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No. 89. From Inspector-General E. G. BALFOUR, Inspector-General of Hospitals, Indian Medical Department, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 30th May 1873, No. 191 :—

In my letter, No. 32, of 3rd February last, I had the honour to submit to the Right Honourable the Governor in Council a summary of all that I had done to guard against the approach of cholera ; in paragraph 4 of that letter I described the manner in which I had given effect to the Order, No. 1474, of 28th October last, and in the letter which I addressed to the Municipality I think that almost every point affecting the health of the community, and needing to be attended to, had been represented.

2. One of these points, the parcherry on the late Conniah Chettiar's estate, was then reported by me to the Municipality as a place in which cholera always appeared whenever it entered Madras, and I then recommended that the whole of the parcherry should be at once removed.

3. I regret to mention that it has not been removed ; and, though cholera has not appeared in it, a severe outbreak of small-pox has afflicted the occupants of the huts and all the people in the neighbourhood. I append a report by Mr. Apothecary J. O'Keeffe, (A), forwarded through the Physician of the General Hospital, by which it will be seen how prevalent the disease has been, and at my last visit there on the 25th instant it was still very prevalent. As so long ago as December last I had given the Municipality due warning regarding this parcherry, I think that action to protect the community might earlier have been taken. The inhabitants of that locality on the 5th instant sent me, through the Rev. Edward Sell, copy of a memorial which they had addressed to the President of the Municipal Commission, complaining of the state of that neighbourhood, and they asked me to aid the object they had in view. They were not aware that I had already, several months ago, endeavoured to remove the nuisance from amongst them, and all that I could now do was again to write to the Municipality the letter attached, marked B, and send a copy of it to the memorialists.

4. Also, in my December letter to the Municipality, I brought to notice the insanitary condition of many of the tanks of this town. Indeed, in the early part of last year, Mr. Loch, at my request, accompanied me to see one of the very worst of them. About a week ago I received a memorial from certain of the inhabitants of Triplicane, complaining of the condition of one of these tanks, and after examination I sent it on to the Municipality with the letter marked C.

5. Since I wrote in December on the non-sanitary points of the town, I observe that steps have been taken to improve the state of the vegetable market, but I am informed that the monthly payments from the huts in Conniah Chetty's Parcherry only amount to about 8 Rupees, and I think that such a small rental could have been compensated for out of municipal funds

Referred to the President of the Madras Municipal Commission for early report.

OOTACAMUND, 1*st June* 1873. (Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Chief Secretary.*

No. 90. From J. C. LOCH, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 23rd June 1873, S. No. 385.

I have the honour, with reference to the letter from the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, dated 30th May, No. 191, with its enclosures,* herewith returned, forwarded to me for report, to refer you to my letter to you of this date, No. 384, which gives a full account of the steps taken by me on receipt of the petition from certain of the inhabitants of Park Town, John Pereiras, and in which I apply for the sanction of Government to allow me to issue a notice, under Section 121 of the Municipal Act, calling upon the owner of the parcherry to abate the overcrowding of the people living within it.

* From Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, No. 191, dated 30th May 1873.
From Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, No. 3586, dated 28th May 1873.
From Surgeon-Major G. Smith, No. 398, dated 17th May 1873, with report from Apothecary O'Keeffe.
From Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, No. 3320, dated 15th May 1873.

2. With regard to the tank alluded to in paragraph 4 of the letter from the Inspector-General, I have the honour to enclose copy of one which I wrote to him in reply to that of which he has furnished you with a copy. It would, no doubt, be an improvement to the neighbourhood if the tank could be filled up, but its condition is not nearly so bad as the remarks of the Inspector-General might lead Government to suppose; and I am able to state, as the result of frequent personal inspection, that the cleanliness of the latrine and adjoining ground is carefully attended to by the Conservancy Department.

3. I would take this opportunity of mentioning that, whilst many of the suggestions and recommendations made in the letter* from the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, to the President, Municipal Commission, to which he refers in paragraph 2 of that sent to me for report, are no doubt valuable, and have received or are receiving attention, there are others which are altogether beyond the scope of the Municipal Act, and could not be carried out by the Commissioners even if they desired to do so.

* No. 3302, dated 17th December 1872.

