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SUBJECT.

Forming, for information and
guidance copy of despatch
from the Secy of State for India
stating with remarks that
he has no objection to the
discontinuance of the yearly
Returns comparing for each
province the fluctuations of

weather, of prices & of death rates.
(with order)

To The Sanitary Commissioner.
Please return this
after despatch
25/3/96

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INDIA OFFICE;
London, the 23rd January 1896.

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& Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 834

To His Excellency the Right Honourable the GOVERNOR GENERAL
of India in Council.

MY LORD,

WITH reference to Your Excellency's letter No. 12 (Sanitary), dated the 16th October 1895, I have no objection to the discontinuance of the yearly Sanitary return, comparing for each Province the fluctuations of weather, of prices and of death-rates. But I forward copy of a letter in which the Army Sanitary Committee dwell on the importance of considering, so far as may be possible, the influence of weather and food prices on the death-rate of the several regions in India and its dependencies.

Dated the 17th December 1895.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servant,

GEORGE HAMILTON.

Dated War Office, the 17th December 1895.

From—J. J. FREDERICK, Esq., Secretary to the Army Sanitary Commission.

To—The Under Secretary of State for India.

In reply to India Office letter of the 6th ultimo, regarding the comparative statement of the Mortuary and Meteorological statistics attached to the provincial sanitary reports, I am directed by the Army Sanitary Commission to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that the tabular statement framed by the Government of India in order to give effect to the Commission's general suggestions on the subject is open to the objections urged against it. It deals with averages, and the fallacious character of these has been frequently pointed out by the Commission.

The Commission fears it is almost impossible to devise any tabular form which shall be altogether free from this objection, but it considers that the question of the influence of general causes notably meteorology and food prices on the health of the people during the year is one of such importance that it should not be lost sight of in the Annual Sanitary reports, and that it may best be discussed by taking the Actuals in a few selected Districts of each Province as originally proposed.

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COPY, with copy of the Despatch to which it is a reply, forwarded to the Government of Madras for information and guidance, with reference to the correspondence ending with the letter from that Government No. 873-L. Mis., dated 18 May 1895.

HOME DEPARTMENT,
(SANITARY);
Calcutta, the 9th March 1896.

By order,

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 12 of 1895.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

SANITARY.

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD GEORGE FRANCIS HAMILTON,
Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

Simla, the 16th October 1895.

MY LORD,

IN their memorandum on the Bengal Sanitary Report for the year 1892, which was forwarded with Sir H. Fowler's Sanitary A., January 1895, Nos. 46-58. Despatch No. 1 (Statistics), dated the 19th July 1894, the Army Sanitary Commission suggested that the information contained in the comparative statement of the mortuary and meteorological statistics of different districts, together with the prices current of the food grains, should not be given for all districts as was done in Bengal, but should be confined to certain selected districts and should be shown month by month, so that more exact comparison might be made between the extent of sickness and the causes with which it may seem to be connected.

2. On giving this matter our attention it appeared to us that the information contained in the statement was not sufficiently precise to admit of any inference being drawn as to the connection between the public health and variations in the meteorological conditions and the range of prices, and that any information which would show the periods during which wind prevailed in a particular direction to an unusual extent, and would indicate an unusually high or unusually low temperature, unusual humidity or unusual dryness, or unusually high or unusually low prices, at any particular time of the year, might be of assistance if collected over a series of years. We accordingly consulted the Local Governments and Administrations with a view to a decision being arrived at on the proposals of the Army Sanitary Commission.

3. It will be seen from the replies which we have received and which we now forward for Your Lordship's information that the majority of the Local Governments have acquiesced in the proposal of the Army Sanitary Commission, but that the tenor of their replies does not indicate that in their opinion any useful results are likely to ensue from its adoption. Our Sanitary Commissioner

is also of opinion that the statement should not be prepared either for monthly or annual periods, as the results from a practical point of view would not, he considers, compensate for the time and trouble bestowed on their compilation. In these circumstances we propose, if Your Lordship has no objection, to issue instructions to Local Governments and Administrations to discontinue the preparation and submission of the statement in question.

We have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

ELGIN.

G. S. WHITE.

A. E. MILLER.

H. BRACKENBURY.

J. WESTLAND.

A. MACKENZIE.

A. C. TREVOR.

LIST OF ENCLOSURES.

1. To Local Governments and Administrations, No. ^{2-Sanitary}₃₅₋₄₄, dated the 24th February 1892, and enclosures.
2. To the Government of Bengal, No. 257 (Sanitary), dated the 22nd September 1894.
3. From the Government of Bengal, No. 5774-S., dated the 18th December 1894.
4. To Local Governments (except Bengal) and Administrations, No. ^{3-Sanitary}₇₄₋₈₂, dated the 5th March 1895.
5. From the Government of Madras, No. 873-L. Miscellaneous, dated the 16th May 1895.
6. From the Government of Bombay, No. 1942, dated the 14th May 1895.
7. From the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 176, dated the 6th July 1895.
8. From the Government of the Punjab, No. 231, dated the 6th June 1895, and enclosure.
9. From the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, No. 3290, dated the 26th April 1895, and enclosure.
10. From the Chief Commissioner of Burma, No. 556-4-Z.—3, dated the 27th June 1895, and enclosure.
11. From the Chief Commissioner of Assam, No. ^{128-M. and S.}_{3204-G.}, dated the 10th June 1895, and enclosure.
12. From the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, No. ⁵⁶⁸₂₂₄₋₈₆, dated the 17th April 1895.
13. From the Resident at Hyderabad, No. 295, dated the 28th August 1895, and enclosures.

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