Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th October 1872.

No. 297. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th October 1872, No. 2,069 :—

Read the following letter from Surgeon-Major W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commisioner, in charge of Census Office, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 15th October 1872, No. 256:—

THE Board in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings, dated 18th January 1872, No. 121, in approving the suggestion of the late Mr. Gover that the preparation of tables showing the population, area, revenue, etc., of each village is highly desirable, observed that they should form a series of appendices for the several Collectorates, and that 100 copies of each will be sufficient. The Taluq Statistical Returns No. III. received from several districts, in the form prescribed in the Board's general instructions to Collectors on the Census, give the area with its particulars and the land revenue of each village. The occupied land and the land revenue particulars entered in these returns appertain to Fasli 1279 (1869-70) while those to be shown in the Statement No. IV. called for from Collectors in the Board's Proceedings, 16th September 1872, No. 1,844, will be for the Fasli 1281 (1871-72). The differences, I apprehend, as regards the area of land under occupation, etc., will not be very material.

2. I propose to get prepared for printing three tables containing particulars for each village in the accompanying forms (No. I.) to show the land revenue, area, houses, and population, (No. II.) the population classified under each caste, and (No. III.) the population classified under each occupation. The first return can be easily prepared from the Taluq Returns No. III. above referred to, and the other two from the results of the direct tabulation, which are now under completion in this office.

3. It must now be decided whether the population for each village should be classified under the numerous castes and occupations as made out from the village original schedules, or whether they are to be brought under the limited number only of the general classes introduced by Mr. Gover into the comparative tabulation books which are now being posted. The latter course appears to be sufficiently minute in detail, and the specimen forms have been accordingly prepared. The former course would be difficult and wanting in uniformity as the number and description of castes and occupations vary greatly in different villages.

4. I beg to be favoured with the Board's opinions on the points above noticed and the forms now submitted.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 3.—Forms.

THE forms which seem to be suitable will be submitted for the approval of Government.

2. Form I. will do for all districts except Malabar, for which a special form must be prepared—*vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 28th October 1870, No. 6,388.

3. In Forms II. and III. the castes and occupations are grouped in accordance with the views laid before Government by the Madras Census Committee, and the Board are of opinion that they need not be shown in greater detail for the

purpose of these village statements, but the total numbers of each occupation and caste are to be recorded somewhere, and as they can only be got from the direct tabulation which is being revised *now*, it is essential to determine at once whether the totals shall be given for each village, for each taluq, for each district, or for the whole Presidency. Orders are requested on this point. The Board think that the districts should be taken as the units. When the decision of Government is known, the forms must be prepared and filled up as the revision of the direct tabulation proceeds.

Government Order, dated 25th January 1870, No. 98, Public Department.

4. In Form II. a separate column should be added after "others" for women and children with no occupation, so that the cross totals may correspond with those of Form No. III. and the "population" in Form No. I.

No. 298. ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1872, No. 1,513.

Miscellaneous.

THE proposed forms are approved.

2. The Governor in Council concurs with the Board in thinking that the total number under each occupation and caste should be given for each district as the unit.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

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Submitting for approval forms of Village Returns received from Census Officers
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The proposed forms of Village Returns are approved.
Let the Board communicate with Census Commissioner, enclosing a copy of this order, and request that a print for each district as the unit.
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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated October 30th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 30th October 1872, No. 1,513.

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Census.—Forms of village returns submitted by the Board of Revenue, approved.