states there is no copy in the library for Cowie's Report which [illegible] a Railway Agent who [illegible] to return &c. —

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the Collector of Malabar for the information he is in search of. There are 4 copies of the Census report referred to above & three sets of the Manual in the library; but if a single copy is taken out, the sets will get incomplete unless the vols are returned carefully. It was for this reason that the above suggestion was made.

HRP
25-9-99

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Mr. Gardiner will be furnished with a copy of each of the following publications—

1 The Census Return of the Malabar District (1891).

2 Malabar District Manual Vol II

for perusal & return.

Issd 24/3/99 Cens 28/4/99

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Dispd with 2 books 30/9

To J. Stanley Gardiner Esq
Poste Restante - Colombo -

Sir -

I am with reference to your letter dated the 14th inst, addressed to H.E. the Governor of Madras I am directed to forward for

D/ Asst Sr
(2 vols 2 books)
(Despatched from Madras)

your perusal & return a copy such of the ~~two~~ × marginally noted publications from which, it is believed, you will be able to gather the information you require.

I have &c.

F.W.C. 26/9/95 Asst 26/9/95

W. H. Sq.

2 Sir Walter the books are returned

Asst

Noted MRO 30/9/95

1 Census Return of the Malabar District. 1891
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