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No. 153. Read the following letter from the Acting Civil and Session Judge of Nundial, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kurnool, 6th July 1866, No. 2.

I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, the following account of the recent outbreak of Cholera at this station.

2. The disease always, I believe, exists to some extent in this town. During the Mohorum festival, the daily average of cases gradually increased, but it was not till the beginning of last month that it assumed proportions calculated to cause anxiety. It was, as was natural, confined principally to the low parts of the town on the promontory near the confluence of the Toombudra and Hindri. The only European *then* attacked was Captain Marsh, of the 28th Regiment Native Infantry. His case terminated fatally. The disease, in the first three weeks of June, was very prevalent among domestic servants in the houses of the Europeans and East Indians; there was hardly a house in which one or more cases did not occur. Immediately after the Toombudra was in fresh, Cholera attacked the Europeans. The first person seized was Mrs. Ranson, wife of the late Zillah Surgeon. She is now convalescent. Two days afterwards, *i. e.* on 28th ultimo, Mr. Greathurst, the Government School Master (since dead) and Lieutenant Russell were seized. The latter has quite recovered. Mr. Greathurst died within 25 hours of his seizure. On 29th and 30th, Messrs. McCarthy and Turner were taken ill, and were reported to be suffering from Cholera. The Doctor has since come to the conclusion that the disease in their case never developed into *true* Cholera. They are both doing well. Mr. Lowry, of the Telegraph Department, died on 30th; Major Flint, Executive Engineer on 1st Instant; both of Cholera. On the latter date, Assistant Surgeon Ranson died of exhaustion (I believe) after long continued diarrhoea. Just before the outbreak, there were two cases in the Jail, and there has been one since. In the lines, the Epidemic never prevailed to an alarming extent. In the town, the average of daily seizures was at one time very considerable, and the disease was at first of a virulent type. The ratio of recoveries latterly rose. I am thankful to be now able to report that no fresh case has occurred among the European Community since 30th. There is a considerable amount of diarrhoea about. The disease has almost disappeared from the town. In the absence of the Magistrate, I have adopted such sanitary precautions as appeared likely to be of use. Twelve scavengers have been added to the ordinary Municipal staff, and special attention has been directed to the cleansing of the public privies and drains. Fires are also lighted in pits, in well selected localities, and endeavours are being made to have as many of the Native houses re-chunamed as possible. To those who are too poor to bear the charge, chunam will be issued gratis.

3. Kurnool has, I believe, always been considered liable to outbreaks of Cholera. In the present year, the non-appearance of the South-West Monsoon at the usual time, and consequent total absence of rain, and the prevailing high winds and dust storms, have, I doubt not, been predisposing causes. It is a curious fact that the outbreak among the Europeans followed immediately upon the fresh in the river.

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ORDER THEREON, 16th July 1866, No. 1108.

Ordered to be communicated to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Sanitary Commissioner, and to the Inspector General of Jails.

2. The arrangements for cleansing the town are approved.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

„ Sanitary Commissioner.

„ Inspector General of Jails.

„ Magistrate of Kurnool.

„ Accountant General.

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*To the P. I. Genl. Med. Dept.
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Magistrate of Kurnool
Acct General —*

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