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25th August 1869.*

No. 188. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department,
dated Fort Saint George, 25th August 1869, No. 1196.

In the month of December 1868, the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, addressed this Government stating that the Commissioners had set apart a sum of Rupees 12,500 in the Budget for 1869, to defray the cost of taking a census of the town of Madras, and had resolved to request the Government to contribute an equivalent sum, it being estimated that the whole cost of the operation would probably not exceed Rupees 25,000.

2. This Government, after having ascertained from the Governments of Bombay and Bengal that the expenditure in taking the censuses of the cities of Bombay and Calcutta amounted respectively to Rupees 25,012 and 26,480, and that the cost of the former was borne jointly by the State and the Municipality, informed the Commissioners that, on receiving a full and satisfactory report of the method which it was proposed to adopt in taking the census, they would be prepared to apply to the Government of India for sanction for the grant of Rupees 12,500 as a State contribution in aid of the census.

3. I am now directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to state that a very full report from the Commissioners has been received upon the subject, and that the main arrangements proposed appear to His Excellency in Council to be well-considered and adapted to secure an accurate and comprehensive census. Some further correspondence will probably take place before the arrangements are completely matured; but His Excellency in Council is satisfied that the public money which it is proposed to expend in the census will be well laid out, and that the estimate of the cost is moderate. The Commissioners set down the cost at Rupees 23,167; but certain modifications, which the Government are about to propose to the Commissioners, will probably somewhat enhance the cost, and perhaps bring it up to the sum originally estimated. When the plan is complete in detail it will be submitted for the information of the Government of India.

4. The inconvenience of not having an accurate census of the population of Madras is much felt, and is encountered in every branch of the administration, Fiscal, Police, and Sanitary. The taking of a census is not compulsory on the Municipality, and their present financial position is such that they cannot carry into effect this useful measure without aid from the State. Referring to the case of Bombay as a precedent, I am accordingly directed to request the sanction of the Governor General in Council for the grant, and if necessary, advance, of Rupees 12,500 for the purpose in question, and as it is necessary if the census is, as proposed, to be taken in the end of October that the preparations, printing of forms, &c., should be at once commenced, I am to request that the decision of the Supreme Government may be communicated by telegraph.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

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From Government of Port St. George.

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Requesting sanction of the Government of India to the grant, and if necessary, advance, of Rupees 12,500 in aid of the census of the town of Madras.

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Home Department

No. 1196

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.

Home Department

Sir,

In the month of
December 1888, the Presi-
dent of the Municipal
Commissioners, Madras,
addressed the Govern-
ment stating that the
Commissioners had set
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in the Budget for 1889
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2. This Government, after having ascertained from the Governments of Bombay and Bengal that the expenditure in taking the Censuses of the cities of Bombay and Calcutta amounted respectively to Rs 25,012 and 26,280, and that the cost of the former was borne jointly by the State and the Municipality, informed the Commissioners that on receiving a full and satisfactory report of the method which ~~was~~ proposed to adopt in taking the Censuses, they would be prepared to apply to the Government of India for sanction for the grant of Rs 12,500 as a state contribution in aid of the Censuses.

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Fort St. George
28 Aug 1865

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