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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 15th March, 1857.

P. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council proceeds to pass orders on the letter from the Honorable Court of Directors in the Statistical Department dated 23d July 1856 No 2.

Para 1. Notice the means devised by the Chief Engineer for ascertaining the areas of the several Collectorates, and the results exhibited in the revised Tables returned to them. Desire that when the Boundaries of the Jemindaries shall have been laid down, the omissions which still exist in the Tables may be supplied.

2. This para will be communicated to the Chief Engineer for his information & guidance.

2. Notice the explanation given of the circumstances which led to discrepancies in the Population Returns of the Town of Vellore, glad to find that there is no reason for doubting the general correctness of the last Census of the Madras Territories.

3. This para calls for no particular remarks.

4. The correspondence that has since passed on the subject of a Census of the City of Madras, and of the Provinces of this Presidency generally, will be forwarded to the Honorable Court for their information. It will be seen from a letter written by Mr. C. F. Elliot, late Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, dated 2d February 1856, that he considered it impossible to obtain a Census of the Town of Madras without legal authority, an opinion which was confirmed by the then Advocate General. The Government have since been in communication with the Legislative Member of Council for

366. Honorable Court think that there can be no difficulty in organizing the requisite agency for the purpose of taking a census of the City of Madras; advert to the course taken in Bombay, and suggest a communication with that Government as to the details of the process; Offer various suggestions for obviating difficulties, and ensuring accuracy in the returns; Observe that much valuable information of a Statistical Character connected with the City of Madras may be obtained from the Govt. Offices which might be thrown into a supplementary general table, and furnished to them.

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for this Presidency, in view to an Act being passed for the purpose, but in consequence of a Bill of a similar character "for taking an account of the Population of Bombay" having been after a second reading, referred to a Select Committee for report, the Legislative Member declined taking any steps in the matter. The Government have just learnt from the Honble Mr Elliott, that the Government of India under orders of the Honorable Court, are about to issue instructions for a general Census of the whole population of British India to be taken in 1861, and that as no partial Censes will be sanctioned in the meantime, the Select Committee have not considered it

it advisable that the Bombay Bill should be proceeded with. Mr Elliott conceives it possible that a ~~general~~ Act may be passed to provide for taking the general Censuses in 1861, and intimates that the Special Act for Madras consequently will not be brought forward.

5. Under these circumstances it seems sufficient to communicate the Honorable Court's orders and the above observations to the Board of Revenue and to the Commissioner of Police for their information respectively.

6. These paras will be communicated for the information of the Board of Revenue.

3 Copies of P. 156 of the Rep.
P. 2. 368 of the Dis.
to the Bd of Rev. Cip. 14
to the Comr of Police
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6 — Do. Chief Engr

7. Approve the arrangement of Plan for taking the quinquennial Census of the population of the Madras Presidency.

8. Honorable Court will communicate with the Govt of India on the expediency of hereafter taking the Censuses of all the divisions of the Indian Empire, simultaneously and at decennial periods.

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