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FOR THE Secretary.

– Secretary's instructions on the D.O. below are being attended to.

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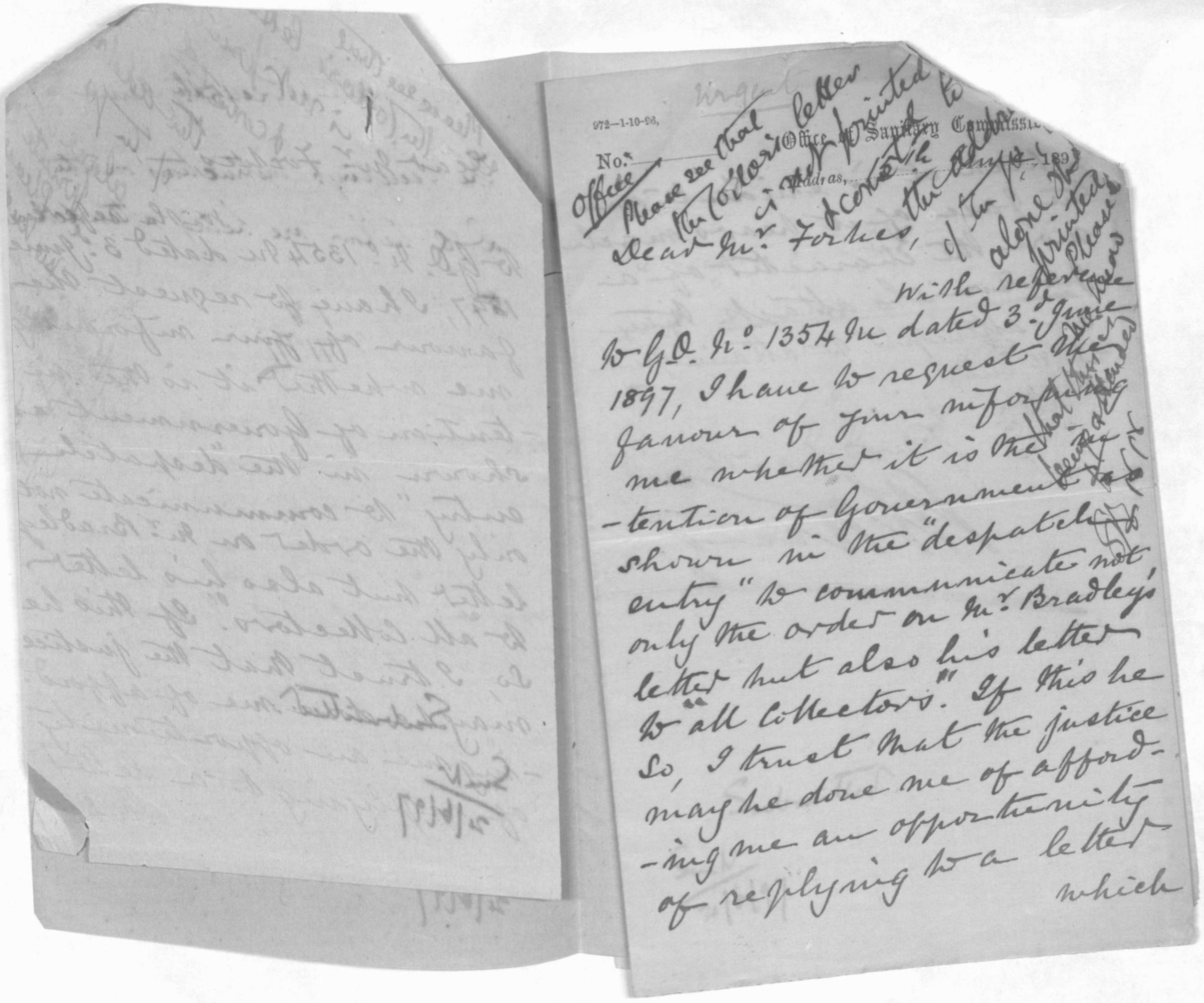