No. 91. From Inspector-General E. G. BALFOUR, Inspector-General of Hospitals, Indian Medical Department, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. Gorge, 5th June 1873, No. 198.

In my letter, No. 191, dated 30th ultimo, I had the honour of reporting to the Right Honourable the Governor in Council the inaction of the Madras Municipality on former representations made by me, and I mentioned that two portions of the community had made fresh representations regarding two places of

Madras Town, at John Pereiras and at Triplicane, which I had several months ago noticed. I also reported that I had again addressed the Municipality on these points.

2. I have now the honour to enclose the two replies received with the marginal enclosures from the Municipality, by which it will, with regret, be observed that even yet action is postponed for further inquiries.

Letter from the President, Municipal Commission, No. 278, of 2nd June 1873, and a petition, dated 19th May 1873.
Letter from the President, Municipal Commission, No. 273, of 2nd June 1873, and three enclosures.

3. As the difficulties in the way of action are only vaguely stated, I am not able to offer my opinion regarding them; but I beg to submit that it is of very great importance that the health of the community should be protected from the nuisances which are now and have been the subject of complaint. Her Majesty's Secretary of State and the Army Sanitary Commission, as recorded in the Proceedings of Government of the 26th ultimo, point to the high rate of mortality that obtains in Madras Town compared with the rates of Bombay and Calcutta, and the Sanitary Commission comment on the insanitary condition of the place.

No. 92. ORDER THEREON, 16th July 1873, No. 986.

The Governor in Council is satisfied from the President's report that the points of sanitation brought to notice in the Inspector-General's letter have not been neglected.

2. The necessary arrangements for the improvement of the parcherry mentioned have been sanctioned by separate order.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. Wright.

A

No. 398. General Hospital
Madras 17th May 1873

From

Surgeon Major G. Smith M.D.
Physician General Hospital

To

The Deputy Inspector General
Indian Medical Department
Presidency Division

Sir,

Adverting to your Memo, No. 3135 without date, appended to a communication (Urgent) to your address from the Inspector General No. 3318 dated 4th May 1873, I have the honor to submit a report the result of a personal enquiry made into the facts of the case by Mr. Apothecary O'Keeffe on the 16th Instant.

2. From this report it appears (1) that the Epidemic is subsiding; (2) that it has been very prevalent; (3) that the majority of the Children are unvaccinated, and (4) that the Sanitary condition of the district requires to be immediately attended to.

3. Adults have been invited to avail themselves of treatment at the General

General Hospital, – Women & Children have been directed to proceed to the Depot Hospital.

4. I beg to point out that John Perr= =ay's Parochery is a portion of the District under the Medical Care of the Surgeon of the 1st District, to whom References regarding ets Sanitary Conditions should be made.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt

P. Scott Turner
Physician
General Hospitals

No 3199

Forwarded for the information of the Inspector General, Med. Dept. A report was called for from the Surgeon 1st Districts Dec 16th instant but has not yet been received.

P. Scott Turner
Dr Physician Inspr General
Med Dep Northern Dist

Toronto
19th May
1878

Report on the prevalence of Small
pox in the Parishes of St. John Baptist.

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& a girl — Nearly all the children in
this Parishes have had Small pox with
copse germs as previous — A
number of deaths having occurred.
Sanitary conditions of this Parishes very
bad — houses low & ill ventilated
crowded together with open drains
& bad traffic lying on the sides
of the Streets.

Stringers Street Row No 2. A collection
of Dwellings in one enclosure — One Privy
serving. Seething closets complete
one bag with four days likely to get
Covered Nov — A woman & Child died
here a few days ago with Consumption
Pneumonia — This place requires thorough
ventilation & disinfection either by
burning or removing these huts.

Salapa Quarry Street to the North
of St John Baptist — Row No 2 Cottages
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have had Small pox in this Street with
some death — Almost all the Cottages
are not provided — Two pigs Schools
exist in this Street with a number of Children
over crowded —

Respectfully
Phys. St. Pic
Thomas 18th May 1873.

J. Steele
Sanitary.

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No. 3320

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR-GENERAL, I. M. D.,
Fort Saint George, 15th May 1873.

From

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF HOSPITALS,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George.

