

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,

17th January 1872.

No. 207. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th December 1871, No. 4,954:—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 31st October 1871, No. 1,871, Revenue Department.

THE present practice is to class Mehters, Channars, and other low castes under Hindoos in the tables of mortality.

2. The Board are of opinion that special statistics regarding these classes of population whose habits are peculiarly uncleanly, and who live apart from the rest of the village community, would be interesting and valuable in a sanitary point of view.

3. The form of village Death Register must be altered to exhibit this information.

4. Special care must also be taken to exhibit the results of the present census as regards the precise strength of each of the classes so exhibited, because, without this information, the ratio of mortality to population among them cannot be arrived at.

5. The foot-note to Form No. 4, indicating what castes or races are embraced in "other classes" which is suggested in paragraph 2 of the letter of the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, is no doubt desirable, and instructions will be issued for this being attended to.

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ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1872, No. 105.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be forwarded for submission to the Government of India, with the opinion of this Government,

that the proposal to distinguish the classes in question in the mortuary returns is unobjectionable.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Frd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Mortuary statistics—among Mehters, Chamars, and other low castes.—Government informed that present practice in regard to classification of—, is to include these classes of population under Hindoos, but that special statistics regarding them would be desirable.

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