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26th September 1878, No. 1,578.

Read the following papers :—

No. 327. From T. C. PLOWDEN, Esq., Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, (General,) to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, Revenue Department, dated Simla, 4th September 1878, No. 2,386-G, (Confidential).

REFERRING to your letter, No. 1,151, dated 23rd July 1878, I am directed to forward herewith, copy of this Office Circular, No. 743-P, dated 30th March last, and of the papers therein specified, reparding the arrangements to be made for taking the next Census of India in 1881; and to request that the required report may be furnished to this Office at an early date.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From T. C. PLOWDEN, Esq., Officiating Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, (Political,) to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 30th March 1878, No. 743-P, (Confidential).

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Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce Department, Circular, No. 2, dated 20th February 1878.
Extract from a Report by the Census Committee, dated 29th January 1878.

2. Should the opinion of the Government of Fort St. George be adverse to the measure proposed by the Census Committee, I am to request that the objections of His Grace may be fully stated.

ENCLOSURE 1 IN No. 1.

From G. H. M. BATTEN, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (Statistics,) to the Government of Madras, Fort St. George, dated Calcutta, 20th February 1878, No. 2.

I AM directed to forward, for such remarks as His Grace the Governor in Council may desire to offer, copy of the papers noted on the margin, regarding the arrangements to be made for taking the next Census of India in 1881.

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2. The subjects discussed in the Census Committee's Report are briefly stated in its 7th paragraph: on all these the Government of India will be glad to receive an expression of the opinion of His Grace the Governor in Council in regard to the Committee's conclusions; but I am specially to invite attention to the following questions :—

(*a*) The possibility of taking the Census everywhere on the same day, and the tracts, if any, where this will not be possible (paragraph 8 of the Report).

(*b*) The date to be fixed for the general enumeration (paragraph 9).

(*c*) The form of enumerator's schedule proposed by the Committee and the possibility of getting it satisfactorily filled in (paragraphs 12 to 22).

(*d*) The distinction to be observed between "enclosure" and "house," and the possibility of a satisfactory classification of houses as an index of general prosperity (paragraph 13).

(*e*) The collection of information regarding the civil or conjugal condition of each member of the family (paragraph 15).

(*f*) The collection of information regarding religious divisions (paragraph 17).

(*g*) The separate enumeration of Eurasians or other mixed races (paragraph 19).

(*h*) The agency to be employed in making the Census, and whether it should be paid or not (paragraphs 24 to 28).

(*i*) Whether a single officer or a Commission should supervise the Census operations and compile the returns (paragraphs 29 to 33).

(*j*) The preliminary record of boundaries and areas (paragraph 34).

(*k*) The separate enumeration of castes (paragraphs 37 and 38).

(*l*) Whether occupations should be tabulated by ages.

(*m*) Whether there is any reason for anticipating difficulty in in supplying the information regarding land and land revenue contained in the old Census form No. IV (paragraph 42).

Vide this Department's Resolution, No. 8—212-221, dated the 2nd May 1872.

(*n*) The authority who should undertake the arrangements preliminary to the enumeration in (paragraph 45).

(*o*) The preparation of lists of occupations, castes, and sects (paragraph 46).

(*p*) The necessity for legislation for the purpose of carrying out the Census in (paragraph 47).

3. It will be observed from paragraph 2 of the Secretary of State's Despatch, No. 58, dated the 19th April last, that His Lordship desires that the arrangements which may commend themselves to the Government of India as most suitable be laid before him with as little delay as possible; I am, therefore, to request that this reference may be replied to by the 30th June next at latest, so as to permit of an early consideration of the subject by the Government of India.

No. 2.

COPY, with copy of enclosures, forwarded to the Foreign Department, for communication to, and the opinion of, the Chief Commissioner of Ajmere. Special attention is invited to the last two clauses of paragraph 48 of the Committee's remarks; this department would be glad to be informed whether, in the opinion of the Foreign Department, the enumeration of Native States therein suggested could be carried out.