To

John Loch Esqre
President of the Municipal Commission
Madras

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose the three marginal documents comprising copy of a letter to your address and two letters to my address, complaining of the filthy state of the Parcherry in the centre of Park Town John Pereira.

2 As mentioned in para 2 of my letter No. 1329 dated 25th February 1873 every part of Madras town needing attention was reported on in my letter No. 8302 dated 17th December 1872, and you will find my remarks on the Parcherry now complained of in para 10 page 4 of my printed letter to your predecessor's address. You will observe that I described

1873, 5th May Letter to you from inhabitants of John Pereira
" 12 —— to me from Rev. Edwards ell.
" " " "
To be returned.

Dr. 23rd do. 1873.

described the "Parcherry on Lunnia Chetty's
"estate as on a small quadrangular. It con-
"sists of a number of mean huts occupied
"by laboring people and surrounded by
"houses of the better Class. It is greatly over-
"crowded, and I was informed that when
"ever Cholera appears in Madras the dis-
"ease always shows itself here. The whole
"of the Parcherry should be at once removed
"and if the ground be again built over, the
"houses erected should be of a better kind
"and more spacious." The letter to your
address mentions that the Parcherry is
occupied by pariahs, but I was informed
that many of the inhabitants belonged to
the arsenal.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant.

/ Signed / E. Balfour Surgn. General
Inspector General of Hospitals
Md. Pr. D.

/ True Copy /

C. Hall Asst. Surgn. Surgn. General
Surgn. General of Hospitals Md. Pr. D.

C

No. 2586

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR-GENERAL, I. M. D.,
Fort Saint George, 28th May 1873.

From

INSPECTOR-GENERAL EDWARD BALFOUR,
Inspector General of Hospitals,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George,

To

J. C. Loch Esqre
President Municipal Commission
Madras

SIR,

I beg to enclose a letter dated 19th Instant in which certain inhabitants of Triplicane complain of the insanitary condition of the Allegonta tank, and of the over proximity to their dwellings of a latrine erected by the Municipality.

2. This tank is one of those noticed at page 2 of the printed reports on tanks by Assistant Surgeon Mohiuddeen Sheriff, and since receipt of this enclosed letter, I have re-examined the points of which it complains.

3. The tank has buildings all around it, it is now almost dry, it

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From
The Inspector-General of Hospitals,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George.

To
The

is undoubtedly a source of nuisance
but it is small and can easily
be filled up. The Latrine being
over large, overflows the fecal
the fecal odour is a great nuisance
undoubtedly a nuisance to the
neighbourhood

Show the Latrine

Yours Obedt Servt
Signed J. G. Burgess Inspector
Inspector of Nuisances

True Copy

Asst Medl Offr Inspector
Inspector of Nuisances

Bridgend

From

157 .

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

To

The

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To

Doctor E. Balfour

Inspector General of Hospitals

Fort St. George.

Honored Sir

We the undersigned inhabitants of Alleppy Coombaconum (a place near our homes) humbly beg to bring to your Honors Knowledge that the pond above enumerated was always the cause of great nuisance to us, for it is not only overflowing and smelling worse Dor homes during the raining season but also the stagnant water in which remains gathered in it for more than 9 Months and staying slowly, gives such a loathsome effer vescence so obnoxious, especially during the last three or four Months, that no person will be able to bear it. Lately we complained the nuisance, while we were so suffering, to Your Honor, the late Commissioner forcibly without our consent and under all our objections and resistances, built two privies, so close to our houses that one will think that they are houses belonging to the street, and the stench arising therefrom, particularly at 12 A.M. when the sun is very powerful and

at

at 2 during nights, when the breeze commences
is so violent and unbearable, that no person
living in Poonah could sleep. Further, the Sanitary Commissioner
desires it to be clearly understood that the private premises of the Lessees
being cleaned after daybreak, full light and
ample help given there and the dung thrown
by them into carts, it is impossible
to carry it, and sometimes they deposit the
carts inside the public premises, when they
miss the Lady having little Cakes to be removed
for the Arrival of the Lady.

