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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
29th May 1874.*

No. 287. Read the following despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India:—

Sanitary.  
No. 6.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,  
16th April 1874.

MY LORD,—The despatch of your Excellency in Council, dated the 27th June, No. 16 of 1873 (Revenue), transmitting some statistics and information relative to the Public Health of the Madras Presidency, has been considered by me in Council.

2. I forward, in reply, copy of a Memorandum by the Army Sanitary Commission on your despatch, which I desire may be communicated to

Mr. Cornish, your Sanitary Commissioner.

3. I desire that the attention of the Board of Revenue may be directed to the serious typographical errors contained in its Acting Sub-Secretary's letter. A table is attached to the 14th paragraph which contains so many mistakes that it must be regarded as unintelligible.

I have, etc.,  
(Signed) SALISBURY.

His Excellency the Right Honourable  
The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

MEMORANDUM by the Army Sanitary Commission of a despatch from the Government of Madras, dated 27th June 1873, forwarding information regarding the Public Health of the Presidency for 1871-72 during Fasli 1281.

THESE papers contain statistical abstracts of the Birth and Death registration in the Madras Presidency for the period specified. The results show that the registration although still far from accurate is improving.

2. The Census of 1871 gave

|                        |     |     |     |     |     |            |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| A population of        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30,465,070 |
| Death-rate per 1,000 = | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14.63      |
| Birth-rate do. =       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18.44      |

These figures are enough to show the present state of the registration.

3. In a letter accompanying the statistical report Mr. Cornish gives the following evidence of improving registration:—

*Registration of Births.*

|      | Births<br>registered. |
|------|-----------------------|
| 1869 | 452,410               |
| 1870 | 439,063               |
| 1871 | 517,103               |
| 1872 | 545,767               |

4. He also makes some useful suggestions regarding measures for improving the future accuracy of the work, which will no doubt receive the consideration of Government. He calls attention to the great and increasing mortality from fevers among the civil population and to the importance of investigation into the cause of these diseases to the interests of the country, also to the beneficial effects of general sanitary improvements in enabling the stamina of the people better to resist the inroads of malarial diseases.

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29th May 1874.*

5. The Commission concur generally with what Mr. Cornish has stated on these points.

6. The papers do not appear to call for further remark except as to the necessity of greater accuracy being observed in printing statistical documents as shown in the following abstract table in the Proceedings of the Revenue Department:—

"The following is a comparative statement of the number of deaths during the past and previous faslis due to different causes:—

| Causes of Death.  | Fasli<br>1280. | Fasli<br>1281. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Cholera ... ..    | 44,989         | 18,678         | ...       | 33,311    |
| Small-pox ... ..  | 16,831         | 99,371         | 19,540    | ...       |
| Fevers ... ..     | 186,160        | 187,465        | 1,305     | ...       |
| Bowel-complaints. | 41,683         | 36,821         | ...       | 4,869     |
| Injuries ... ..   | 55,895         | 15,099         | ...       | 116       |
| Other causes ...  | 5,55095        | 165,286        | 1,6534    | ...       |
| Total ...         | 457,507        | 445,790        | 6,5889    | 38,989    |

7. Typographical work such as this requires no remark.

WAB OFFICE,  
12th February 1874.

(Signed) J. J. FREDERICK,  
Secretary.

No. 288.

ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1874, No. 659.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of  
Revenue and to the Sanitary Commis-  
sioner.

2. The attention of the Acting Supervisor of the Government Press is called to paragraph 3 of the Secretary of State's despatch, and he is requested to inquire and report regarding the typographical errors therein noticed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,  
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Sanitary Commissioner.

„ the Supervisor of the Government Press.

Ed. A. S. Rodgers.

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Secy. to Govt.

Dated May 29th.

Head.

Foot.

G. O., 29th May 1874, No. 659

MAY.

No. 287-288.

Public health of the Presidency.—Communi-  
cates to Revenue Board and Sanitary Commis-  
sioner Home despatch reviewing report of the —  
for Fashi 1281 and directs Supervisor, Govern-  
ment Press, to report regarding certain serious  
typographical errors noticed therein.

Vide No. 2002 of 1874.

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Typographical

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Wm J. J. Frederick  
Secretary

Army Sanitary Commission  
War Office  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1874.

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No. 6.

Copy Memo. by the Army Sanitary  
Commission, dated 12<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1874.

Per the Encl.

Referred him Sanitary letter to  
Madras, No. 6, dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 1874.  
Para: 2.

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Sanitary  
No. 6.

India Office  
London 16<sup>th</sup> April 1874

My Lord,

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Your Excellency in Council  
dated the 27<sup>th</sup> June,  
No 16 of 1873 (Revenue)  
transmitting some Statistics  
and information relative  
to the Public Health of the  
Madras Presidency, has  
been considered by me in  
Council.

2. I forward in reply  
copy

His Excellency  
The Right Honorable  
The Governor in Council  
Fort St. George

dated 12 Feb 1874  
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copy of a Memorandum  
by the Army Sanitary  
Commission on your  
Despatch, which I desire  
may be communicated  
to Mr. Coonish, your  
Sanitary Commissioner.

3. I desire that  
the attention of the  
Board of Revenue may  
be directed to the various  
typographical errors  
contained in its Acting  
Sub-Secretary's Letter.  
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be regarded as  
unintelligible.

I have the honour to be  
My Lord  
Your Lordships most  
Obedient-humble Servant  
Salisbury

No. 5.

Sanitary  
16<sup>th</sup> April 1874

The  
Letter to Fort St. George

No. 6.

Received 9 May 1874.

29 May.

Forwarding copy of a Memo-  
randum by the Army Sanitary  
Committee on Despatch from the  
Madras Govt. transmitting Statistics  
& information relative to the  
public health of the Madras  
Presidency. Requesting that  
the attention of the Board of  
Revenue may be directed to  
the serious topographical errors  
contained in their Sub-Secretary's  
Letter -

S.O. 29<sup>th</sup> May/74 No. 659.

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No. 659.

Revenue Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 29<sup>th</sup> May 1874

Read the following Despatch from the Right  
Honble the Secy of State for India.

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Army Sanitary Comm<sup>tee</sup> on Despatch from the Madras  
Govt. transmitting Statistics and information relative to  
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the attention of the B<sup>d</sup> of Rev<sup>ue</sup> may be directed to the  
serious topographical errors contained in its Acting  
Sub-Secretary's letter

H. E. 16. April. 1874 No. 6

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Note  
The Board of Revenue, in their letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> April, 1874, have  
called attention to the errors in the printed list of the  
time & the amount in the list of the  
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the figures for this current work (for  
which he is paid by the office) &  
submitted others at random, as  
the list had been once examined  
at the time of the last examination on the  
reprinted & being the same as the  
defective.  
We have information we want  
from the Supervisor so as to have  
something on which I have one  
reply to the Secy of State.

Ex. W. R. S.

Communicated to the  
Board of Revenue, and to the  
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2 B. of Rev<sup>ue</sup> }  
Sanitary Comm<sup>tee</sup> } 2/13 June/74  
Sup<sup>y</sup> of Govt. Press }



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meeting statistics relative to public health  
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after return  
from circulation

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