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Municipal—Sanitary.

No. 259. 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, 12th February 1875, No. 85:—

The inhabitants of certain districts still adhere to the very perilous practice of retaining cesspits, and important beneficial results would follow a general intimation from Government to all Municipalities and all Local Fund Boards to forbid such within the limits of their respective towns. The Deputy Surgeon-General, Mysore and Ceded Districts, has recently reported to me that in the town of Adoni "generally speaking, there are no cesspits in the houses, but the whole wash—fœcal, lavatory, and urine—is conveyed by a channel to a small well in the middle of the road, the locality of which is hidden by a stone slab. Into this pit the liquid passes and percolates. There are public latrines (about half-a-dozen), some for males and some for females, located in spots around the town. Twenty toties are employed to attend to the conservancy of these latrines. It is reported that four men died on one occasion when a family cesspit was opened for the purpose of being cleaned."

2. The Municipalities will readily apprehend that it cannot but be dangerous to all the inhabitants to continue a plan of disposing of the night soil so highly perilous that four laboring men died on one occasion of opening and cleaning a family cesspit. From my own examinations of towns and cantonments, and from all the inspection reports received from the Deputy Surgeons-General of Circles, I am able to say that a larger number of sweepers and scavengers might be employed, and on more liberal rates of pay than are usually allotted. Adoni, with its 22,733 inhabitants, has fourteen sweepers, or one to every 1,623 souls, which is a larger proportion than is usual in towns, but even with this greater number, cesspits are common there.

No. 260. ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1875, No. 388.

Communicated to the Sanitary Commissioner and the President of the Adoni Municipality for such notice as they may deem necessary.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Sanitary Commissioner.
,, President of the Municipal Commission, Adoni.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To
THE SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
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Dated February, 20th.
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No. 85

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL, I. M. D.,
Fort Saint George, 12th February 1875.

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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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Surgeon-General,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George,

To

The Chief Secy. to Govt.
Public Dept.

Dated 12 February

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Reports that the conservancy of the Town of Adoni needs improvement.

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Army Sanitary Letter from the Surgeon General Indian Medical Department bringing to notice the departure customary at this town, communicated to the President, and Sanitary Commissioners.