I am directed to the Municipality and they desire to be
any notice of it. I am accordingly
to solicit your favorable
attention upon your Honors Letter
and beg you will cast of your benignity
kindly inspect the place and seeing what
we have stated in fact, grant us a Certificate
to enable us to get these privies removed
from the place, on the ground that they are
dangerous to our health and no man will
be able to dwell in. This is not the first time
that such privies are removed. Several
privies under such circumstances are
removed. Particularly one at Parvati
when the reasons for the removal were
fully explained. Moreover, as per the

Your humble Servant

Sd/-

for Lessees

Poonah 19th May 1873

Dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date and to say that the Commissioner will be glad to see the Lessees of the Cantonment Bungalows at the Commissioner's Office at 11 A.M. on Monday next the 26th instant.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
Sd/- Mahomed Ibrahim
Cantonment Magistrate

To
Messrs. Hormasji Framji Khan Bahadur Framji Cowasji
Mahomed Ali Hussain Ali Khan Bahadur Ardeshir Framji
Abdul Karim Hussain Ali Khan Bahadur Framji Nasarvanji
Nazir Hussain Ali Khan Bahadur Framji Dadabhai
Mahomed Hussain Ali Khan Bahadur Framji Pestonji
Mahomed Ali Hussain Ali Khan Bahadur Framji Sorabji
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the Poor & the owner is a very rich Lowcaste
If your Honor is pleased to call a Board of
Enquiry for this public good when you come
there to inspect the place, he will undoubtedly
tell upon people will build houses
thereon, so we will not suffer by it and the
owner also will realize rents and profits
from such waste land.

Hoping that your Honor will
do the favor and relieve us from such
an incessant and perpetual Nuisance

We beg to remain
Honored Sir,
Your Honors most obedient
and humble servants.

19th May 1873.

Lessees of Bungalows

L. 1873

Montgomery Co. Office
Rockville 2nd June 1873.

Sir

John C. Lock Esq.
President of Mont. Co.

To

The Surveyor, Commissioners
Washington, Frederick & Montgomery Counties

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ult. and 2nd inst., desiring me to furnish you with a description of the ground contained in the bridge to be erected over Rock Creek on the line between Montgomery & Frederick Counties.

2. I have consulted the records of this office, and find that the proceedings of the Commissioners of Montgomery County, in relation to the bridge referred to in the letter, was filed in this office on the 7th day of June 1871, and that the bridge was completed by the contractor, Mr. Thomas Offutt, and accepted by the Commissioners of Montgomery County on the 7th day of October 1872.

3. The bridge is built of iron, and consists of two spans of 150 feet each, resting on stone abutments and one pier. The abutments are built of rubble stone, laid in mortar, and the pier is built of dressed stone, laid in mortar. The bridge is 20 feet wide in the clear, and has a roadway of 16 feet, with a footway of 2 feet on each side. The bridge is supported by 4 iron trusses, 2 on each span, and is covered with a roof of tin. The bridge is provided with iron railings on each side, and has a gravel approach at each end.

4. The bridge is situated on the road leading from Rockville to Georgetown, and is about 1 mile from Rockville. The road is macadamized and has a gravel surface. The bridge is about 10 feet above the bed of the creek, and the abutments are about 20 feet high. The bridge is about 300 feet long, and the roadway is about 16 feet wide. The bridge is supported by 4 iron trusses, 2 on each span, and is covered with a roof of tin. The bridge is provided with iron railings on each side, and has a gravel approach at each end.

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Obedient

No. 3376. 1873. L2

Resolved on Carrying on the work Thereby
3. That Bonds be prepared by under Committee
to call upon the owners of the Land to
release and discharge, as required by Section
175 of the Act, but no Action shall be taken
taken, pending proceedings to enforce
it would be in any Appreciable degree
less effective after Saint Thomas Church
is at present, and pending any decision of the
Commissioners Saving Such notice Say this
Solicitors that it would be Difficult to prove
that the Land was required to be at
effective to the Highbourhood in the event
of the owner refusing to Comply with the
order of the President.

4. That respect to the Statement in
the Letter that Mr Hoskyns from former
Service in Canada etc, and Report, the
Valuers will be removed by the Minister
Day Court, I have reason to believe that
it is grossly exaggerated. The House are
not to allow their Solicitors to appear
for the, but if the Chose to be represented
I shall be glad if they choose to do so, and I
have now given instructions that all persons
are

are to be permitted to be heard by their
Solicitors before the Committee.

