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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Rudra DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

409

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Dated

24-4-1866.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
24th April 1866.*

No. 88. Read the following letter from the Acting Commissioner of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 3rd January 1866, No. 1.

With reference to Order of Government, No. 1255, of 7th December 1865, I have the honor to report as follows.

2. I have been in communication with the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, regarding the work performed by the Mortuary Establishment. A certain area is assigned to each Conicopoly, whose duty it is to visit all the Burial and Burning grounds within this area every day, and, having ascertained the particulars of corpses burnt or buried, to proceed to the houses in which the deaths have occurred, and fill in a Form which I herewith append. This information is received and registered by the Clerk on Rupees 14.

3. Although it is doubtless possible that this duty might be performed by the Madras Town Police as at present constituted, yet it does not appear to fall within the proper scope of Police operations, nor could it be carried out in the ordinary rotation of duty, since it is essential that the collectors of information should be able to read and write well, and that they should be familiarized by practice with the details of information required. Thus it would be necessary to set apart a certain number of men for this express purpose; and with a Force closely estimated to meet the exact requirements of the Town, there would, of course, be no provision of men or money for any such arrangement. It would become necessary to estimate separately for the establishment required.

4. The working of a Police Force is somewhat hampered by the performance of extraneous duties. The people themselves might view with distaste the domiciliary visits of Police Officers. The work of scientific tabulation must necessarily be performed elsewhere. I observe that it is proposed to transfer the compilation of mortuary statistics to the Sanitary Commission, and I venture to submit that it would be more convenient in practice, and advisable on general grounds, to keep the whole establishment under one Department.

No. 89. ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1866, No. 409.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council will reserve for further consideration the determination of the question as to what permanent arrangement shall be made for the collection of mortuary statistics within the Town of Madras. For the present, the duty will be performed under the orders of the Sanitary Commission, who will draw for this purpose the allowance, viz., Rupees 74 per mensem, sanctioned for an Establishment on the 7th December last.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Sanitary Commission.

„ Commissioner of Police.

„ Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

„ Examiner of Claims.

„ Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

REPORT OF DEATH.

Name

Sex

Caste

Age

Years	Months	Days	Or if still-born

Date of death

Cause of death

Duration of disease

Abode

How long resident in Madras

Place of birth

Country to which family belonged

Occupation of the individual or family's occupation

Remarks—burial or burning ground

Station }
Date }

Signature of one of the family or friend.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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from the Commissioner of Police.

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To the Sanitary Commission.
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" Asst. Secy. Medical Department.
" Examiner of Claims.
" Accountant General.

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Mortuary Establishment

Public 1866 Department.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 24 April 1866.

29th Aug 1866
" 21st of 1870
" 20th of 1871