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Office of Sanitary Commissioner

Madras, 189

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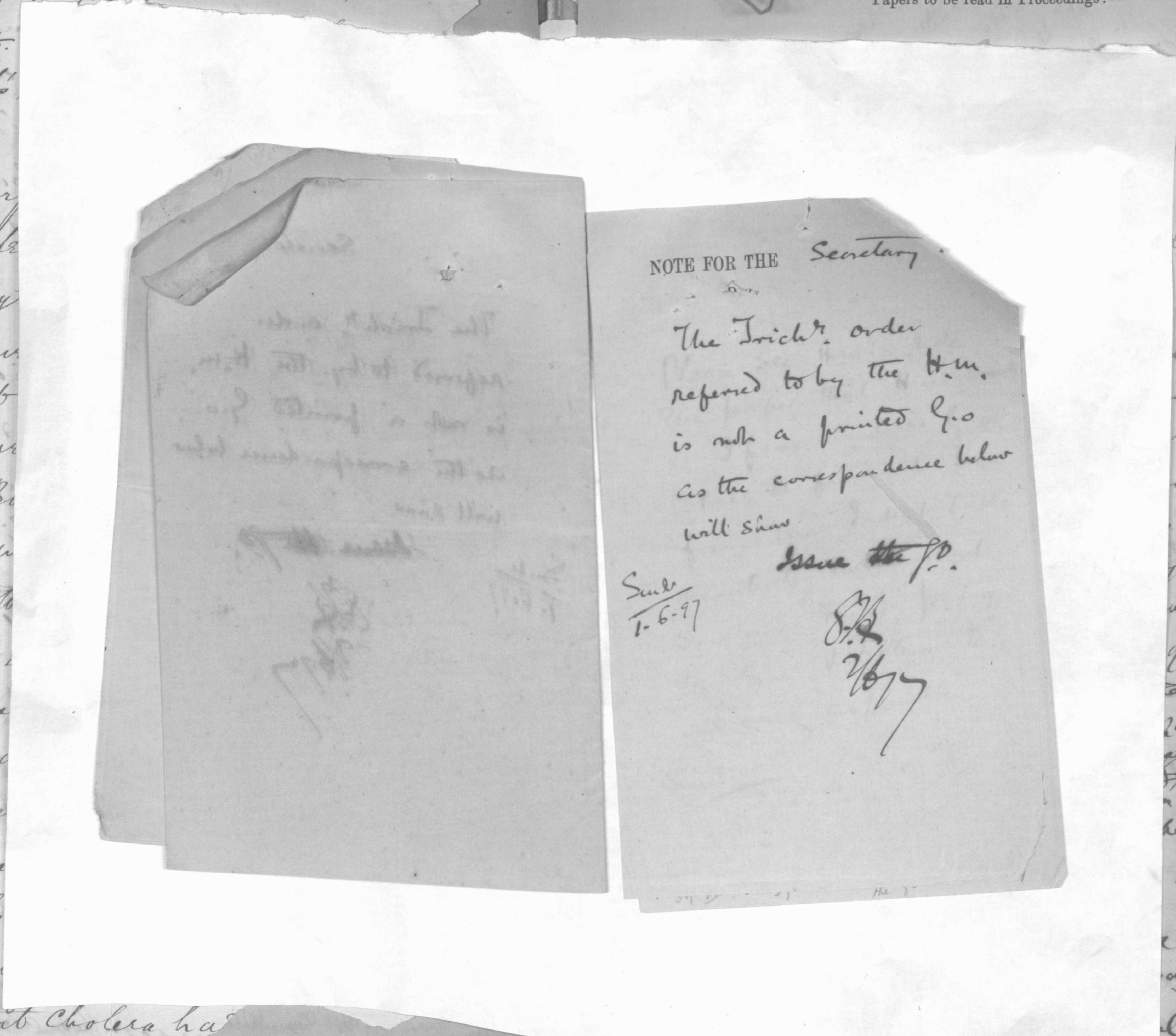