5. In regard the Letter that the Solicitors may be allowed
to Cross Examine witnesses before the
Select Committee. I have never Cited
after hearing Counsel Solicitor, and after
Consultation with the Chairman Committee.
I have not Report pending Bill are
admitted by the general Majority of the
former instance of the Metropolitan D.
to be a very proud Convenience, and I am
persuaded that are to be Granted as long
as the Act shall have been Solicited.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt
Henry Cook
Resident Engineer

Mr Secy

No 973

Municipal Council of Madras 2nd June 1873

From
John Sullivan Esqr 2nd
Secretary to Municipal Council
Madras

To
E. G. Balfour Esqr
Inspector Genl of Hospitals
Senr Medl Officer Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter No 3320
dated 15th Ultimo, giving copies
of several documents and noted on
the margin, and I have to express
my regret that owing to its having
been inadvertently detained in
the Sanitary Department, it
was not replied to above

2. The letter from the Cochabamba
of the Bretheren had been sent
to my hands for some days before
yours, no attended acknowledge
ment reached me, and they
subject to which it referred had
been receiving consideration

3. The question as to the most
practicable

Relative from the Secretary of State Despatch dated 2 Letters from the Govt of Bell Forwarded returned

practicable, would be for me to do
without the powers of the Chancery
Court, by a Bill filed for that
purpose, to which all persons
interested in the Estate must be
Parties, and the proceedings
thereon must be very expensive
& tedious. The Executors are
to collect the outstanding debts
& to pay the Legacies, which
they are willing to do, as soon
as the Estate can be wound up
without Suit, & they can have
the Aid of the Orders & Decrees
to do so.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed. Servt.

Thos. Cook.

Peter Chevallie Esqr.

Madras
May 12th 1873

To E. G. Balfour Esq
Surgeon General Medical
Department

Sir, I have the honour
to forward you a copy
of a memorial which has
been received by the
Inhabitants of the town
of Adoni Porcinas to the
President of the Municipality
If you could furnish
the Agent of the Petitioners

a Day way. You would
be expecting a great
from me this unhandsome
of the district
Rev. S.
Jno. Redwood's
Theo Sill
Methodist Episcopal Church
Yohn Peterson

Madras 25
May 12th 1873

My dear Mr Balfour

I have had charge
of the district of Salem
Periyaru now for six or
seven years & know that
the facts referred to in
the Memorial are a
excellent source of moral
& material contamination.
For years attempts have
been made to get them
removed, but without

success — The grandeur
would perhaps be
very bad in the Court
for me a remarking
another effort
The Commissioners of the
Division are all waiting
for me are going to
head-quarters at once
If you can use your
influence in this
matter, it would
really be rewarded

over R

Silver grounds
Ribbons

No 2252 - 1873 - Ry
Dated
Rec'd 15th May

Ans 1220

MADRAS, PARK TOWN,
5th May 1873.

To

J. C. LOCH, Esq.,
PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Madras.

SIR,

WE, the undersigned inhabitants of Park Town, or John Pereira's, respectfully bring to the notice of the Municipal Commissioners, an inconvenience from which we suffer, and the removal of which will be not only a boon to us, but to the community at large. Before entering into details, we take this opportunity of expressing our thankfulness for the improvements to the locality made, on our representation in 1865. At that time ventilation was sadly needed and every facility was afforded by the Municipality to supply a want so essential to the health of the town. We feel, therefore, confident that our present representation of a long-standing evil, will receive every attention, and that your Commissioners will concur with us on the urgency and expediency of its removal.

In the heart of Park Town, on a square piece of ground, belonging either to the Estate of the late Cunniah Chetty, or to a Native residing in the evening bazaar locality, a Parcherry is situated, where huts and hovels are closely packed and thickly populated by Pariahs, insomuch that it is impossible to keep it clean and free from disease. For years the *filth* has been accumulating on the place, so that it has become a great deal more elevated than the immediately surrounding parts of the locality. The result has already manifested itself in the form of epidemics. Confluent and Small Pox, which, rarely heard of before in the vicinity, have now attacked the length and breadth of the town and proved very serious indeed in its effects. Should Dr. Cornish's apprehension of an advent of Cholera in Madras be realized, we greatly fear that Park Town will be decimated by the scourge in its present prostrated state, as it has all the appliances of giving force and expansion to so dreadful a disease. At present the Pox has appeared in its worst phase, and some seven or eight deaths have already occurred in our town.

