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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st March 1872.

No. 254. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th March 1872, Miscellaneous No. 2,022 :—

Read the following letter from CHARLES E. GOVER, Esq., Census Officer, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 2nd March 1872, No. 111.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Board, that this Office has been engaged throughout the month of February in the arrangement and tabulation of the Census Returns of the Presidency. An average of about 160 Writers has been constantly at work in the premises lately occupied as the Office of the Municipal Census.

2. The first great task was the receipt and arrangement of the schedules. I was prepared to receive a great mass of papers, but have been greatly surprised at still greater mass that has poured in. They fill three large rooms, and have altogether exceeded the provision at first intended for them. We have, however, succeeded in getting them carefully arranged, docketed, and indexed, so that we are now able at once to obtain any village that may be called for. Three Collectorates, Kistna (advice received), Canara, and Madura, have not been received, but the rest are all placed on the shelves. This task has engaged the entire time of an average of about 25 Clerks. A less number would have sufficed, but the non-arrival of the Canarese schedules left me unable to make the intended use of the Canarese Writers, and I was compelled to employ them in the record-rooms where they were at a disadvantage in working upon Tamil and Telegu papers. The same remarks, though in a less degree, apply to the Malabar schedules and Writers. The Canarese Clerks have been since and are now at work upon the Coimbatore and Bellary Districts, from which many Canarese papers were received.

4. The main body of the Writers has been engaged on the direct tabulation of caste and occupation. During the month the Collectorates of Coimbatore, Kurnool, Nellore, and Nilgiris, have been completed, and Tinnevely is more than half done. The Malayalim department has also completed the Wynaad Taluq of Malabar. Had the papers been received earlier, much greater results would have been obtained.

5. I have placed before you personally the mode of compiling the results, which has been adopted, and believe it will secure the keeping of a complete, convenient, and detailed record of the results of the Census.

6. It was soon found that some of the Clerks were dishonestly scamping their work, and I was compelled to establish a Test Department composed of some of my best Clerks. A certain proportion of the work performed is repeated in the Test Department, and where discrepancies have been discovered, the Clerk has been permitted to challenge the results of the Test Department.

7. These challenges have been frequent but unsuccessful, as, from the first, the Test Department was subjected to the rule that all errors discovered in the challenges should be paid for. The Test Department has already enabled me to discover and dismiss some five or six dishonest Writers, and has infused a healthy tone throughout the Office. I have resolved to dismiss summarily every Writer whose work will not bear the test.

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8. Looking to the work that has been performed and the results attained, I have the honour to request that the Board will be so good as to move Government to direct that the first instalment of my salary, Rs. 1,000, may be paid to me.

9. The Acquittance Roll of the Office establishment will be forwarded in a few days.

THE Board recommend accordingly that Mr. Gover be permitted to draw the first instalment of his remuneration for February 1872, and to continue to draw the other instalments at the expiry of each month.

No. 255.

ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1872, No. 492.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.

Miscellaneous No. 2022

Revenue Department.

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Madras Census Office }
2^d March 1872.

I have &c.
(signed) Charles E. Gosser.
Census Officer.

The Board recommend accordingly that Mr. Gosser be permitted to draw the first instalment of his remuneration for February 1872. and to continue to draw the other instalments at the expiry of each month.

(True Copy & Extract)

J. G. Gole
Secretary.

To The Offg. Chief Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

J. G. Gole

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 Proceedings of the
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Dated 16
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With Order
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