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FROM

A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Harrison's letter of the 2nd instant, No. 3739, inquiring what means and machinery are employed in collecting information for the preparation of Mortuary Returns of the Districts under the Government of Fort Saint George, I am directed to send you the enclosed copy of

Proceedings, 4th June 1864, Nos. 11 and 12.
 " 18th October 1864, Nos. 86 to 92.
 " 22nd March 1865, " 91 and 92.
 " 1st June 1865, " 5 to 7.

the papers noted in the margin, from which it will be seen that the Collector of each District is directed to require all heads of villages and Karnums to

keep a Register of deaths in duplicate form, one copy of which is detached on the 25th of each month, on which date the village accounts are closed, and is forwarded with the village accounts to the head quarters of the Taluq.

2. The village Registers of deaths are then collected and forwarded to the Collector's office, where they are taken charge of by a Special Department, tabulated in a prescribed form, and forwarded to the Civil Surgeon of the District.

3. The same information is desired as regards Zemindaries, such agency being employed for this purpose as may be available; but returns of deaths from Zemindaries are submitted separately, as being less reliable and as likely to vitiate the correctness of the whole returns.

4. The returns are forwarded by the Civil Surgeon of each District to the office of the Sanitary Commissioner, to whom the duty of preparing annual statements showing the deaths throughout the Presidency, is entrusted.

5. At present the returns are received only from rural villages. It was intended that the duty of collecting Mortuary Returns for those towns to which the Municipal Act has been or may be applied, should be imposed upon the several Municipalities, but this intention was subsequently abandoned. However, in the new Municipal Act, which has recently been passed for the town of Madras, and which only awaits the assent of the Governor General, provision has been made for the collection of statistics both of births and deaths, and it is probable that a similar provision will be introduced in the Mofussil Municipal Act (X of 1865) whenever it is revised.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
 25th September 1867.

Chief Secretary.

Ed. J. Tulloch.

From A. H. HARRINGTON, Esq., Officiating Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, to H. L. HARRISON, Esq., Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal,—
(No. 3083, dated Simla, the 5th August 1867.)

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3008, dated 8th ultimo, reporting, in reply to an inquiry from this Department, that no steps have been taken to obtain Mortuary Returns for any places in Bengal, except Calcutta.

2. Mortuary Returns are now received from most other Governments, and although they are not at present very reliable, yet a beginning has been made, I am therefore directed to ask whether it might not be now possible to obtain Returns for the Bengal Districts, approximately accurate, and such as would be at least valuable as a commencement of Statistics.

J. H.

True copy

H. L. Harrison
Assist. Secretary to the Govt.
of Bengal.

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No. 3739.

FROM H. L. HARRISON, Esq.,

Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Fort William, the 2nd September 1867.

General.

SIR,

WITH reference to the accompanying copy of a letter No. 3083, dated 5th instant, I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor of Madras, you will be so good as to state what means and machinery are employed in collecting information for the preparation of Mortuary Returns of the Districts under the Government of Fort St. George.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,



Junior Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

F. P.

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From

The Junior Secretary to the
Govt of Bengal
No 3739

Sept 1867

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10 Copies of L & Enc.

No 1463

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John St George
25 Sept 1869.

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October 25th 1864