We beg to observe that the Parcherry, as a nuisance, has become intolerable, and the Natives contribute to this nuisance by spreading themselves all over the town after dark, to save themselves the trouble of a five minutes' walk to the latrine especially built for them near the Elephant Gate; thereby enhancing an evil fruitful of serious consequences.

Apart from a sanitary point of view, the social one may be considered. The constant quarrelling and the obscene language expressed, are daily a source of annoyance to the European and East Indian residents. There are nearly 200 children attending the two Schools in the locality, and the obscenity from the Natives must, in some way, have an unwholesome effect on the morals of the young. We feel certain, that if the President will but visit the spot, he will be impressed with the justice of the complaint now made, and if the time be intimated, a few of the inhabitants of the town will wait on him, to afford any explanation that may be necessary.

In our appeal, in 1865, we pointed out the centrical position of our town and its advantages. Since then the new Railway Station has been erected, and there is now a large influx of European inhabitants. In keeping with these great improvements, a corresponding improvement in the Town would add materially to the importance of the locality. We beg to suggest that the Parcherry in question may be utilized in various ways, not only towards the sanitation, but to the appearance of the town.

Anthony Street may be opened up at its Southern extremity, and the ground apportioned out to building purposes, and we feel assured, that it will realize a price sufficient to cover all expenditure, that may be incurred in the removal of the Parcherry, or, it may otherwise be improved by the excavation of a Tank, to be fed by a Pipe from the Fountain adjoining the ground, thereby preventing the excessive wastage of water which now occurs from the carelessness of the Pariahs and their filthy habits at the Fountain, or, it may be converted into a Park for the amusement of the children. We only venture to make these suggestions for the consideration of the Commissioners.

We must also add that the Annual Examinations of our Schools are presided over by the leading gentlemen in Madras, viz., the Governor, the Bishop, Chief Justice and other high officials. The removal of the Parcherry, therefore, would add to the importance of the locality and give the town a higher status, as well as a respectable appearance. Our Schools have exercised a good educational and moral influence, and are now being attended even by children from other localities and divisions.

We have besides two Churches attended by a large congregation; all these circumstances, will, we feel sure, show the necessity of the proposed measure. We have also to add that of late years the Parcherry has been a constant feeder to our Jails, and some of the oldest offenders known in the Police Courts are to be found in it. We think *that* is another strong reason, why this Parcherry should be removed from its present situation.

We do not wish to do more, than suggest the various ways in which the ground in question may be utilized, but we do very earnestly hope, that on *sanitary* grounds the Commissioners will take our request into their most serious con-

sideration. Almost daily, persons connected with the Railway come seeking for houses, and are put to great inconvenience by the paucity of accommodation. There is, therefore, a strong public ground, for removing what to us is injurious, to our children hurtful, and to the public inconvenient.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

To, E. G. Balfour Esqre
Inspector General Madras Medical Dept.
Madras

Copy to Secretary Corresponce
" " Chief Police

No 1525

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No 1525

S. No 215

Montreal 2nd June 1825

Sir

Chas. C. Loch Esq.

Secretary Montreal Com.

&c &c Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your Letter No 3508 dated 25th
Ultimo, covering Covers to a Letter of the 19th
March from certain inhabitants of Varpleasure
which I beg to return herewith.

2. There can be no doubt that it
would be a great improvement to the
neighbourhood of the Bank referred to
if the Letter was filled up, but there are no
provisions in the Montreal Act of Incorporation
by which the Corporation can be compelled to
do this, and a questionable use of the power
would be, I do not believe that the
Committee would be justified in exercising
the heavy expence, which would be necessary
if they decided on carrying out the

work

wrote themselves

3. It has been frequently under Consideration to call upon the Owner of the Yards to cleanse and Drain it as required by Section 15 of the Act. Satisfaction has been taken partly from a doubt as to whether it would be in any Appreciable degree less offensive after being drained & filled up at present and partly on account of the Communications having been made by their Solicitors that it would be difficult to prove that the Yards were injurious to health, or offensive to the neighbourhood in the event of the owners refusing to Comply with the Order of the Precedent.

