

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th March 1871.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 395. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting, with remarks, letter from Collector
of Coimbatore, furnishing information as to
the state of the district, dated 1st January 1871.

No. 395A. From the President, Municipal Commission, Coimbatore.

Stating that the views of the Commissioners as
expressed to and conveyed by Mr. Sullivan in
his letter, dated 20th December 1870, No. 349,
were not recorded in their Proceedings. (Here enter 16th March 1871, No. 7.)

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

No. 396. ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1871, No. 549.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government consider that an
accurate Census is a perfectly legitimate
object for Municipal expenditure, for the

information obtained cannot fail to be most valuable for administrative purposes.
The Government see no reason why a charge, which in other Municipalities is to
be shared between Government and the town, should in Coimbatore be thrown
entirely on the Government.

2. In other respects the proposals of the Coimbatore Census Sub-Committee
seem proper; but as remarked by the Board, the temporary establishment will
certainly not be required for a whole month, and the expense of the operation is
over-estimated.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th February 1871.

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th December 1870, No. 349:—

In reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 9th instant, No. 7,027, communicating the Order of Government, dated 2nd idem, No. 1,914, I have the honour to inform you that the census of the Coimbatore Municipality will be carried out by the Commissioners, assisted by two or three gentlemen, European and native, who have kindly offered their services. Dr. Davis, the Zillah Surgeon, has been elected President of the Census Committee, and the enclosed copy of a letter from him to my address gives an idea of the measures which they propose to adopt. A copy of my reply is also enclosed.

2. The only hitch is the question of funds. The Commissioners are of opinion that any appropriation of Municipal monies to this purpose would be illegal, and, as for want of funds they are prevented from carrying out many *bonâ fide* Municipal measures which are urgently required, they will decline to make a grant for the half cost of the census, as proposed in paragraph 4 of the Order of Government. I must own that I entirely concur in the view they have taken. The census is purely an imperial measure, and cannot, directly or indirectly, benefit the rate-payers of the Municipality, and the provisions of the Towns Improvement Act certainly do not authorize such an application of Municipal funds. I, therefore, beg to recommend that the estimated cost of the Municipal census, about Rupees 1,000, be sanctioned as an imperial charge. I do not see how it is to be carried out otherwise. The Commissioners and the other members of the Committee give their time and services gratuitously, and I think they are right in declining to allow the unavoidable expenditure attendant on the measure to become a burden on the rate-payers.

3. I will again address the Board on the subject of the assistance to be rendered by the Police. I think the suggestion made in my letter, dated 5th October 1870, No. 236, that they should conduct the final enumeration of the members of the force and their families on the 15th November, is deserving of consideration. I have only just received the Board's Proceedings under reply, and have not yet had an opportunity of communicating with the Superintendent.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. F. DAVIS, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., President, Census Committee, to the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, dated 19th December 1870, No. 6.

I HAVE the honour, in continuation of my letter, No. 1, of 5th instant, and also adverting to your two letters therein partly answered, to report progress in the matter of the preliminary arrangements for taking the census of the town of Coimbatore.

2. In furtherance of the suggestions contained in your two letters I have addressed certain European and native gentlemen, soliciting them to assist in the formation of a Committee, to which all, with one exception, have given a kindly and ready assent. The Committee, therefore, as now constituted, consists of the gentlemen now noted:—

R. Rice, Esq.	Captain Thompson.	B. Cooppa Row.
C. D. Maclean, Esq.	J. C. Winscom, Esq.	Veerabudriah.
Major Hessey.	Mr. G. Martin.	Andoo Sait.
„ Davies.	M. R. Ry. Streeneevassa Charry.	Adam Saib.

I may also note that I have myself been elected President, and that Streeneevassa Charry has kindly consented to act as Honorary Secretary to the Committee.

3. Two meetings of the Committee have up till the present time been held, and the following measures have been suggested for early adoption:—

1stly.—The division of Coimbatore town into eleven sections, based partly upon the system of Police beats.

2ndly.—The appointment of two Enumerators to each section.

3rdly.—The appointment of two Supervisors.

4thly.—It is proposed to engage the services of three Peons and two Moochees.

4. The Committee have carefully considered the suggestions, etc., of the Committee in Madras, but are of opinion that the somewhat elaborate system the latter propose is not calculated to succeed with so small a community as ours. It is, therefore, thought better to simplify the system as much as possible, and the Enumerators supervised by two men of superior intelligence and assisted in the mere mechanical employment of painting house numbers, etc., will be sufficient.

5. Each of the eleven sections will be under the immediate eye of one of the members of the Committee, and it is hoped that this staff will with diligence be able to accomplish the primary enumeration of houses with rough description, as also the first enumeration of their inmates, approved of in the Government Proceedings.

6. I am desired by the Committee to ask what assistance from cutcherry and other officials will be available for the final enumeration, as the staff above referred to will be manifestly insufficient for the very considerable work to be performed on the 15th of November.

