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5th July 1866.*

No. 31. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Simla, 29th May 1866, No. 1295.

Home Department.

I am directed to forward, herewith, a copy of the papers noted in the margin, relative to an Ethnological Congress proposed to be held by the Asiatic Society of Bengal, and to request that, under the orders of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will be so good as to obtain from the Officers within the jurisdiction of and submit, as early as practicable, complete and accurate lists of the various races of men in their respective Districts.

From Natural History Secretary of the Asiatic Society, No. 139, dated 8th March last, and one enclosure.  
To ditto, No. 3038, dated 28th March.  
"List of Indian Races, &c., &c."

2. It should be stated briefly, in regard to each race, the grounds, whether of language, physical conformation, or manners and customs, on which a separate classification is considered necessary.

3. The accompanying Ethnographic List will possibly be found useful in the preparation of the required Statement.

From J. ANDERSON, Esq., M. D., Natural History Secretary, Asiatic Society, Bengal, to E. C. BAYLEY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department; dated 8th March 1866, No. 139.

With reference to the annexed letter from Dr. J. Fayrer, to the Natural History Secretary of the Asiatic Society, I have the honor to inform you that the Council of the Society have considered the proposition embodied in the letter, and I am requested to say it has received their cordial support.

2. The Council were unanimous in regarding the proposition as one highly calculated to advance the science of ethnology, and they believe it to contain a recognition of the only method by which many of the historical, philological, and anatomical facts of the science will be rightly understood. I am, therefore, directed to request, in the hope that the proposal will meet with the approval and support of Government, that the claims of Dr. Fayrer's admirable and original proposition may be submitted for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

3. In the proposition, as it originally stands, it is intended to bring together in Congress typical examples of the races of man found scattered throughout the Asiatic Continent and the Pacific Archipelago; and in no other part of the world does man present such a diversity of physical, linguistic, and social characters—characters, however, which as yet are meaningless and unconnected.

4. Human history and tradition, and all the facts bearing on the history of the domestication of the lower animals, point to the above geographical area as the first residence of primeval man; the enlarged study, therefore, of recent man in this area becomes one of surpassing importance.

5. The Council are of opinion that one great reason why the science of ethnology has not progressed in a ratio corresponding with that which, in past years, has characterized the advance of other and cognate sciences, is due to the fact that the natural history method has never as yet been applied to the elucidation of the various phenomena which ethnology offers for our observation and research. They believe that Dr. Fayrer's proposition is based upon an appreciation of

this great want ; and they feel convinced, if the method which he has propounded for meeting it is carried out in an enlightened spirit, and countenanced by the support of a liberal Government, that ethnology will enter upon a brilliant career of discovery.

6. It is proposed to bring together typical examples of each race, and to make them the subject of careful and scientific description. Every physical character will be carefully noted and registered by means of photographs and by plaster-of-paris casts, and the type of each spoken language will be described, determined, and the prominent social customs of each tribe will be described, and by applying the comparative system, or true natural history method, an attempt will be made to determine their affinities.

7. The Council have the honor to suggest that the proposed ethnological Congress would form a fitting adjunct to the general Industrial Exhibition for 1869-70, which the Governor General in Council has recommended for the sanction of Her Majesty's Government. On such an occasion, Calcutta, owing to its geographical position, will be thronged with specimens of many Indian and Asiatic tribes and races ; and the Council are of opinion that, if the opportunity is fully taken advantage of, little difficulty will be experienced in illustrating the ethnology of the whole of the area to which I have alluded, and in bringing together nearly all the persistent modifications of the human race.

8. The Council are fully impressed with the importance of the many and intricate details which will have to be considered before the scheme is fully matured ; but, whilst they appreciate the many difficulties which suggest themselves, still they are satisfied that the scheme is one which can be matured if the Government of India will give it their countenance and support.

9. As a preliminary step to the further maturing of the scheme, I am desirous to suggest that a detailed statement of the various races found in India be called for from each Government. The Council believe that such a list would be of great interest, and prove a valuable aid to the study of ethnology.