4. With respect to the Statements in the Letter that the inhabitants from private houses to Complain to, and Report at the Vestries will be removed by the Metropolitan Police, It is for them to believe that it is greatly exaggerated The House owners who allow their Tenants to adopt this practice have it in their power

power to put a Stop to it, if they choose to do so, and It is now for their mutual Benefit that all persons in the neighbourhood whom may hereafter permit their Tenants to remove the nightsoil from their Houses except at the Authorized hours shall be prosecuted for so doing.

5th As regards the Disposal referred to in the Letter that the Nuisance might be done away with, It can hold out no hope of its being Complied with. They were Once after much Correspondence Conciliated and after Examination into the Sanitary Circumstances. They are kept perfectly Clean, and are admitted by the great majority of the poorer inhabitants of the neighbourhood to be a very great Convenience and It is persuaded that if it be Crowded a locality no better Site Could have been selected.

It have &c

[illegible] Proceed Public Health

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No. 198

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR-GENERAL, I. M. D.,
Fort Saint George, 5th June 1873.

From

INSPECTOR-GENERAL EDWARD BALFOUR,
Inspector General of Hospitals,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department.

SIR,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the inaction of the Madras Municipality on former representations made by myself, and by the Commissioner of Police, and mentioned in that two portions of the Community had made fresh representations regarding two places of Madras town, at John Pereira and at Triplicane, which I had several months ago noticed. I also reported that I had again addressed the Municipality on these points.

2. I have now the honor to enclose the two replies received with

Letter from the President Municipal Commission No. 278 of 2nd June 1873 and a Petition dated 19th May 73.
Letter from President Municipal Commission No. 279 of 2nd June 1873 and three enclosures.
To be returned

the usual enclosures

enclosure from the Municipality, by which it will be with regret observed that executive action is postponed for further inquiries.

3 Of the difficulties in the way of action are only vaguely stated, and not able to offer any opinion regarding them; but I beg to submit that it is of very great importance that the health of the Community should be protected from the nuisances which are now and have been the subject of complaint.

Her Majesty's Secretary of State and the Army Sanitary Commission, as recorded in the Proceedings of Government of the 26th ultimo, point to the high rate of mortality that obtains in Madras town compared with the rates of Bombay and Calcutta, and the Sanitary Commission comment on the insanitary condition of the places.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant.

(Signed) H. de Gom Insp. General
Inspector General of Hospitals (I.M.D.)

X 7206.

No. 191

Office of Inspr. General &c. &c.
Fort Saint George 30th May 1873.

From

Inspector General E. G. Balfour
Inspector General of Hospitals &c.
Fort Saint George

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

In my letter No. 52 of 5th February last, I had the honor to submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, a summary of all that I had done to guard against the approach of Cholera; in para. 4 of that letter I described the manner in which I had given effect to the order 1474 of 28th October last, & in the letter which I addressed to the Municipality, I think that I advised every point affecting the health

1873.

From

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

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort Saint George.

Dated 5th [illegible] 1873.

Despatched

Received 7/6/73

No. 198

Subject.

Transmitting Report on the sanitation of the Chinglepet District during the prevailing of unusual excessive Heat & Cases of Cholera.

health of the community, and needing to be attended to, had been represented.

2 And of these points, the Pachery on the late Comisale Chetties Estate, was then reported by me to the Municipality, as a place in which Cholera always appeared when it entered Madras, and I then recommended that the whole of the Pachery should be at once removed.

3 I regret to mention that it has not been removed; and, though Cholera has not appeared in it, a sense on Break of small-pox has afflicted the occupants of the huts and all the people in the neighbourhood. I append a report by the Chollavary J. Moses, forwarded thro' the Superintendent of the General Hospital, by which it will be seen how prevalent the disease has been, and at my last visit there on the 25th instant it was still very prevalent. As so long ago as December last I had given the Municipality due warning regarding this Pachery, I think that active to protect the community might rather have been taken. The inhabitants of that locality on the 5th instant sent me through the Reverend C. Edward's letter copy of a Memorial which they had addressed to the President of the Municipal Commission, complaining of the state of that neighbourhood, and they asked me to aid the object they had in view. They were not aware that I had already, several months ago, endeavoured to remove the nuisance from amongst them, and all that I could now do was again to write to the Municipality, the letter attached, marked B, and send a copy of it to the Memorialists.

