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Proceedings of a Special
~~Annual~~ Meeting of the Municipal
Commissioners for the Town of Madras,
held at their Office Premises, No 22 Esak
Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on
Wednesday the 16th August 1871 at a room
under the Madras Municipal Act of 1867
to consider the following subjects:-
1st The manner in which the Commissioners
can render the most effectual aid to the
Census Committee, in connection with
the approaching Census of the Town.
2^d Letter from the Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue, forwarding Proceedings
of the Madras Government, Revenue Depart-
ment, dated 27th July 1871, relative to the
employment of Mahojors of the colonies
on the duty of supervising the tabulation
of the general Census of the Presidency
of November 1871 and reporting the result.

Present

J. C. Loch Esq^r officiating President
Dr. W. T. Sanson Esq^r

P. Ponnasamy Chetty Esq^r

V. Krishnamachari Esq^r

J. Barthwick Esq
Cyrus Grant Esq
J. H. Cammiade Esq
Major B. Bowen
Dr. J. M. Joseph
M. Venkata Sastry Naidu Esq
M. S. Shesagopal Mudali Esq
P. Sooma scondum Chetty Esq
Y. Venkata Ramiah Esq

There not being a sufficient
number of Commissioners present to
form a Quorum the Officiating
President adjourned the Meeting to
Friday the 18th August 1871 at 5 O'Clock
P.M. as provided in section 23 of the
Madras Municipal Act of 1867.

Proceedings of an adjourned
Special Meeting of the Municipal
Commissioners for the Town of Madras
held at their Office Premises, No. 22 Esplanade
Boulevard Chetty Street, Black Town on
Friday the 18th August 1871 at 5
O'Clock P.M. under the Madras
Municipal Act of 1867.

Present

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Dr. J. M. Joseph
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N. Venkagopal Chari Esq
J. P. Ramayulu Nair Esq
Captain W. H. Rogers R.E.
Honble Mr. Nundjan Lal Bahadur Esq
M. Venkata Sastry Naidu Esq
Hyder Chetty Naidu Esq

Subject 1.

The Officiating President remarked
that the Census Committee having come
to the conclusion that the Commissioners
could render very material assistance
to those who would have to conduct the
work of taking the Census, have
decided that the best way of giving
their aid would be to call the present
Meeting and explain to them the kind
of assistance which the Census
Committee was desirous of obtaining
from the Commissioners, with the
view Mr. Fowler, the Secretary of the
Census Committee, has been asked
to prepare a Memo. on the subject

which with their permission he would now read to the meeting.

"The Census work may be divided into preparation and enumeration. Preparation includes the numbering and registering of the houses, the persuading the people that the census is not ~~subversive to the new law~~ and that it is not intended to interfere with caste, causing people to understand what will really be required of them.

All of these matters the Commissioners may afford great and important aid.

1st By reporting to the Census Officer any cases that may come to their knowledge in which houses have not been numbered. As the people are so averse they will not only abstain from informing us of the non-numbering of the house, but in many cases will actively endeavour to thwart our efforts to number by giving false information. They will however talk about the matter among themselves and to the Commissioners. It will be of very great assistance if such cases be reported.

2nd The Commissioners may greatly

aid in persuading the people that no interference with caste is intended by the Government. It is widely known that the system of grouping has been abandoned, and that every caste will be returned precisely as it is given by the person himself. The Commissioner will be strictly enjoined in all cases to enter the caste named by the person. The Commissioners hold such an important position among the people that they can do very much to repress the unfounded fears which have been felt. On this point they can do more. It is believed that if the natural leaders of the people be consulted they will be ready at once to declare the usefulness of the census and to remove from the objections that have been brought against the arrangements already been made with the heads of the Shetty, Vanniar and Mammalan castes and it is anticipated that their cordial co-operation will afford very important aid. It is desired to obtain similar aid from the heads of every caste.

3rd The same remarks apply to the next error that has to be done. If the Commissioners aid the heads of every

will satisfy themselves that the Census
has absolutely nothing to do with any
tax, they can with ease remove the fear of
the people.

4" An extension of the same principle
will meet the next difficulty and secure
that the people shall be well informed
as to the objects of the Census. It is highly
desirable that the cooperation of the
educated and intelligent portion of
the community should be obtained, and
it would be a material assistance if
the Commissioners will name one or more
persons living in each street who would
render voluntary and efficient aid. They
will then be written to and asked to labor
with their assistance by going from
house to house and explaining to the
people what we do want and combating
the prejudices and objections that may
arise. It is anticipated that very material
advantage would result from the labors
of such an agency. No time should be
lost as there are but two weeks before the
Census, the same gentlemen would be able
very efficiently to aid in carrying out the
arrangements named before.

