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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government Public Department,
1st September 1869.*

No. 14. Read the following letter from the Acting President of the Masulipatam Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Masulipatam, 17th August 1869, No. 200.

In G. O., dated 15th May 1869, No. 635, Public Department, Government requested the Sanitary Commissioner to prepare and publish, in communication with the Board of Revenue and the Presidents of the several Municipalities, abstracts of diseases and mortality from the civil population at each station with digests of the sanitary work done during the preceding year.

2. The Sanitary Commissioner accordingly issued a circular, dated 22nd June 1869, No. 1420, requesting Presidents of Municipal Commissions to submit their abstracts and digests as soon after the commencement of each calendar year as possible.

3. At a meeting of the Masulipatam Municipal Commissioners, held 10th July 1869, the following resolution was passed upon this letter :—

“ Resolved that, as Birth and Death Returns are now obtained in the Revenue Department, the Collector be requested to furnish the Municipal Honorary Secretary monthly with a statement of the Births and Deaths in the town of Masulipatam, and also with a statement showing the results of the last census as regards different classes. The Municipal Commissioners doubt if they are justified in appropriating any portion of Municipal funds to the collection of Imperial statistics.”

4. A return of Births and Deaths in the town of Masulipatam from January to June 1869 was accordingly forwarded to the Municipal Commissioners by the Deputy Collector, who pointed out, however, the great inaccuracy of these returns on account of the absence of any facilities for obtaining correct information. Thus, during these six months, not a single birth or death is entered among the Christian population of the town, and only four births and two deaths among the Mahomedans.

5. At a meeting of the Municipal Commissioners held on the 7th August 1869 the following resolution was passed :—

1. Resolved that the sanction of Government be sought for legalizing the following bye-law :—

“ On the occurrence of every birth or death within Municipal limits it shall be the duty of the nearest male relative, or, in the absence of any male relative, of the house-owner, to report the same at the Municipal office within one week from the date of the event, and furnish all particulars required to fill up the register, taking out a certificate.”

6. I have, therefore, the honour to submit this bye-law for the consideration of Government, although it is scarcely within the scope of a permissive bye-law as defined in Section 143, Act X. of 1865. If it is the intention of Government that Municipal Commissioners shall be expected to collect vital statistics, they must be empowered in some way, although I see that in one Municipality the Commissioners have simply deputed the duty to the Municipal Police. The vital statistics at present obtained for large towns are, I fear, perfectly worthless, and worse than that calculated to mislead.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
1st September 1869.*

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1869, No. 1232.

The Government are not prepared to sanction the bye-law proposed to be adopted by the Municipal Commissioners for the town of Masulipatam relative to the registration of births and deaths; but the letter from the President of the Municipal Commission will be referred to the Legislative Department for communication to the Honourable A. J. Arbuthnot who has charge of the Bill for amending the Towns' Improvement Act No. X. of 1865
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

No. 200.

Masulipatam
Municipal Office.
17th August 1869.

From J. A. G. Boswell Esquire,
Acting President
Municipal Commission
Masulipatam
To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,
In G. O. dated 15th May 1869 No. 135 Public Department,
Government requested the Sanitary Commissioner
to prepare and publish in communication with the
Board of Revenue and the Presidents of the several
Municipalities abstracts of diseases and mortality
from the local population at each station with
digests of the Sanitary work done during the preceding
year. The Sanitary Commissioner accordingly issued
a Circular dated 22nd June 1869 No. 1420 requesting
Presidents of Municipal Commissions to submit
their abstracts and digests as soon after the Commence-
ment of each calendar year as possible.

At a Meeting of the Masulipatam Municipal
Commissioners held 18th July 1869 the following reso-
lution was passed upon this letter.

"Resolved that as Birth and Death Returns
are now obtained in the Revenue Department the
Collector be requested to furnish the Municipal
Honorary Secretary Monthly with a statement of the
Births and Deaths in the town of Masulipatam &
also with a statement showing the result of the

Dist. of 1869

PUBLIC.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE MASULIPATAM
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 1st.

Recd.

End.

G. O., 1st September 1869, No. 1232.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 12-15.

A bye-law respecting the registration of births
and deaths proposed by the Municipal Commis-
sioners not sanctioned.

last census as regards different classes. The Municipal Commissioners doubt if they are justified in appropriating any portion of Municipal funds to the collection of Imperial Statistics."

A Return of Births and Deaths in the town of Masulipatam from January to June 1869 was accordingly forwarded to the Municipal Commissioners by the Deputy Collector who pointed out however the great inaccuracy of these Returns on account of the absence of any facilities for obtaining correct information. Thus during these six months not a single birth or death is entered among the Christian population of the town, and only 6 births and two deaths among the Mohammedans.

At a meeting of the Municipal Council held on 7th August 1869 the following resolution was passed.

1. Resolved that the sanction of Government be sought for legalizing the following Bye-Law.

"On the occurrence of every Birth or Death within Municipal limits it shall be the duty of the nearest male relative or in the absence of any male relative of the house owner, to report the same at the Municipal Office within one week from the date of the event and furnish all particulars required to fill up the Register taking out a Certificate."

I have therefore the honor to submit this Bye-Law for the consideration of Government although it is scarcely within the scope of a per-

Bye-Law as defined in Section 143 Act X of 1865. If it is the intention of Government that Municipal Commissioners shall be expected to collect Vital Statistics they must be empowered in some way although I see that in one Municipality the Commissioners have simply defected the duty to the Municipal Police. The Vital Statistics at present obtained for large towns are I fear perfectly worthless and worse than that calculated to mislead.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. Brooke

Acting President,
Municipal Commission,
Masulipatam

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Acting President, Municipal
Commission, Musulipatam.

(Here enter 17th Aug 1869 No 200)

Order thereon 18th Sept 1869, No 1232

The Government are not
prepared to sanction the Bye-
law proposed to be adopted
by the Municipal Commissioners
for the Town of Musulipatam
relative to the registration of
births and deaths; but the letter
from the President of the Muni-
cipal Commission will be
referred to the Legislative
Department for communica-
tion to the Honorable A.
J. Arbutnot who has
charge

"On the occurrence of every
birth or death within Muni-
cipal limits, it shall be the
duty of the nearest male
relative, or in the absence of
any male relative, of the house-
owner, to report the same at
the Municipal office within
one week from the date of the
event, and furnish all parti-
culars required to fill up the
Register, taking out a Certi-
ficate"

Dec 15 - Aug 1869 No 102-103

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From

M. Dy. President Municipal
Commission Musulipatam
No 200

Dec 17 1869 No 1965
SO 1232

Proposes a By-law for the
enactment of Government
to enable him to make more
accurate registration of
birth & death

M. Dy. President

charge of the Bill for a-
mendmg the Town Improve-
ment Act No. X of 1865.

To
The President, Municipal Comm.
Muzulipatam
" Legislative Department }