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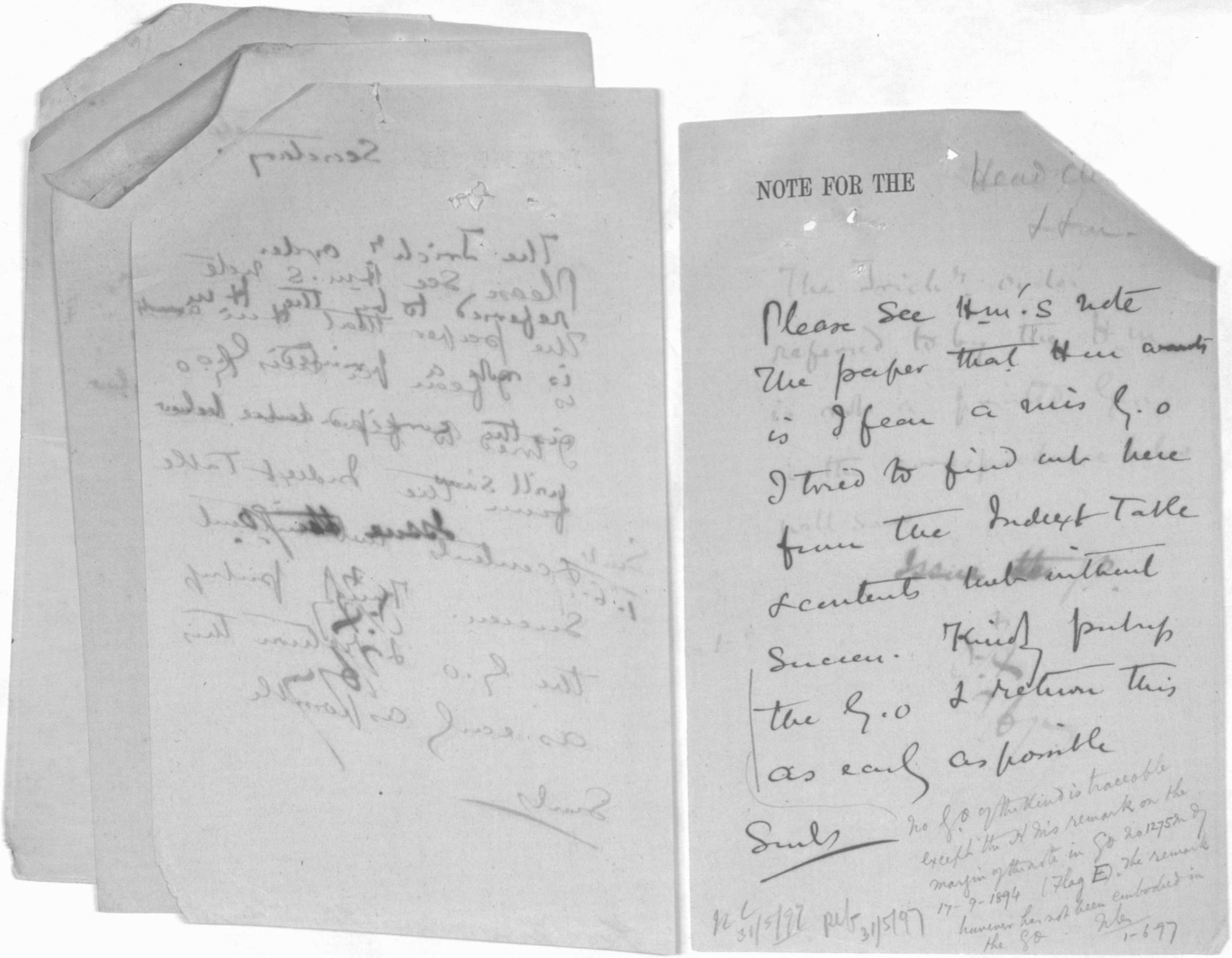

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the Trichy cholera case he omitted
to give the Collr. notice of his
inspection, I was told he should have done so
I think

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From

The President,
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SUBJECT.