5" The actual enumeration will commence
simultaneously in every section of the
town

town on the 1st September. The enumerators
will follow the order of the numbers now
being placed on every house. In most
instances a smaller figure is being placed
below the house number. This is to show
the number of independent families in each
house, and is being added now by the enumerators
to guide the enumerator in his work. Every
effort is being made to obtain enumerators
of respectable character, education and
position. In any case, however, they will
need support, encouragement and aid. It is
hoped that the gentlemen mentioned under
the last head will be willing to accompany
the enumerator through their streets, aiding
him by their presence, their information they
can give by the influence they can exert
upon the inhabitants. It is highly
desirable also that the Commissioners
should occasionally visit these districts
to see the work of the enumerators and
offer suggestions for their guidance. Full
instructions will be laid down and these
will be communicated to the Commissioners.
6" In the enumeration as in the preparation
it is earnestly requested that the
Commissioners will bring to notice
all cases in which a house has

and visited and recorded by the enumerators.
7" Lastly it should be borne in mind
that there will be two Censuses - preliminary
and final. In the first, only those will be
counted who usually sleep in any par-
ticular houses. All such places, therefore
as schools, jails, pyals, where mendicants
sleep, cart stands &c. will not be enumerated
on the first occasion. In the final enumeration,
only those will be counted who actually
did sleep in the house on the night
previous. The same schedules will be
employed."

Mr. Krishna Chari said that
the memo they had just heard read explained
so fully the nature of the assistance which
the Census Committee hoped the Commissioner
at large would be ready to afford, that he
would content himself with moving the
following resolution without further remarks.
"Resolved that this meeting is of opinion
that it is very desirable the Commissioners
should render all the assistance in their
power to the Census Committee in connection
with the approaching Census of the country
and would urge upon them the importance
of their doing so in the manner suggested
in the Memo. of the Secretary of the Census
Committee which has been read to them
by the Officiating President."

Mr. Kanchasamy said he had some
pleasure

pleasure in seconding the Resolution
which on being put to the meeting
by the Officiating President was
carried unanimously.

Subject 2

The Officiating President
then read letter from the Acting
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
dated 3rd August 1871 commencing
Order of Government dated 27th July
1871 No 1321 relative to the employment
of Mr. Lover of the Municipality
on the duty of supervising the
tabulation and reporting the result.
After which he went on to remark
that what the Commissioners had
now to do was to state whether they
were willing to place Mr. Lover's
services at the disposal of Government
for the period mentioned in Mr. Cross's
letter. He might state that he had
had some conversation with that
gentleman as to when Mr. Lover
was likely to be required by
Government in the event of the
Census being taken in the year 1872.

over his services to them and he had told him that it was probably be about the beginning of next year.

Dr Joseph asked if he was right in understanding the Officiating President to say that all the Commissioners now had to decide was whether they were willing to place the Sanitary Inspector's services at the disposal of Government, and that consequently the question of the arrangements to be made for carrying on his duties during his absence was not before the meeting.

The Officiating President replied that Dr Joseph had understood him correctly. Should the Commissioners decide on giving Mr Glover's services, it would be for Government his appointment being one of those made by them under the Act, to decide what arrangements should be made for supplying his place.

A somewhat desultory conversation then took place, several Commissioners enquiring whether the Municipality would be expected to contribute any portion of Mr Glover's pay as Sanitary Inspector whilst he was employed as working on the Imperial Census to which enquires the Officiating President

President replied that he did not suppose the Municipal Council would be called on to contribute any portion of Mr Glover's pay whilst so employed inasmuch as his services if given at all were to be made over entirely to Government.

The Officiating President then said that as none of the Commissioners appeared disposed to make any further remarks on the subject of the question put in the letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue he would take the sense of the meeting upon it by moving the following resolutions:-

"Resolved with reference to the letter from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated the 3rd instant enquiring whether the Commissioners are prepared to place Mr Glover's services at the disposal of Government for tabulating the Census returns for the time and period stated in his letter to Government dated 13th July 1871 A.D. 1290, that he be informed the Commissioners are willing to place Mr Glover's services at the disposal of Government."

Dr Joseph seconded the resolution.

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The meeting and carried.
The meeting then terminated

Wm. A. C. C.

Officiating President
Municipal Commission

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Municipal Commissioners' Office,

Madras, 14th September 1871

From

John C. Loch Esq.,
Offg. West. Brum. Commr.,
Madras.

To

The Honble R. S. Ellis, C.B.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith Minutes of the Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners, held on the 16th August last and of the adjourned Special Meeting held on the 18th Idem to consider the following subjects;

- I. The manner in which the Commissioners can render the most effectual aid to the Census Committee, in connection with the approaching Census of the Town.
- II Letter from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, forwarding Proceedings of the Madras Government Revenue Department

dated

Sub. Sept.
No. 27 22 Sept 1871
In B. No. 105

dated 27th July 1871, relative
to the employment of Mr.
Gower of the Municipality,
on the duty of supervising
the tabulation of the General
Census of the Presidency of
November 1871, and reporting
the result.

2 I sent a copy of the
Resolution passed by the Com-
missioners with reference
to the services of the Sanitary
Inspector being placed at
the disposal of Government,
to the Secretary to the Board
of Revenue on the 18th ultimo.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Yours most Obedt. Servt;
Wm. W. W.

Offg. President
Municipal Commission.

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This Department

From

Mr. J. G. Sullivan

Commissioner of the
General Land Office

Wash. D. C.
Recd. 18th Sept 1871

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Forwarding Minutes
of the Proceedings of a Special
Meeting of the Council
Commenced on 16th Aug. last
& of an adjourned Special
Meeting held on the 18th idem.

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