10. If the sanction of Government is given to Dr. Fayrer's proposal, and the Council's suggestion that the Congress should form a part of the General Industrial Exhibition for 1869-70 is approved, it will be necessary ultimately to interest the services of the French, Russian, Chinese, Spanish and Dutch Governments, with the view of obtaining examples of the various tribes found in their Asiatic territories ; and from the interest which the majority of these Governments have always manifested in the progress of science, the Council feel confident that the proposed Congress will meet with their cordial support.

11. Knowing that the Government of India has always, in the past, lent its aid to any scheme tending to spread a knowledge of the benefits of civilization, and to advance learning, the Council have every assurance of the success of their proposition, and feel confident of the support of Government.

From J. FAYRER, Esq., M. D., Professor of Surgery in the Medical College, to J. ANDERSON, Esq., M. D., Natural History Secretary, Asiatic Society, Bengal ; dated 16th December 1865.

I shall feel obliged by your submitting the following suggestion to the Council of the Asiatic Society for consideration, and, I hope, adoption and elaboration.

2. The project may, at first, seem rather a startling one ; but, on reflection, I believe it will be admitted that, were it carried out in a liberal spirit, much benefit might result to science, and light be thrown on many obscure points in the natural history and affinities of the various sections of the human race.

3. A Circular has recently been issued by the Society, requesting all who are in a position to do so, to contribute Crania, with a view to the illustration of the ethnology of India, and indeed of the world. But valuable as such contributions might be, I think they would fall short of the advantages to be derived by anthropological science from a study of the races themselves in life.

4. I would propose, therefore, that the aid of Government be sought, in conjunction with the Asiatic Society, in bringing together in one great ethnological exhibition typical examples of the races of the old world, and that they should be made the subject of scientific study when so collected.

5. Calcutta is peculiarly situated for the easy and rapid accomplishment of this project ; and, with a little aid and support from Government and its Officers, there can be no doubt that it might, after due notice, be easily carried out.

6. The vast variety of tribes of the human race that might thus be assembled, would offer an opportunity of studying their natural history and peculiarities that has never yet been realized.

7. Such a gathering might well take place after the fashion of the late Exhibition at Alipore of the lower animals and the products of the country.

8. The object here proposed surely has not less interest, for it is not merely in its scientific aspect that it merits consideration.

9. It is not necessary now to enter into details ; the general proposition is all I need desire to place before the Society. Should it meet with support from the Council, I should be happy to aid in devising a detailed plan as to the extent of the aid we should seek from Government and the public.

10. Knowing the deep interest you take in this subject, I feel sure that you will agree with me in the general proposition. I therefore leave it to you to commend it to the Council, with such support or alteration as you may deem expedient.

From E. C. BAYLEY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, to J. ANDERSON, Esq., Natural History Secretary to the Asiatic Society ; dated Fort William, 28th March 1866, No. 3038.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 139, dated the 8th instant, and, in reply, to inform you that the Governor General in Council will request the several Local Governments to furnish, as far as possible, a detailed statement of the various races found in India, but that His Excellency in Council is unable, on the information now put before him, and in the absence of more mature and definite proposals, to hold out any prospect that the Government will be able to give effect to the large and difficult undertaking suggested by Dr. Fayrer of collecting together, for exhibition in Calcutta, typical examples of all the races of man found scattered throughout the Asiatic Continent and the Pacific Archipelago.

LIST OF INDIAN RACES OF WHOM IT IS DESIRABLE TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS.  
N. B.—The Photographs should, if possible, represent all peculiar characteristics of costume of the various tribes, and, where practicable, women should be represented as well as men. The heads of clans or tribes and particular sects should be photographed.