(Signed) C. J. LYALL,
Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

ENCLOSURE 2 IN No. 1.

Extract from a Report by the Census Committee, dated 29th January 1878.

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Para. 48.— * * * * *

There is also one point to which we would draw attention, though it has not been referred to in the papers with which we have had to deal. We think it would be advantageous if the Government would use its influence to secure a contemporaneous enumeration of the residents in Native States or other foreign territories within the Indian Continent.

It is probable that if only a mere numbering of the people by sex were suggested, no opposition would be experienced, and if this were acceded to, our information would be as complete as it could be made of the actual numbers of the people throughout British and Foreign India.

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No. 328. ORDER THEREON, 26th September 1878, No. 1,578.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Political Department, with reference to G.O., 25th June 1878, No. 961, paragraph 5, and endorsement, dated 8th August last, No. 1,400, transferring letter from Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated 3rd idem, No. 73.

2. Information is still due from Banganapalli, Sundoor, and Puducotta.

3. Ordered that the following letter be despatched to the Government of India:—

(Here enter 26th September 1878, No. 1,579.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Political Department, with copy of Note by the Hon. Sir W. Robinson.

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No. 2.

FROM

G. H. M. BATTEN, ESQ.,

Officiating Secretary to the Government of India,

To

Local Governments and Administrations

Dept. of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce. *Statistics.*

Calcutta, the 20th February 1878.

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Bombay } H. L. M. Gibbs

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Bengal } H. H. the Lt. Gov.
N. W. P.
Punjab

C. Prov.
B. Burma
Mysore & Coorg } Com.
Assam

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by Chas. Jas. Lyall

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 26 September 1878

Read the following letter from the Govt. of India Foreign Dept. dated 4th September 1878 N° 2386.

Communicated to the Political Dept. with reference to G.O. 25th June 1878 No 968 paragraph 5 and endorsement dated 8th August last No 1400 transferring letter from Resident in Travancore and Cochin dated 3rd idem No 73.

2. Information is still due from Bangalore, Salem, Coimbatore, Nundoor, and Pudukotta.

3. Ordered that the following

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A reminder must be sent to Pudukotta - directly the Agent to endeavour to arrange with the Rajah & Sheriyah Shastri Bhan a real effective Census taken - Ind add a Sentence + Not Effect

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following letter be despatched to the Govt. of India.
(H E. Sept/78.)

Note- The only point in this Communication extracted from the Foreign Dept which was not brought prominently forward in the previous discussion is the remark that "in "all States enjoying considerable Sovereign right "the work is to be executed by the State "authorities" - Of course Travancore & Cochin will carry out the work at their own cost and by their own Agents - Whether in the other three Provinces it might not be better done under the Political Agents instructions may be a moot question

Govt Copy to the

Political Dept

to the copy of note by the Hon'ble Sir W. Robinson — Dec. 26 1878

& Encl. to Calcutta Desp. Dec. 31st

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No 2386 4.

From,

The Under Secretary to the
Government of India

To,

The Secretary to the
Government of Fort St George
Revenue Department

Dated Simla, the 4th September 1878.

Foreign Deptt
General

Sir,

Referring to your letter No 1151 dated 23rd July 1878, I am directed to forward herewith copy of this office Circular No 7143 P, dated 30th March last, and of the papers therein specified, regarding the arrangements to be made for taking the next census of India in 1881, and to request that the required report may be furnished to

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to this office at an early date.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obt. Servant,

J. Gruder

Under Secretary to the

Government of India

(Copy)

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Government of India

To

The Chief Secretary to the

Government of Fort St. George

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Political

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(Sd) J. C. Bowden

Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India

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(True Copy)

H. St. George

Actg. Asstt. Secretary, Foreign Dept.

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From

Government of India
Foreign Department

Dated 4th September 1878
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S.C. No 1078 26 September 1878

Forwarding copies of papers regarding the arrangements to be made for taking the next Census of India in 1881 and regarding to be furnished with an early report