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OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

THE attention of Collectors is desired to the following extract from the remarks of the Sanitary Commissioner.

2. The Government consider that the vital statistics of the Presidency should refer to the period embraced in the Calendar year. Collectors will submit, with as little delay as possible, brief reports upon the health of their districts for the Calendar year 1872.

Extract from Sanitary Commissioner's letter, dated 28th March 1873, No. 640, recorded in the Order of Government, dated 10th May 1873, No. 500.

" 5. I have on various occasions, in correspondence with the Board and Collectors of districts, pointed out obvious defects in birth registration, and especially that District Officers must not consider their returns fairly reliable unless in ordinary healthy seasons the birth registration is equal to two-and-a-half or three per cent. of the population. In the limited areas of certain Municipal towns I have had examples of the birth ratios reaching upwards of four per cent., and there can be no doubt that the tendency of an Indian population is to increase very fast in seasons when food is abundant and the public health good.

" 6. I append, for information, the ratios of births registered in the several districts for the Calendar year 1872, adopting the population figures of the Census of 1871. It will be seen that there is still room for greater accuracy in birth registration, especially in the districts marginally noted. In the Tanjore District only can the birth registration be regarded as fairly reliable, and even here it is probable that the true birth ratio is much more than twenty-eight per thousand of the population. While, therefore, the results of birth registration are not yet of any general value for statistical purposes, there is no reason why they should not become so, and, as a matter of fact, they are improving year by year. The machinery for the collection of information is perfect enough in Government villages, but in Zemindari districts some special means are required for securing more accurate returns.

Return shewing the Ratio per 1,000 of Population of Births registered in each District of the Madras Presidency during the year 1872.

	Births.	Ratio per 1,000 of Population.		Birth.	Ratio per 1,000 of Population.
Ganjam	19,644	13.55	Tinnevely	28,406	16.75
Vizagapatam	18,924	10.32	Karnool	18,412	19.27
Godavery	23,817	15.03	Cuddapah	20,924	15.57
Kistna	25,161	17.41	Bellary	33,745	20.41
Nellore	21,082	15.34	North Arcot	48,014	23.92
Madras	8,166	20.54	Salem	46,227	23.54
Chingleput	22,230	23.62	Coimbatore	23,971	13.66
South Arcot	24,179	13.71	Nilgiri Hills	940	19.19
Trichinopoly	26,774	22.35	South Canara	16,948	18.51
Tanjore	55,476	28.08	Malabar	45,412	20.13
Madura	17,310	13.09			

(By Order.)

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras.
26th June 1873.

To all Collectors.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

A. Goodhue
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Board of Rev. Dr. 22 July

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

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Registration of Births.—Attention of Collectors drawn to remarks of Sanitary Commissioner regarding necessity for greater accuracy in—, and brief reports requested from them on health of their districts for Calendar Year 1872.

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