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No. 30. Read the following letter from the Inspector-General of Hospitals, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 3rd February 1873, No. 32:—

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of Government, No. 155, of 1st February 1873.

2. I beg to report to the Right Honourable the Governor in Council that, in paragraphs 7 and 9 of my letter of 2nd June 1871, three cholera pavilions were recommended to be erected—one at the Triplicane Hospital, one at St. Thomé, and one in the line between Amjagherry, Kilpauk, and Perambore. Of these, the Triplicane and St. Thomé pavilions have been completed, that at the Triplicane Hospital will be attended to by the hospital establishment there, and for the hospital at St. Thomé I have arranged for the instant provision of the medical staff also of all medicines, servants, hospital comforts, furniture, bedding, and of every other thing needed for the care of the sick who may arrive there. I have not nominated the people, nor have I sent all the articles needed, because every person and every thing wanted can be instantly supplied when required. I have kept in my own office for months past the requisite boxes of medicines ready to lift and I have kept ready the order for the immediate supply of all other requirements. Trained servants from the Madras Hospitals will at once proceed to the pavilion, their places being temporarily taken by extra servants in the usual course; there are always medical officers of the Warrant and Hospital Assistant grades ready for instant duty. At present there are four of these in waiting. The Surgeon of the District is warned for duty, and at this moment there are eleven Assistant Surgeons in Madras whose services are available for any emergent duty that they may be required to perform.

3. Last night I met the Sanitary Commissioner, and the President and Sanitary Officer of the Municipality, and Dr. Cornish and Colonel Denison both recognised that the Medical Department is quite ready, but Dr. Cornish and myself are of opinion that there will be full warning of the approach of cholera to Madras. Up to this date there has not been in Madras a single case indicative of the approach of this disease.

4. The Municipality, however, had not, up till last night, erected any of the toll-gate hospitals, but Colonel Denison has mentioned to me that there will be no further delay, and the Sanitary Officer of the Municipality said he would commence erecting them this day, and the instant that they are completed I will arrange also for their service. And while on this point I may mention that there is a standing order for the Deputy Inspector-General, the instant that cholera makes its appearance that he allot the senior pre-collegiate students for service at the toll-bars, and others of them for house-to-house visitation in the districts, this being in addition to the district medical subordinates, whose special duties it at all times is to attend to this particular point.

5. I would wish to mention that the G. O., No. 1474, of 28th October last, commanding care and precautions in connexion with the probable advent of cholera reached me on the 1st November; but twenty days prior to the receipt of that

G. O. I had matured arrangements for the service of the cholera pavilions, and I attach a copy (Appendix A) of my orders. Also, on receipt of that G. O. I visited every part of Madras along with the President, the Engineer, and the Sanitary Officer of the Municipality, and in a letter, copy of which (Appendix B) is attached, I reported on every point needing attention. It will also be observed from paragraph 4 that I sent to the Municipality a copy of the letter (A) containing my orders. But Government will also observe that my letters of 9th September and 17th December were seemingly not taken up till the 22nd and 24th of January 1873, and I think that almost every point affecting the health of the community and needing to be attended to has now, in obedience to the orders of Government, been placed before the Municipal Commissioners of Madras.

6. I regret to mention that, up to the present time, it has not been possible to obtain on the west of Kilpauk a site suitable for a cholera pavilion. I have repeatedly examined the whole of that neighbourhood. On the first occasion along with all the marginal officers. A second time in company with the Municipal Sanitary Officer, and since then by myself. On the first occasion a suitable site was fixed upon, but its owner never replied to the Municipal letter, and immediately after our selection he ploughed up the ground and sowed it with cholum which is now almost ready to cut. Also, all the other likely ground of that neighbourhood was then under rice cultivation. It is now being cut and when off the ground, as I mentioned to the President of the Municipality, there will be a site in that neighbourhood available, and I will attend to all the requirements of pavilions when erected.

Colonel Ritherdon.
Deputy Inspector-General Blacklock.
Mr. Standish Lee.
Mr. G. H. Ross.

7. It will be observed by the President's letter and memorandum, in which he has laid my views before the Budget Committee, that my letters of the 9th September and 17th December 1872 are not yet disposed of by the Municipality; but, as the Right Honourable the Governor in Council may wish to see what I have done, I forward the copies which Colonel Denison has sent to me. It will be observed noticed in paragraph 5 of my letter of 17th December 1872 that the sanitary condition of this great city has never yet been fully reported on.

8. I beg to forward a map of Madras, with yellow spots, to indicate the existing sites* of the contagious diseases' sheds and cholera pavilions. I have entered also a yellow mark to note the place west of Kilpauk where I would wish a pavilion placed.

* General Hospital.
Vepery Hospital.
Native Infirmary.
Triplicane Hospital.
St. Thomé.
Kilpauk.

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1873, No. 173.

The Governor in Council is well satisfied with the arrangements made by the Inspector-General, and observes that all the other necessary precautionary measures

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are now being carried out by the Municipal Commissioners whose attention to the subject he desires may not be relaxed.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of India 1873 Madras

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To

The INSPECTOR-GENERAL,
INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c.,

Dated February, 6th.

Recd.

Read.

G. O., 6th February 1873, No. 173.

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Nos. 30-31.

Approving of the precautionary measures adopted by the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, in Madras, in anticipation of a possible advent of cholera in an epidemic form.

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My Dear Hudleston

Kindly add this to my letter No 32 of yesterday.

It is a letter from D. Sup. General Blacklock to the Municipality of the 1st he received. The Municipality referred his letter to me, & I told them that I concurred in D. Blacklock's views.

Yours

The Hon'ble
W. Hudleston

Baker

Madras HA
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My Dear Hudleston,

Colonel Denison has sent the accompanying papers to me the papers sent to their Contractors Madras Conservancy are still incomplete, but there are now more numerous than those I before sent to you

Yours

Q 14 a Yes

The Honorable
William Hudleston

No 32. Office of Inspector General I. M. D.
Fort Saint George 3rd February 1873.

From

Inspector General Edward Balfour,
Inspector General of Hospitals,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Edwar Balfour Insp.r General
Insp.r Genl of Hosps Ind. Med. Deptt.

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Triplicane Hospital
Saint Thomé
Vilpauk.

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From
Inspr. Genl. E. Balfour,
Inspr. Genl. of Hospls.
Indian Medl. Deptt.
Fort Saint George.

To
The Chief Secy. to Government
Public Department

Dated 3rd February
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No. 32

Subject No. 237

Reports the precautionary measures taken to prevent the outbreak of Cholera in case of its ever breaking out in the Town.

Council box

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Govt. of {1873} Madras.

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To The Insp.r Genl. Sanr.e me.l Dept.
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F. C. 5302

Dated Febr.y 6

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G. O. 6 Febr.y 1873. No. 173.

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Approving the precautionary measures adopted by the Insp.r Genl. pro. tem. on Madras and of a possible advent of Cholera in an Epidemic form.