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No. 271. Read the following letter from the Officiating President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 24th September 1872, No. 1517-S :—

I have the honour to bring to your notice that on being warned by the Sanitary Commissioner of the approach of cholera from the Northern districts I instituted a tour of sanitary inspection within Municipal limits, and purpose carrying out such work (in consultation with Dr. Cornish) as may be necessary as a safeguard, from a sanitary point of view, against an invasion of the disease.

2. There are, however, a few very desirable conditions that ought to be enforced but for which the Municipal Act does not provide, and I, therefore, beg that you will be so good as to move His Excellency the Governor in Council to authorize the Commissioners to carry them into effect. I append a list of them, and in doing so would state that they are selected chiefly from the Proceedings and Reports of the International Sanitary Conference of 1866.

Sanitary Regulations proposed to be observed in seasons of Cholera.

1. The temporary interruption of all communication, as far as practicable, with places attacked within the Municipality.
2. The establishment of a sanitary cordon.
3. The observance of a quarantine of five days before entering Municipal limits from the infected districts.
4. Spreading the population, and removing part of them into the open air on the first suspicion of the epidemic breaking out in any house among the indigent native population.
5. Cleaning and lime-washing the inside and outside of houses.
6. Removal to the outskirts of the town of cows and buffaloes kept for supplying milk to the people, and removal to safe distances of all hackery establishments.
7. Covering the coffin or corpse when laid in the grave with quicklime.
8. The interdiction of the removal of corpses to a place as yet free from cholera.

(Signed) A. RITHERDON, Colonel,
Offg. President, Municipal Commission.

No. 272. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1872, No. 1474.

The majority of the proposals made by the President would, in the opinion of the Governor in Council, be very difficult of execution even if they could be enforced by law, which appears very doubtful.

2. The Government are of opinion that it will be sufficient to repeat the measures taken when cholera last visited Madras.

3. With this view the President of the Municipality, in communication with the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, will, with the least possible delay, make arrangements for the thorough cleansing of the dirtier parts of the town, in anticipation of a possible advent of cholera in an epidemic form, the

establishment of what has been described as moveable camp hospitals in convenient situations in the town, and hospital-sheds in the vicinity of the city toll-gates, where travellers actually attacked can receive medical treatment before entering the town, and, above all, for the provision of a staff of Medical Subordinates for regularly organized house-to-house visitation. Particular attention should also be paid to minor sanitary arrangements, such as white-washing houses, looking after the cleansing of latrines and bandy-stands, &c., &c.

4. An early report is requested as to the measures taken for carrying out the precautions above indicated.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.
,, Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Madras,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 28th.

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servants.

Augs Ritherdon

Officiating President M.C.

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PROCEEDINGS of the **MADRAS GOVERNMENT.**

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To

The Secretary to Government
Madras

Dated 28 Feby 1872

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