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Police DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
2nd December 1869.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 29. From the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 2nd November 1869, No. 3174.

I have received numerous complaints regarding the inefficiency of the rules in force upon the registration of deaths in Military Cantonments.

2. Sections 17 and 18 of Act I of 1866, provide for rules and regulations being framed under Section 19, Clause X for "Registration of Births and Deaths" under penalties referred to in Clause XI.

3. Registration of deaths was ordered under G. O. C. C. No. 4 of 6th January 1869, and the G. O., it is distinctly notified, was promulgated under Sections 17 and 18 of the Act referred to. It does not appear, however, that it comes within the scope and meaning of "Rules and Regulations" under Sections 17 and 18 of the Act, and Cantonment Magistrates do not consider that it empowers them to punish for non-registration.

4. Should the G. O. C. C. not have the force of law, I respectfully submit that it is highly desirable that some "Rules and Regulations" be drawn up and sanctioned, under the provisions of Sections 17 and 18 of the Act.

5. I find in my office draft rules and regulations which appear to me, with very slight alterations, to meet the case, and which I submit for the consideration of Government, in view to their being added to the rules and regulations that have already become law in all Military Cantonments, should the Government consider it desirable to enforce registration of births and deaths.

Unless enforced, G. O. C. C. No. 4 of 6th January, becomes a dead letter.

Rules and Regulations for the Registration of Births and Deaths, and for making and recording observations and facts, important for the public health and interests.

1. In every Cantonment, the Cantonment Magistrate or Station Staff Officer shall be constituted Registrar of births and deaths, and shall keep in his office a register of all births and deaths in the Cantonment.

2. The Cantonment Magistrate or Station Staff Officer shall inform himself carefully of every death which shall happen in the Cantonment, and shall register as soon as conveniently may be after the event, without fee or reward, the particulars required to be registered according to the form which shall be prescribed by the Governor in Council.

3. The father or mother of every child born in the Cantonment, or in case of the death, illness, absence or inability of the father and mother, the occupier of the house or tenement in which such child shall have been born, shall within *fifteen* days next after the day of every such birth, give information to the Registrar of the Cantonment, according to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, of the several particulars hereby required to be known and registered, touching the birth of such child. Any person resident in a Cantonment, whose duty it shall be to give information under this rule, who shall refuse, or neglect to give such information shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty Rupees.

4. Some one of the persons present at the death, or in attendance during the last illness of every person dying within the limits of a Cantonment or in case of the death, illness or inability or default of all such persons, the occupier of the house or tenement, or if the occupier be the person who shall have died, some inmate of the house or tenement in which such death shall have happened,

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shall within eight days next after the day of such death, give information to the Registrar of the Cantonment according to the best of his or her knowledge and belief of the several particulars hereby required, touching the death of such person. Any person who shall refuse or neglect to give any information which it is his duty to give, under this rule, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty Rupees.

5. Every person by whom the information contained in the register of births and deaths, kept by the Cantonment Magistrate or Station Staff Officer as Registrar shall have been given, shall sign in the register his name, description and place of abode; and no such registration shall be deemed to be complete or of any effect, until such person shall have so signed it.

6. The Police Officers in the Cantonment shall, under the direction of the Superintendent of Police, likewise keep statements of all births and deaths which take place within the limits of a Cantonment, and certified copies of these statements shall be forwarded, at the close of each week to the Registrar.

6. I append form of "Registers" and "Death Certificate" sheets, which have been introduced under the provisions of the G. O. C. C. referred to; as also a "Certificate of Birth." Registration of births has not yet been introduced into Cantonments, but it is desirable that births as well as deaths should be registered as it is now done in every district in the Presidency.

Transferred to the Military Department.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,

9th November 1869.

Under Secretary.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1869, No. 4112.

The rules for the registration of all deaths within Military Cantonments promulgated in G. O. C. C. No. 4, dated 6th January 1869, not having been confirmed by the Governor General in Council, as required by Section 18 of Act 1 of 1866, cannot be legally enforced.

2. The necessity for such confirmation was overlooked in the Military Department when the draft of the G. O. was approved in Proceedings of Government, No. 4987, dated 22nd December 1868.

3. Before, however, addressing the Government of India now on the subject, the Governor in Council resolves to refer the foregoing letter to the Commander-in-Chief, with the request that His Excellency will cause a fresh Code of Rules to be submitted, incorporating therein the regulations proposed by the Sanitary Commissioner, which appear to Government well calculated to effect the object in view, viz., the registration of births and deaths as provided for in Clause X, Section XIX of the Act.

(True Extract.)

Michael

Major,

Offg. Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.

„ Public Department. *With 5 copies.*

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

11th December

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To

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Ac., Ac., Ac.

Dated December, 2nd.

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Encl.

G. O., 2nd December 1869, No. 4112.

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DECEMBER.

Nos. 29-30.

No 2622.

Passing orders on the subject of enforcing the registration of births and deaths in Military Cantonnments.

With an order

Let see in 12 days

The Secy: Comm: 12/12/69

11th Dec 1869. The Adjutant General's Office

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