| Division of the Empire. | Names of Tribes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Punjab...               | <i>Mahomedan Races.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                         | Puthans, viz., Afreedeas, Momunds, Wuzerees, Khuttuks, Yoosutkais, Beloochees, viz., Kusranees, Bozdars, Korahs, Lugharees, Gurchunies, Luhanees, and Doonds, Tumoulies, and Gukkurs in Huzara. Mooltanees, Bhutties, and Kharuls of the Rechnab Doab. Awans of the Sindh Sagur Doab. Daoodpootras of Bhawalpore. Tuwanas of the Shahpore District. Mewattees of Goorgaon. Goojurs.                                                                    |
|                         | <i>Hindoo Races.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                         | Sikhs in ordinary costume;—under this head should be given specimens of the priestly sects of Bedee (descendants of Gooroo Nanuk) and Sodhee (descendants of Gooroo Govinda), also of Ukalees, and of one or two of the Gurmukhs at Umritsur, also Muzbee Sikhs. Cashmere Pundits. Dogras of the Jummo Hills. Rajpoots of the Kangra Hills. Ditto. of the Simla Hills. Gudees of Kangra Hills. Principal Khuttree tribes (Chayatee). Jats of Hurriana. |
|                         | <i>Miscellaneous.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                         | Some of the principal tribes of the Upper Hills in Bussahir, Kooloo, Spiti, Lohoful. Ditto ditto ditto in Ladakh. Ditto ditto ditto agricultural and commercial races. Kafirs of Kafiristan; some of these are said to be in the Guide Corps. Low castes, such as Saurees, Bowrias, Hurni, &c. Dacoits and predatory races.                                                                                                                            |
| North West Provinces... | <i>Mosulman Races.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                         | Kourahs of Meerut, &c. Rohillas, Rohilcund. Moguls in Delhi. Mahomedan priests.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                         | <i>Hindoo Races.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                         | Jogees, Sunyasees, Bairagees, and other religious mendicants. Brahmins of Brindabun and Muttra, Hindwar and Benares. Jats and Goojurs. Rajpoots (Bondel Cholan, &c.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                         | <i>Miscellaneous.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                         | Some of the principal agricultural races, such as Ahcer, Kachee, Koor-mee, &c.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <i>Miscellaneous.—(Continued.)</i>    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| North West Provinces.—<br>(Continued) | Some of the principal trading races, such as Marwarees, Ugurwals, and Hillmen of Kamaon and Gurhwal, Bhotyas, Doones, &c. Wandering and wild tribes, such as Bur (Rajlur), Dhamuk, Kunjur, Pasce, Kumbah, Nut Sausce, Gonds, Tharoo (in Terai). Thugs at Jubbulpore and notorious dacoit tribes. Principal Rajpoot races (Bais, &c.).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Oudh...                               | Brahmins of Ajoodhia. Tharoos (in Terai). Pasce.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Bengal Proper...                      | Some of the principal agricultural and commercial races. Koolin Brahmins (Mookerjee, Chatterjee, Bannerjee, Gangooly). Rajpoot of Bhoojore, &c. Tribes of the Rajmehal Hills—Sonthals and Rajmehalees. Tribes of the South-West Frontier—Dangur Oraon, Kole, Surka Kole (Ho), Khond, &c. Tribes of the North-East Frontier (Assam)—Assamees, Koch, Bodo, Dhoooul, Abor, Mishmee, Nuvi, Singhoo, Naga, Tanur, Khassai, &c. Tribes of the Manipore Frontier—Meithie Tanghul, Lohupa, &c. Tribes of the Arracan—Niru Sak, Kinnie Shenda, Kookee, Prukanij, Meug, &c. Ooriyas of Cuttack—Brahmins of Juggurnauth and Gya. Tribes who accompanied Koolin Brahmins into Bengal—Ghose, Bose, Dutt, Mittra. Some of the principal agricultural races. Ditto commercial ditto. Calcutta residents—Moguls, Parsces, Jews, Armenians, Chinese, &c. |
| Nipal and Darjeeling...               | Principal Hill tribes, such as Goorkha, Bhooteah, Lhasa, Lepcha, Doo-gongmars (Sikkim), Newar, Chepang, Kusundi, Sunwar, Gunuj, &c. Talaing, Burmese, Shans, Karens, Red Karens, Kaklyen, Tumgthu, &c. Selong, a rude race of fishers in Mergui Archipelago.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Pegu...                               | Malay, Kling, Chinese, Nicobarians, Siamese, and other visitors, also wild races of Sawang in Khedda.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Tenasserim...                         | Gonds, Mahrattas, Dhir, Muji, Katik, &c.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Singapore...                          | Rajpoot tribes of Sesodea, Kuchwoha, Ratur, Bhatti, Hara (Chohar). Jats of Bhurtipore, Dholepore, Bickaneer. Shekawuttees. Meenas of Boondee, Deoli, &c., a predatory race. Mhairs of Mhairwarra Hills. Jams of Mount Aboo. Some of the principal agricultural and commercial races.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Nagpore...                            | Rajpoots (Bondel), Bughel, Omutwara, &c., Mohcattas of Sindia's and Holkar's Territories and Courts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Rajpootana...                         | Brahmins of Oojein and Mundlaisur, Nukaija. Wandering and wild tribes, such as Bheels of Sautpoora and Vindhya Hills. Sunoria of Tehree. Mussulmans of Bhopal, Mundissore, Jowra, &c. Gonds. Some of the principal agricultural and commercial races.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Central India and Bundelcund.         | Wild tribes, Khonds in Orissa.— Soonas between Khond boundaries and Godavery Paila Kemodi. Chendaur, Rivers Kistna and Paimar. Yenedi about Pulicat Lake in Nellore. Beder in Bellary, Shorapore. Pallar in Tanjore. Murawars Rumrod Tumonelly. Kallar in Poodocotta. Chemnuars in Cochin. Neadis in Travancore. Holier in Canara.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Madras...                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

