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Government of Madras.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
5th June 1866.*

No. 17. Read the following letter from the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 25th May 1866, No. 185.

In acknowledging Proceedings of Government, as per margin, I have the honor to state that I have issued a Circular to the Officers of the Medical Department, requesting them to co-operate in furthering the views of the Asiatic Society.

No. 476, dated 11th May 1866.

2. I may state that the opportunities of Medical Officers in this Presidency of collecting crania of the aboriginal races are not so common as may be generally supposed. These people do not as a rule come into Jails or Civil Hospitals. As regards the latter institutions, it would be highly impolitic for the Medical Officers to attempt making a collection such as is desired.

3. The crania that should be particularly sought for are those of the—

Todas,	}	Of the Neilgherries and jungles.
Burghers,		
Coorumbers,		
Kotahs,		
Iroolahs ;		
Of the Kaders and	}	Of the Anamally Hills.
Muleers ;		
Nellialies,		Of the Shevaroyes.
Yenadies,		Of the jungles north of Madras, and of the Hill tribes in the Northern Circars.

4. I am not aware of any satisfactory mode of obtaining specimens, except that of resorting to the burial grounds of the tribes who inter their dead. This, if done at all, can only be done privately and with due precautions not to outrage the feelings of the people.

5. In the taking of castings or busts from the living, I should imagine there need be no difficulty. The Superintendent of the School of Arts, is however, best qualified to offer an opinion on this point.

CIRCULAR.

From the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, — Division; dated Fort Saint George, 25th May 1866, No. 2240.

In circulating the accompanying Proceedings* of Government to the Medical Officers within your range, I am desired by the Officiating Principal Inspector General to request that you will

* Copy sent.

have the goodness to solicit the co-operation of

any gentlemen in the service, who, from their official positions, may be able to forward the objects of the Asiatic Society.

2. There are many aboriginal tribes inhabiting the Jungles and Hill ranges of Southern India, cranial specimens of which would be of great value to Ethnologists. If these can be conveniently procured, you will be so good as to direct the Medical Officers concerned to forward them to this office, labelled and described as mentioned in Dr. Anderson's letter, for despatch to Calcutta.

3. Great care should be taken to send only genuine and well authenticated specimens.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
5th June 1866.*

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, 5th June 1866, No. 557.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letter be furnished to the Committee of the Madras Literary Society, and, also, to Dr. Hunter, for report on the point noticed in the last paragraph.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Committee of the Madras Literary Society.
To Surgeon Major A. Hunter, M. D., with Proceedings,
11th May 1866, No. 476.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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