4 Also, in my December letter to

to the Municipality brought to notice the insanitary condition of many of the tanks of the town. Considering the early part of last year, Mr. Lock, at my request accompanied me to see one of the many noted of them. About a week ago I received a Memorial from certain of the inhabitants of Triplicane complaining of the condition of one of these tanks and after examination I sent it on to the Municipality with the letter marked C.

I since wrote in December on the same sanitary points of the town I observed that steps have been taken to improve the state of the Vegetable Market, but I saw reform is also that the monthly payments from the huts in Cornish Chetty Parcherry only amount to about 8 Rupees, and I think that under

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a small sum could have been compensated for out of Municipal Funds.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed. Servt.

Signature illegible
Surgn. & Asst. Surgn.
Inspector General of Hospitals
Indian Medical Service

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L.o.No 305

Municipal Council of Jeic
Masras 23rd June 73

To the President
Municipal Council
Masras

To the Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to
reference to the letter from the
Inspector General S.M. Dated
30th ult. No 191, with its enclo-
sures & have to report, to refer you
to my letter upon the subject dated
8th inst. which gives a full ac-
count of the steps taken by me
on receipt of the petition from
certain of the inhabitants of
Park town, John Pereira and
others which I apply for the sanction
of Government to allow me to
dispense a notice under Section
121 of the Municipal Act, calling
upon the owner of the Pucheeva
to abate the overcrowding of the
people living within it.

2. With regard to the fourth
alluded to in para 4 of the
letter from the Inspector General
I have the honor to inclose

Copy

From Surgn Genl
S.M. No 191 of
30th ult. 73

No 19 No 3586
of 28th May 73

From Surg Major &
Ag Smith. No 398
of 17th June 73
with reports from
Assts Surgns Clarke
From Insp Genl
S.M. No 3320
of 30th May 73

S.No 986.

From 1873 Records

Chief Secretary
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your
letter No 1191 dated 30th ult.
forwarding a petition from
certain inhabitants of Park
Town praying that the Pucheeva
in which they live may be
abated as a nuisance.

2. In reply I beg to state
that the petition will be
carefully enquired into and
a report submitted to Govt
with the least possible delay.

I have &c
Chas Cleveland
Chief Secretary

Chief Secretary
Fort St George

Asst
1873

Copy of Communication forwarded to Messrs Simpson by the Kars Commissariat, no doubt, to be laid before the Municipality of the Turkish Capital, but which should be published here, lest the Inspector General might find Government to suppose, and Sam able to state as the result of frequent personal inspection that the Clearings of the Latrines and adjoining Ground is carefully attended to by the Sanitary Department.

3. I would take this opportunity of mentioning that which many of the Suggestions and recommendations made in the letter from the Inspector General S.H. to the Turkish Municipality, to which the Copies in Appendix 2 of that Book bear for report, also no doubt valuable, and have received, or are receiving attention, there are others which are altogether beyond the

the scope of the Municipality and could not be carried out by the Commissariat if they desired to do so

I have the honor to be Sir Your most obedient Servant

John Clark

President Municipal Commission

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Encl 1 to No 5.

From
The President M.C.
Madras

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Dated 23rd Jan.
Received 27th

Subject Cuddalore Harbour
Transmits Plan
& Report as required &c
&c &c &c

Dated 19th June 1872 on Letter
No 191 dated 30th May 1872.
From Dirctr. Pubc. Works
Dy. Mds. proceedings thereon
Remarks of Public Works Secretary

Encl. to No. 5.
Dy. Mds. Proc. dated 23rd Jan. 1873.

Encl. to No. 5.
Dy. Mds. Proc. dated 23rd Jan. 1873.

Govt. of India Appointments.

Financial

To

The Secretary Bengal Commissariat.

Dated 16th July 1873

Read. Dispatch

G. O. 16 July, 1873, No. 986.

Mem. 30.72

Contract Branch. Satisfaction &c.
Intimated that certain pleas in
the Court brought to notice
that requisite sanitary arrangts.
have not been neglected