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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th July 1865.

No. 261. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Referring, for disposal, paragraph 7 of a letter from the President Sanitary Commission, soliciting the approval of Government to their having addressed the Board of Revenue relative to the registry of deaths in agricultural Districts. } (Here enter 7th July 1865, No. 2,523.)

No. 262. ORDER THEREON, 15th July 1865, No. 1,631.

Miscellaneous.

1. It is observed that the question of the registration of deaths was taken into consideration by the Board of Revenue, under instructions of Government in the Public Department.

2. The disposal of paragraph 7 of the Sanitary Commissioner's letter, therefore, rests with that Department, to which it will be referred accordingly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Officiating President Sanitary Commission, Madras, 29th June 1865, No. 174; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to solicit that you will submit to Government the opinion of the Sanitary Commission, that the period has arrived when direct action should be taken by them, in accordance with the instructions conveyed in the Secretary of State's Despatches, No. 297* dated 15th August 1863, and No. 23,† dated 9th March 1865, recorded in Orders of Government, No. 3152, dated 1st October 1863, and No. 1867, dated 19th May 1865, quoted in the margin.

* "*Para (8.) I have further to request that directions may be "given for the monthly Returns of sickness and mortality of the "Troops at out-Stations, to be submitted promptly and regularly to the Presidency Committees, whose duty it will be to "bring to notice any facts exhibited in such Returns, requiring "the attention of Government, and to suggest at the same time the "course which they would recommend for adoption.*"

† "*(5.) I take this opportunity of requesting that the several "Sanitary Commissions at Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, may "be called upon to prepare, at the close of each Calendar year, "a Report upon the Sanitary condition of the Army in the respective Presidencies, during the preceding twelve months.*

"*(6.) The Report should treat separately of the European and "Native portion of the Army, and should be as short and concise as possible, consistently with the object in view, which "is to contain a complete Statement of the Sanitary condition of "the Troops during that period, and the various measures that "have been either determined upon, or carried out, with a view "to the improvement of that condition, with the remarks upon "the results of those measures.*"

"*(7.) With a view to the preparation of these reports, arrangement should be made by the Sanitary Commissions at the "several Presidency Towns for obtaining annual Reports of the "above nature, from every Military Station in the Country. "These latter reports should be forwarded at the close of the "year, so as to admit of the early preparation of the general "report from each Presidency abovementioned, and which should "be forwarded to me by the several Governments not later than "the 1st March.*"

2. In your letter, No. 1469, dated 2nd May 1864, we were also instructed as follows :—

"(13). All Civil and Military Authorities will be requested to afford the Commission every assistance it may require."

"(14). Returns and Reports will be furnished periodically to the Com-"mission from all Military Stations, in such forms as may hereafter be prescribed."

"(15). The Commander-in-Chief will be requested to issue such orders, "as His Excellency may think necessary, for ensuring the regular submission of "such Returns, and for enabling the Commission to obtain promptly from local "Military authorities all statistical and other information which may be required, on "matters affecting the Sanitary condition of the Army."

3. In connection with this Order, the Quarter Master General, under date the 5th idem, requested this Commission to forward, for submission to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the forms of Returns required by this Commission. But the Office Establishment was then insufficient to carry out any statistical work, and the preparation of Returns was intentionally deferred.

4. The subject being one of an imperial character, it was the opinion of this Commission that we should, in communication with the Sanitary Commission in Bengal and Bombay, establish a General Form of Return for all India, I therefore

7. Should this meet the approval of the Revenue Board, all due care should be exercised in this office to compile a General Statement of Mortuary Returns for the whole Presidency.

8. Doubtless at first from purely agricultural Districts, the Returns will be of little value, but in a short time a methodical system can be adopted that will more fully meet the intentions of Government.

9. This Commission has little doubt that, if the Revenue Board had been aware of the detailed plan (under preparation by them) the occasion would have been availed of to afford to this Commission the opportunity of assisting with advice on this subject, and I and my Colleagues will have much pleasure in affording any aid in our power to render the proposals of the Revenue Board, as much as possible, suited to co-operate with those made for the compilation of Returns from Military Cantonments and Civil Towns.

10. We are of opinion that the registration of Births should be attempted along with that of Deaths. Under the orders of Government this Commission has already submitted suggestions for the collection of information on both these points, and they would strongly urge that in any scheme of registration, the omission of the latter item would tend to lessen its value very materially.

11. I would feel obliged if, after submitting the foregoing remarks to the Revenue Board, you would be so kind as to favor me with a copy of the similar order issued by the Board, and the proposed form of Return, and also by information as to whether the registration proposed by the Board is to be carried out simply under Departmental orders in the Collector's Office, or as the result of Legislative Enactment.

ORDER, No. 2523, 7th July 1865.

The Governor in Council approves the action of the Commission reported in paragraph 4 of the foregoing letter, but observes that, as the views of the Sanitary Commissions of Bengal and Bombay, with respect to the Form of Return, have been requested, any expression of opinion by Government in the present stage of the matter would be premature.

2. With reference to paragraph 5, it appears to His Excellency in Council that the Rules quoted by the Commission in paragraph 2 of the foregoing letter, provides sufficiently for the procurement of information from all Military Authorities. The views of the Commission will be communicated to the Public Department, for the issue to Civil Authorities of such Orders as may be deemed necessary.

3. Paragraph 7 will be referred to the Revenue Department, and paragraph 8 *et seq* to the Public Department, for disposal in those Departments respectively.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the President Sanitary Commission.
„ Public Department.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Principal Inspector General Medical Department.
„ Quarter Master General.
„ Barrack Master, Fort Saint George.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.
„ Adjutant General.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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Referring for
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letter from the President
Sanitary Commission,
soliciting the approval
of Govt to their having
addressed the Bd of Revl
relative to the Registry of
deaths in agricultural
districts - With Orders

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No. 1631.

It is observed
that the question of the Registra-
tion of Deaths was taken
into consideration by the Bd of
Revl. under instructions of
Govt. in the Judicial Dept.

The disposal of para
7 of the Sanitary Commr's letter
will therefore rest with that Dept.
& it will be informed
accordingly.

L. H.
15th July 65

5 to the Public Dept dtd 17th July
14th to Bd of Revenue
6 to Accountant General