\* Divided into Squan, Bghai, Fivo Shans, with numerous subdivisions, of which Red Karens is one.

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| Madras.—(Continued)     | <p>Toda.<br/>Badajur.<br/>Kohatar. } In Neilgherry Hills.<br/>Erular.<br/>Kurumhar.</p> <p>Civilized races—Rajpoots of Northern Circars, Lubbays of East Coast, Moplas of Canara (Mopellas), Cooryhs, Munboori Nair, Syrian Christians of Malabar; some of the principal agricultural races, some of the principal commercial races.</p> <p>Low Castes—Purayees, Tier Imver (Malabar), Kurchayer in Wynaad, Najadi, Shamar.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Bombay...               | <p>Bombay residents—Parsees, Moguls, Jews, Persians, Arabs, Africans, Armenians, Indo-Portuguese.</p> <p>Beloochees as Lishari, Gurchani, Doomki, Jekraui, Mini, Boogti, Durbuk, Muzari, &amp;c.</p> <p>Various Sindhic tribes—Kulhna, Talpore, &amp;c.</p> <p>Rajpoots—Jhala, Jhareja, Waghel, Purmar, Chohan Solunkhi, Soda, Jetna Charasama.</p> <p>Cultivators—Koombi, Koli, Batella, Aheer, &amp;c.</p> <p>Commercial races—Bora Mehmow, &amp;c.</p> <p>Wild tribes—Bheels of various kinds, Katode Warali.</p> <p>Low Castes—Mauj, Dhir, Ramori, Beder, Mahar, Chumar, Berad, Nul.</p> <p>Brahmin of Khelat Frontier.</p> <p>Miscellaneous—Khora in Ghur, Khattis (Kutwar), Wajri (Okhamundul), Chooka in Publ Hills (Kurrachee).</p> |

No. 32.

ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1866, No. 673.

Resolved that the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, be requested to obtain from the several Zillah Surgeons lists of the various races of men to be found in their Districts respectively, and to submit a digested statement, for transmission to the Government of India.

2. Ordered that copies of these Proceedings be forwarded to the Collectors in the Provinces, and that they be requested to aid the Zillah Surgeons with any information that may be procurable regarding the wild tribes existing in their Districts.

3. The Resident in Travancore and Cochin will also be furnished with a copy of these Proceedings, in view to his submitting any list he may be able to prepare.  
(True Extract).

J. D. SIM,  
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

„ Collector of  
„ Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

No. 1295.

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Secretary to the Government of India,

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Secretary to the Govt. of India.

July 17

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*Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1866*

*Dear Sir,*

*I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst.*

*and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.*

*I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours,  
J. W. Smith*

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