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Municipal—Drainage.

No. 198. Read the following letter from Surgeon-General E. G. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 8th February 1875, No. 77 :—

I have the honor to submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council extracts from the Inspection Report of the Deputy Surgeon-General on the town of Ellore, and would suggest that the Municipality be requested to consider the subjects of the drainage and conservancy of the town, the discontinuance of interments within it, the early erection of a new dispensary building in a suitable locality, and the reception of in-patients.

Extracts from Inspection Report of the Police at Ellore.

8. *Conservancy, &c.*—Ellore is an offensive town, and this because it is ill-drained, and its conservancy is still worse than its drainage. This is not so bad, I hear, as it was, because the Municipality have, to a small extent, improved it ; but still it is bad enough ! With the canal above part of the town and, I believe, the Colair Lake some five or six miles off below it, I should suppose it possible to build an efficient system of drains to carry away all refuse-matter, which, through part of the town, might be flushed away with water from the canal. Some of the drains are faced with stone, and some of them are triangular, but these are found only here and there, and can be of little use. The latrines are shocking without any coal-tar, and the " dry " system most imperfectly carried out. The central reservoir for earth more or less dilapidated in those I inspected, and though an insufficient bed of earth for the droppings was in the trenches, there was no earth over the deposits of ordure. The neighbourhoods of the latrines also are largely abused, so that I had to pick my way with great care to get into the latrines themselves. But, besides, the people, both male and female, here, I am credibly informed, betray more indecency and barefacedness than elsewhere in using the sides of the roads and public places for the purposes of nature. To add to these fertile sources of offensiveness, one of the occupations largely practised here is bamboo-basket and mat-making, and the mode of preparing the bamboo is a very unpleasant one. I was stunk with this in my peregrinations through the town to-day ! There was a great deal of litter and filth here and there through the town too, pointing to highly defective work in the Conservancy Department. There is a great deal of paddy cultivation all round Ellore, and in that a source of malaria, but the baneful operation of that must be greatly assisted and aggravated by the preventible malaria within the town itself. The remedies for all this suggest themselves better drainage, better conservancy in the latrines and town generally, the rigorous enforcement of the Police Act, and closure of all cemeteries within Ellore and near the residences of the living.

20. *Burial of the Dead, &c.*—The Mahomedans are frequently buried in the centre and within the precincts of the town, and the Hindoos far away. A better-situated cemetery has been provided for the former, for the sites of their present ones must be regarded as detrimental to the health of the living ; but, according to my information, burials are not restricted to that one, and they are still practised in these.

Extract from Inspection Report of the Ellore Civil Dispensary.

Conservancy, &c.—The dispensary like the Police hospital is too far away from those for whose benefit it is provided. A site has been fixed upon closer to the town ; in fact, on its very skirt, more suitable every way for building a Civil hospital ; but this is as far as matters have gone, although, I believe, the site was selected about six months ago. No building operations have

yet been commenced, nor do I see preparations for any. Good water, I am told, is available close to this site.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. G. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General,
Surgeon-General, I.M.D.

No. 199. ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1875, No. 336.

Communicated to the President of the Ellore Municipality.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Ellore.

Exd. F. R. Bantelman.

Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Ellore.

Dated February, 15*th*.

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL, I. M. D.,
Fort Saint George, 8 May 1875.

From

SURGEON-GENERAL EDWARD BALFOUR,
Surgeon-General,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort Saint George

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

Ed. Balfour
Surgeon General
Surgeon General Ind.

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(Sd) E Balfour

Surgeon General

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