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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 21st November 1878.

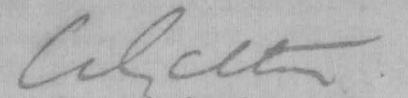
Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 17th September 1878, No. 229, Ecclesiastical Department:—

ABSTRACT.—*Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.*—Orders passed on a Resolution of the Government of India on the question of the registration of births, deaths, and marriages among Europeans in India, and copy furnished to the Government of India.

It is proposed to provide by legislative enactment for the systematic and compulsory registration of births and deaths of Europeans, Eurasians, and Native Christians in order that there may be a legal record of such occurrences, and it is suggested that the existing agency of District Registrars of Assurances might be advantageously utilized in the work of registering such births and deaths. The Board are called upon to report whether the agency now employed for the purpose could carry out what the Government of India desire without the intervention of the Registration Department.

2. No difficulty arises in Municipal towns where registration of all births and deaths is compulsory, and neglect to give information of such occurrences is rendered penal, but in rural tracts there is no such provision and the correctness of the registration depends upon the attention paid to the matter by the Village Curnams who are entrusted with the performance of the duty. No penalties attach to omission to furnish the requisite information to the registering officers and the record is doubtless very imperfect. The Board consider that unless such omission is rendered penal in rural tracts as well as in towns it is hopeless to expect accurate statistics; the public generally should be bound under a penalty to furnish the requisite information to the Curnams. They do not think that the agency of the officers of the Registration Department can be substituted for that of the village officers; any regulation which required that intimation of domestic occurrences should be given to a distant officer would be likely to be evaded, notwithstanding the liability to a penalty for default; it is desirable that in introducing the measure as little inconvenience as possible should be caused and report can most conveniently be made to the Village Curnams who reside close at hand and are intimately connected with the people. The officers of the Registration Department might be utilized for the purpose of maintaining registers of births and deaths and seeing that returns are regularly forwarded by the village officers, but intimation must be given in the first instance to the latter and reports transmitted by them to the Registrars periodically.

(A true Extract.)


Acting Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Ecclesiastical Department.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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Registration of Births and Deaths.—Submitting Board's views as to whether the agency now employed for the — can be utilized for registering births and deaths of non-European, Eurasians, and Native persons without the intervention of the Registration Department.

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