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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
6th March 1871.*

No. 23. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th February 1871, No. 676 :—

Read the following letters from Collectors forwarding Returns of Fairs and Festivals for the year 1870 :—

From the Officiating Collector of Vizagapatam,	No. 732, dated 7th February 1870.
„ „ of Kistna,	„ 820, „ 12th „ „
„ „ of Nellore,	„ 4,666, „ 13th September „
„ Acting „ of Bellary,	„ 1,240, „ 10th March „
„ „ of Cuddapah,	„ 4,303, „ 29th August „
„ „ of Kurnool,	„ 641, „ 7th February „
„ Acting „ of Madras,	„ 2,323, „ 14th May „
„ „ of North Arcot,	„ 830, „ 16th February „
„ „ of South Arcot,	„ 4,533, „ 9th September „
„ „ of Tanjore,	„ 2,394, „ 14th May „
„ Acting „ of Trichinopoly,	„ 693, „ 10th February „
„ Officiating „ of Madura,	„ 284, „ 19th January „
„ Acting „ of Tinnevely,	„ 4,965, „ 27th September „
„ „ of Coimbatore,	„ 950, „ 25th February „
„ „ of South Canara,	„ 777, „ 12th „ „
„ Officiating „ of Malabar,	„ 819, „ 17th „ „
„ Commissioner of the Neilgherries,	„ 4,250, „ 25th August „

~~The Board resolve to submit the~~ Government, and for communication to the Sanitary Commissioner, in pursuance of paragraph 2, Government Order, 17th July 1869, No. 995, Public Department.

2. There are a few points connected with these Returns to which the Board desire to call the attention of Collectors.

3. The first is the very late date at which some of the Returns are despatched. It is observed that only one Return was received in January 1870, eight in February, one in March, two in May, two in August, and three so late as September 1870. From three districts none have been received up to date. The value attaching to these Returns must be considerably diminished, if not altogether lost, by this absence of punctuality. The Board, therefore, direct that, for the future, these Returns be so despatched as to reach the Board's Office before the close of January.

4. The second point is that, in most of the Returns, the estimated number of people attending the fairs and feasts is omitted. The absence of this information detracts from their usefulness.

5. The third point is that some Collectors have sent in their present Returns in the original incorrect form, instead of adhering to the revised lists furnished with reference to Board's Proceedings, 5th March 1870, No. 1560. The lists from these will now be returned for the mistake to be rectified.

6. The fourth point is that there is a want of uniformity in the form in which these lists are now submitted. That from Tanjore is well adapted for the purpose, and will be circulated with these Proceedings as a model by all Collectors. The resident population of the places where the fairs and festivals are held; the concourse of people attending them; the number of carts, bullocks, &c., accompanying the crowds; the mode of travelling; the accommodation; the routes by which the crowds travel, are all matters intimately con-

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connected with the outbreak of epidemics, and ought, therefore, to be carefully ascertained and noted in the Returns.

7. When all the Returns are received complete and uniform, they might with advantage be printed in one statement for the whole Presidency, as a standard record of reference, and the Annual Reports of Collectors might then either be discontinued altogether or confined to the intimation of alterations in the dates of the occurrence of the usual Fairs and Festivals in particular years, or of the occurrence of any extraordinary Fair or Festival not contained in the list.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed)

J. GROSE,
Acting Secretary.

No. 24.

ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1871, No. 265.

Communicated to the Sanitary Commissioner.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Sanitary Commissioner, with thirteen enclosures.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Read the following letters from Collectors forwarding Returns of Fairs and Festivals for the year 1870:—

From the Officiating Collector of Vizagapatam, No. 732, dated 7th February 1870.

		of Kistna,	820,	12th	
		of Nellore,	4,666,	13th September	
Acting		of Bellary,	1,240,	10th March	
		of Cuddapah,	4,303,	29th August	
		of Kurnool,	641,	7th February	
Acting		of Madras,	2,323,	14th May	
		of North Arcot,	830,	16th February	
		of South Arcot,	4,533,	9th September	
		of Tanjore,	2,394,	14th May	
Acting		of Trichinopoly,	693,	10th February	
Officiating		of Madura,	284,	19th January	
Acting		of Tinnevely,	4,965,	27th September	
		of Coimbatore,	950,	25th February	
		of South Canara,	777,	12th	
Officiating		of Malabar,	819,	17th	
		Commissioner of the Neilgherries,	4,250,	25th August	

THE Board resolve to submit the foregoing Returns for the information of Government, and for communication to the Sanitary Commissioner, in pursuance of paragraph 2, Government Order, 17th July 1869, No. 995, Public Department.

2. There are four points connected with the Returns to which the Board desire to call the attention of Collectors.

3. The first is the very late date at which some of the Returns are despatched. It is observed that only one Return was received in January 1870, eight in February, one in March, two in May, two in August, and three so late as September 1870. From three districts none have been received to date. The value attaching to these Returns must be considerably diminished, if not altogether lost, by this absence of punctuality. The Board therefore direct that for the future these Returns be so despatched as to reach the Board's Office before the close of January.

4. The second point is, that in most of the Returns the estimated number of people attending the Fairs and Feasts is omitted. The absence of this information detracts from their usefulness.

5. The third point is, that some Collectors have sent in their present Returns in the original incorrect form instead of adhering to the revised lists furnished with reference to Board's Proceedings, 5th March 1870, No. 1,560. The lists from these will now be returned for the mistake to be rectified.

6. The fourth point is, that there is a want of uniformity in the form in which these lists are now submitted. That from Tanjore is well adapted for the purpose and will be circulated with these Proceedings that it may be adopted as a model by all Collectors. The resident population of the places where the Fairs and Festivals are held, the concourse of people resorting to them, the number of carts, bullocks, etc., accompanying the crowds, the space available for their accommodation, the routes by which the crowds travel, are all matters intimately connected with the outbreak of epidemics, and ought, therefore, to be carefully ascertained and stated in the Returns.

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Dated March, 6th.

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Communicating Proceedings of the Board
Revenue calling the attention of Collectors to cer-
tain points connected with their Returns of Fairs
and Festivals for 1870

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(A true Extract.)

J. G. M.
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with 12 original replies from Collectors and one printed list from Tanjore.

„ the Collector of Vizagapatam,
„ the Collector of Kistna,
„ the Collector of Bellary,
„ the Collector of Kurnool,
„ all other Collectors, with printed list from Tanjore.

with lists returned and printed list from Tanjore.

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Commenced to the Secretary

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Exd. T. Cartledge.

The Secretary to Government

Returns of Fairs and Festivals for 1870, received from Collectors, submitted to Government. Attention of Collectors drawn to certain points connected with these Returns.

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To
The Secretary Government

Dated August 8.

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G. O. 8 March 1871.

No. 103.

Order of the Government of
Madras in relation to
the appointment of
Commissioners of
Police & Revenue for 1871.