Reporting, with reference to the Sanitary Commr's remarks, communicated in G. O. No. 974 M. dated 26.4.97 that arrangements will be made for the construction of isolation sheds as soon as the reply of the Sanitary Commr. is received and stating that the Sanitary Commissioner conducted his inspection of the station without giving notice as required in G. O. No. 659 Public dated 6.8.89.

BACK PAPERS.

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Coimbatore,
District Board's Office,
14th May 1897.
Recd 17/5/97

FROM,
Herbert Bradley Esquire,
PRESIDENT, DISTRICT BOARD,
Coimbatore.

To,
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT,
Madras.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No 974 M. dated the 26th April 1897, I have the honor to report that arrangements will be made for the Con:struction of isolation sheds as soon as I hear from the Sanitary Commissioner, whom I addressed on the 30th April, as soon as I received the G.O. I am waiting to know the minimum distance from dwelling houses at which he considers the isolation sheds should be erected, as there is not much open space available near the station. I have also asked him what "temporary" doolies are, and how

they

differ from permanent ones. For the present, two covered stretchers are being provided.

2. I beg respectfully to enter a protest against the manner in which the Sanitary Commissioner conducted this inspection. He did not communicate his intention to inspect the arrangements either to the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, or to myself, and the result is that he has been very much misinformed as to the arrangements made, and caused a good deal of unnecessary trouble—

3. It appears that the Civil Apothecary in charge of the duties at Podanur is an exceedingly nervous man, and I have little doubt that the Sanitary Commissioner has been very greatly misled owing to this cause. This could and would have been prevented, and much time might have been saved in completing the arrangements if the Sanitary Commissioner had chosen to communicate to me or the District Medical and Sanitary Officer the time of his intended visit. Both of us were at head Quarters,

and

and either of us could have corrected the Sanitary Commissioner on the facts, or received his instructions on minor points

4. The Sanitary Commissioner, however, appears to make a point of not meeting Collectors and Divisional officers in his tours and a very considerable amount of unnecessary correspondence is caused by this peculiarity of his. I believe that in G.O. No 659 Public dated August 6th 1889, the Sanitary Commissioner was directed to confer whenever possible with all Collectors and Divisional officers whose ranges he visits. But to the best of my recollection during the last 3

he has only once informed me of any case in which he intended to make an inspection of any part of my district. On that occasion I received on the 2d August at head quarters an intimation that he intended to visit Karur on that date. It was of

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course impossible either for me or the Divisional officer to meet him.

5. In the present case in para 3 of his letter the Sanitary Commissioner has stated that only 2 Cots and the Cumblies formerly used by Cholera patients are available. This statement is misleading. There are also 4 sets of clothes for men, 2 for women, 9 mats, 2 charpoy beds, and 4 charpoy Cots. They are the property of the District Board, and though provided for Cholera patients the clothing and I believe, the other articles have not been used by them.

In para 4 of his letter the Sanitary ommissioner states that the medicines at disposal are "those suitable for reatment of Cholera". It is true that only Cholera medicines are supplied to the Railway apothecary on behalf f the District Board, but the District Medical and Sanitary Officer informs me that the Civil Apothecary is supplied

with

If Cholera is really the preventible disease that Sanitary authorities would have us believe there would have been an excellent opportunity for practice in this case. I believe that the outbreak was reported to the Sanitary Commissioner but I do not know on what date. I submit that the arrangements at Podanur are far more complete than is represented by the Sanitary Commissioner.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant,

for President

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