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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 16th December 1880.

Read the following letter from W. H. COMYN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to G. STOKES, Esq., Deputy Superintendent of Census, dated Calicut, 22nd November 1880, No. 3,198 :—

With reference to the rules for censusing the Jail population, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether the former occupation of the convicts and prisoners should be entered in Column 10 of the Schedule, or simply as "Convicts under trial, prisoners" or "Civil debtors."

2. Before the receipt of these rules I had instructed the Jail Superintendent to enter in Column 10 all prisoners as "Convicts," &c., and the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum has likewise been instructed to enter as "Inmates" of the Asylum all persons confined in the Asylum in accordance with Dr. Farr's classification.

No. 703.

SUBMITTED for the orders of the Board of Revenue.

2. It will appear on the face of the Schedule that it relates to a Jail. The entries relating to warders, guards, and others will show that they are such, and they will no doubt be shown in separate Schedules from the prisoners. The entry "Convicts, &c.," therefore will give but little information.

3. On the other hand to give the former occupation is a departure from principle, for it implies a reference to some time other than the Census night.

4. I think the best course would be to direct that each prisoner should be entered as "Convict, &c.," and his former occupation given immediately following as "Convict, Gardener," &c.

MADRAS,
26th November 1880.

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Deputy Supt. of Census.

The Census Commissioner will be requested to favor the Board with his opinion on the point.

2. The suggestion of the Deputy Superintendent of Census in paragraph 4 appears a good one. If no information is available as to the past occupation of prisoners, they should be classified under the head "Persons of no specified occupation" (*vide* page 73 of Dr. Farr's tables.)

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Census Commissioner for India.

Copy to the Deputy Superintendent of Census.

" " Collector of Malabar.

" " Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home, Revenue and Agricultural Department (Census),—under date Fort William, the December 1880.

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RESOLUTION.

READ—

Letter from the Census Commissioner for India No. 41, dated the 4th December 1880, and enclosure, pointing out that the occupations of persons in jail can be entered in the enumerator's form in three ways, *i. e.*, by showing (1) their former occupation, (2) their work in prison, or (3) by describing them as convicts (or prisoners) only; and recommending, in accordance with a suggestion made by the Deputy Superintendent of Census, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, that a general rule be laid down as to the manner in which the occupation of prisoners shall be recorded in the census.

OBSERVATIONS.—The Governor-General in Council accepts the proposals made by the Census Commissioner and directs the general adoption of the following rule:

The Superintendents of Jails, and other persons concerned in the enumeration of prisoners in jails, lock-ups, military prisons and cells, shall enter in column 10 of the enumerator's schedule the occupation of all persons under detention as "*prisoners*"; and this term shall be used for census purposes to describe the occupation of all such persons, whether they be civil prisoners, or convicts, or under trial. If, however, any Local Government or Administration should so desire, it can also (1) distinguish between the three classes of civil prisoners, convicts, and persons under trial; and (2) cause the former occupation of the person under detention to be entered in the schedule as well as the designation "*prisoner*". The entries so made will then afterwards be tabulated in a special form with the object of shewing the occupations of the classes from which convicts are drawn.

ORDER.—Ordered, that the above Resolution be communicated to the Local Governments, Administrations and Agencies marginally entered, for information and guidance; and to the Census Commissioner for India with reference to his letter read in the preamble.

(True Extract.)

C. L. TUPPER,

Offg. Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

1880.
 Board of Revenue,
 MADRAS.
 To
 THE CENSUS COMM. FOR INDIA.

Dated December 16th.

Printed 24th.

Received

PROCEEDINGS, 16TH DECEMBER 1880, No. 1,927.

DECEMBER
 No. 1,927.

Census of 1881.—Requesting the opinion of the Census Commissioner as to how Column 10 of Census Schedule (for occupation) should be filled in with regard to convicts and prisoners.

In final. b. d. d.

Order

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Home, Revenue & Agricultural Department

CENSUS.

RESOLUTION.

Dated the December 1880.

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SUBJECT.

LAYS down a rule for recording the occupation of prisoners
in the enumerator's form.

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Order thereon 8 January 1881 No. 76

2/91 Communicated through the Board
of Revenue to the Deputy Superintendent of
Land Revenue who will lose no time in arranging to
supply the requisite number of copies of
these instructions to the Departments, and officers
concerned.

/ True Extract /

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Scrip. to Govt.

To
The Judicial Department
with copy of 1881 Proc. d. No. 1000
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From Rev. Dept.

No. 76. (En: 1).

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Jan: 27.

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Regarding rule for
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of Jails & the Dist. Magistrate
for information and guidance

The S.G. Jails
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