7. The financial scheme of the Committee is as follows:—

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1st.—The employment of 22 Enumerators, at 12 Rupees per mensem	264
2nd.—Two Supervisors, at 25 Rupees	50
3rd.—Three Peons and two Moochees, at Rupees 6 = 30 Rupees per mensem, thus making a monthly estimate for establishment of	344
4th.—An estimate for stationery, tar, brushes, and sundries	100

It is hoped that the work of the establishment will not occupy more than two months and a half, thus costing 860 Rupees, which, with the 100 Rupees for sundries, would bring the estimate roughly to 1,000 Rupees.

8. From the above it will be noted that printing, paper for forms, office room furniture, etc., has been omitted, it being supposed that such would be provided, as indeed suggested in your letter.

9. I should feel obliged by your furnishing me with 8,000 copies of the house form, for which, if necessary, I must send a formal indent.

10. In conclusion, I have to request that you will inform me from whom the Committee are to look for the funds above mentioned, merely remarking that such of the members of the Committee as are Municipal Commissioners do not seem at all inclined to disburse the same, either wholly or in part; from the funds of the town, considering the scheme to be purely an imperial one and not a proper object for local taxation.

11. Soliciting the favour of an early reply.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. G. UNDERWOOD,
Assistant Collector, for Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector, to the President, Census Committee, Coimbatore Municipality, dated 19th December 1870, No. 6.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this day's date, No. 6, and beg that you and the gentlemen associated with you as members of the Committee will accept my best thanks for the kind, hearty, and efficient manner in which you have responded to my appeal to you to co-operate in the important statistical measure ordered by the Government.

2. The mode in which your Committee propose to carry out the Municipal census operations has my entire approval, and, adverting to the remarks conveyed in paragraph 4 of your communication under reply, I beg to point out that the Government merely direct that, in making the census in Municipalities, the general plan laid down by the Madras Committee is to be

followed. In the matter of details a wide discretion is doubtless vested in the local agency, and I am sure that no efforts will be wanting on the part of the Committee over which you preside to obtain as much reliable information as possible. I may here observe that to ensure accurate returns great care will have to be exercised in recording the occupations of the persons enumerated. Thus, though the chief resident in a house or enclosure may be a merchant or a potter, it by no means follows that all the members of their families are engaged in the same pursuits.

3. In regard to the inquiry contained in paragraph 6 of your letter, I shall feel obliged by your informing me what amount of assistance will be required in the final enumeration on the 15th November 1871. I do not think there will be any difficulty in furnishing it, but it is as well to know beforehand the extent to which it will be required.

4. The estimate of charges I consider moderate, and, entirely concurring in the view that the cost of the operation is legitimately debitable to Imperial funds, I beg to enclose copy of a letter I have addressed to the Board of Revenue on the subject. Their reply will be communicated in due course.

5. The 8,000 copies of forms applied for in paragraph 9 will be forwarded as soon as they are received from the Board of Revenue.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. G. UNDERWOOD,
Assistant Collector, for Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to Government Order, dated 2nd December 1870, No. 1,914, paragraphs 4 and 5.

2. The Board are glad to find that the Coimbatore Municipality are giving due attention to the census. The estimated cost is high compared with that of the census in other towns, but the Board have little doubt but what the actual expenditure will be less. It cannot be necessary to keep the whole staff employed for a full month.

3. The preliminary enumeration should take place, not in July as in rural tracts, but as near the time of the final enumeration as is safe.

4. The question as to whether the Municipality are to pay half the expense in spite of their disinclination to do so must be left for the orders of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

J. G. M.
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with two enclosures.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

No. 6. Coimbatore 19th December 1871

From, W. F. Davis Esq^r M. D. F. R. C. S.,
President,
Census Committee,
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To, H. E. Sullivan Esq^r,
Ag. Collector of Coimbatore

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PROCEEDINGS 14TH FEBRUARY 1871, No. 701.

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No. 701.

Census of Coimbatore Municipality.—Letter
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(sd) W. F. Davis M.D.F.R.C.S.
President of the Census Committee

True Copy

(Signed) W. J. Underwood
Apptd Collector
for a/c Collector

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J. W. Remington
for Secretary

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Coimbatore Municipal
Office

March 1871

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Very

Respectfully

Yours

W. F. Davis

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Enclosure in Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue to the
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department, dated
14th February 1871.

Copy of letter from the
President of Census Committee
Coimbatore, to the Acting
Collector of Coimbatore,
furnishing information
as to the measures in which
the Municipal Census
is to be taken.

Pro 24th March 71 O.D. B. No 395

True Copy

Signed W. J. Underwood
Apptd Collector
for a/c Collector

True Copy

J. W. Cunningham
for Secretary

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Coimbatore Municipal
Commissioners Office

16 March 1871

From.

A. Wedderburn Esq.
President Municipal
Commission Coimbatore

To the Under Secretary
to Government.
Fort Saint George

Sir,

In reply to the official letter
Revenue Department No. 45 requesting
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.
Under date the 24th March 1871.

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