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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
16th October 1869.

No. 71. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, (Public,) to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Simla, 23rd September 1869, No. 4315.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters, noted on the margin, on the subject of the Forms proposed by the Statistical Committee for the Annual Administration Reports of the several Presidencies and Provinces in India.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that, on a careful consideration of the correspondence submitted by the Government of Madras, and of the reports which have been received from other provinces regarding the Forms prescribed by the Statistical Committee, the Governor-General in Council has arrived at the conclusion that, in regard to some of the more important branches of administration, these Forms must be greatly modified before their final adoption can be sanctioned. His Excellency in Council is of opinion that the proper course is so to recast the Committee's Forms that, while the main features and the general outline are retained, the Forms may exhibit all useful information actually available, omitting details which are trivial and unimportant, or which cannot be obtained except by a heavy expenditure.

3. It is not ordinarily possible, or possible only at a disproportionate cost, to obtain, merely for publication in the Administration Reports, any information besides what is required for administrative purposes. The first object in collecting statistics is, therefore, to secure all the information required for these purposes. Other information of the class indicated in any of the Committee's Statistical returns should only be required when it can be obtained with comparative ease and economy, and is clearly useful and interesting to the general public.

4. The revision of the Jail and Police returns has already been taken in hand on this principle, and the Judicial returns are also under consideration.

5. The Meteorological Reporter and the Registrar-General of Assurances in the Lower Provinces are now engaged in the revision of the Forms prescribed for their respective departments, and their suggestions, when communicated to the Government of India, will be forwarded to the several local Governments and Administrations for an expression of opinion.

6. While the Forms referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 above are being discussed, the Government of India will be glad to receive from His Excellency the Governor in Council suggestions as to the recasting of any other of the Statistical Committee's Forms which may be unworkable or incomplete.

7. I am to add that, pending the final decision of the Government of India as to the extent to which the Statistical Committee's Forms should be adopted, there need be no change in the returns hitherto used in the preparation of Administration Reports.

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, 16th October 1869, No. 1431.

Copies of the foregoing letter will be furnished to the departments noted in the	
Judicial Department.	margin, also to the Board of Revenue, Commissioner of
Financial do.	Police, Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Depart-
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(True Extract.)

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

To the Judicial Department. *Jan 9 1870/69 No 1763*
 „ Financial do. *29 Oct - 516*
 „ Political do. *320*
 „ Educational do. *343*
 „ Public Works do. *24 Feb 1870 No 237 & 238*
 „ Board of Revenue.
 „ Commissioner of Police.
 „ Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department.
 „ Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 4315-

FROM
E. C. BAYLEY, Esq.,
Secretary to the Govt. of India,

TO
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVT., FORT ST. GEORGE.

Home Dept.
Public.

SIMLA, the 23 September 1869.

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the conclusion that, in regard to some of the more important branches of
administration, these forms must be greatly modified before their final adop-
tion can be sanctioned. His Excellency in Council is of opinion that the proper
course is so to re-cast the Committee's forms that, while the main features and
the general outline are retained, the forms may exhibit all useful informa-
tion actually available, omitting details which are trivial and unimportant,
or which cannot be obtained except by a heavy expenditure.

3. It is not ordinarily possible, or possible only at a disproportionate cost,
to obtain, merely for publication in the Administration Reports, any informa-
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these purposes. Other information of the class indicated in any of the Com-
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4. The revision of the Jail and Police Returns has already been taken in
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5. The Meteorological Reporter and the Registrar General of Assurances
in the Lower Provinces are now engaged in the revision of the forms prescribed
for their respective Departments, and their suggestions, when communicated to
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E. C. Bagley
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Public Department.

Read the following letter

Secretary to the Govt of India
Home Department.

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Order this on 16 October 1899. [Signature]

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Copies of the foregoing letter will be furnished to the Departments noted in the margin, to the Board of Revenue, Commissioners of Police, Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, and Sanitary Commissioner for an expression of their views on the suggestions of the Government of India as to the recasting of any of the Statistical Committee's

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To
The Medical Dept.
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