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Government of Madras.

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
18th April 1868.*

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No. 405. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Sanitary,) to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India office, London, 29th February 1868, No. 2:—

1. I have had under separate consideration in Council the 12th and 13th paragraphs of the Report of the Board of Revenue for 1865-66, on the sanitary condition of the Madras districts, and also the 5th, 6th, and 7th paragraphs of the orders issued by your Excellency's Government, under date the 25th September, No. 2,244, of 1867.

2. The statement of the Board is very unfavorable. Very large numbers appear to have died from the virulent ravages of cholera, small-pox, and fever, and in some districts, it is lamentable to add, from starvation. I derive some relief from the assurance that the season has been, from a variety of causes which baffled all human precautions, one of an unusually unhealthy character, and there can be little doubt that many who have died from other immediate causes have been pre-disposed to the diseases which proved fatal to them, by want of proper food, and, in some instances, by want of all food. Facts of this kind, painful as they are, it may be trusted are not likely to be of frequent occurrence.

3. I am well aware that your Excellency's Government has displayed great promptitude, energy, and judgment in dealing with the calamity which has afflicted the districts of your Presidency, and I believe that your Excellency in Council has generally been well supported by the officers charged with the administration of the country; but I observe that few of the Collectors, according to the Board's statement, have afforded you the information which was necessary to enable your Government accurately to ascertain the extent of the mortality arising from want and epidemic disease. I desire that this important part of their duty may be impressed upon the Collectors.

4. I desire that, in future, each Collector may be directed annually to furnish a separate report upon the health of his district. These, after being considered by your Excellency in Council, should be forwarded to me with an abstract showing the ratio of mortality to population in each district.

No. 406. ORDER THEREON, 18th April 1868, No. 1,034.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for their information and guidance. They will issue instructions to the Collectors for the submission of the annual Report required in paragraph 4 of the Despatch, and prescribe a form for the abstract shewing the ratio of mortality to population.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,  
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Sanitary

No 2

India Office  
London 29 July 1868

My Lord,

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Your Lordship's most  
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James H. Mathews

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Sanitary  
29 July 1868.  
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The Secretary Fort St. George  
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No 1034

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With order