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G.O., No. 2184/m

DATED 8-10-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Cholera

Recording letter from the Collector of
Malabar, forwarding copies of certain correspondence
with regard to the precautionary measures taken
to prevent the spread of — in the Calicut Malabar

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SUBJECT.

For forwarding copies of two
letters from the Calicut
Municipal Chairman
and the District Medical
and Sanitary Officer
re: the precautionary
measures taken
against the spread
of Cholera in the
Calicut Municipality.

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Municipal office.
Calicut - 13th September 1897.

From,

M.A. Esq. R. Rama Rao Avergal.
Chairman, Municipal Council,
Calicut.

To,

G. W. Dance Esq.
Collector of Malabar,
Calicut.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 28th August 1897, No 290, I have the honor to state that as soon as Cholera made its appearance in the town of Calicut in December last a special Sanitary Staff consisting of two Assistant Sanitary Inspectors and six coolies were entertained and a Hospital Assistant told off for Cholera duty, arrangements being at the same time made to disinfect every affected house, to close and bankinize the wells concerned, drinking water being supplied at the cost of the Municipality from the Mananchira Tank, to the inmates of such houses until the well became fit for use, and to burn the choleric vomit and excreta after mixing them with saw dust.

In July 1897 the Special Sanitary Staff was strengthened as shown in the margin with reference to rule 8 of the rules to combat epidemics of Cholera in Municipalities embodied in G.O. No 1536 dated 9th September 1896 and the above arrangements have continued up to date, so that the allegation of indifference on the part of the Municipality in the matter of taking precautionary measures against the spread of Cholera would appear to be devoid of foundation.

It is alleged that streets and lanes in some parts of the Municipality are very filthy and that the Sanitary Officers had not for the four months prior to the date of the article in the Newspaper visited Chalapuram and Azhichavattam. (Chalapuram is in F. and Azhichavattam in B. Division.)

* 2 Divisional Inspectors.
6 Circle Inspectors
6 Peons
6 Totties
9 Coolies
9 Scavengers
1 Orderly

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The diaries of the Assistant Sanitary Inspector of the

from 15th to 31st
May 1897.

3rd Circle who is in charge of the F and H Divisions which are herewith submitted for your perusal show that he inspected the places every day and had them kept as clean as possible, while those of the Special Sanitary Inspector on cholera duty attached to these Divisions show that during the period referred to in the Newspaper Article there were 9 cases of attack in H. Division and 3 in F. Division from cholera of which 5 in H and 1 in F proved fatal, and that in all these cases the Assistant Sanitary Inspector on Special Duty carried out the instructions conveyed in G. O. No 1536. M. dated 9th September 1896 regarding the disinfecting of houses and other precautionary measures. These diaries also are submitted for perusal.

The fact that the town is kept as clean as possible and that no pains are spared to prevent the spread of the epidemic with, I submit, be further evident from para 1 of the letter from the District Medical and Sanitary Officer to the effect that "the Municipality took every step to check the spread of the disease, and as far as I personally visited the various localities in which the disease prevailed, I found the streets, backyards, and compounds, kept clean and as much as possible rid of any rank vegetation."

Under these circumstances the allegation made in the Newspaper Article referred to appear to be altogether unfounded.

I have etc.

(Sd). R. Rama Rao.

Chairman.

(True Copy).

For Collector.

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Office of the District Medical & Sanitary Officer,
Malabar.

Calicut. 18th August 1897.

No. 4312.

From,

Surgeon Lt. Col. J. J. Hackett Wilkins,
District Medical & Sanitary Officer, Malabar.

To,

The Chairman,
Municipal Council, Calicut.

Sir,

* herewith returned

I have the honor to state, with reference to your Endorsement No. ¹⁸⁹⁷ 2636 dated 13th instant, that there is no truth in the statement made in the native paper. The Municipality took every step to check the spread of the disease and as far as I personally visited the various localities in which the disease prevailed, I found the streets, backyards, and compounds kept clean and as much as possible rid of any rank vegetation.

2. With regard to the medicines prescribed, I wish to add that the drugs used were dilute sulphuric acid, camphorodys, and others usually administered in cholera, and I certainly never heard any one complain of the symptoms mentioned in this paper. In fact the very drugs used then are being sought after now by a large majority of the people.

3. I have every reason to believe that one or two of the native chemists in this town have tried to dissuade patients taking medicines from Hospital as as to be able to sell them own. Within the last few days I have had patients mention this fact to me and my Subordinates also have confirmed it. The attendance and popularity of the Hospital has increased considerably and this has affected the pockets of a few quacks in the town and I look upon these untruthful statements done by them and their friends in the hope of keeping patients away from the Hospital.

I have etc.

(Sd) J. J. Hackett Wilkins. Surg.
Lt. Col.

District Medical & Sanitary Officer,
Malabar.

(True Copy).

(True copy)

(Signed) R. Rama Rao

Chairman.

22-8-97.

(True copy.)

For collector.

No. 215 M
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Malabar Collector's office

Calicut 23rd September

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From,

G. W. Daise Esq.

Ag Collector of Malabar.

To

The Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Dept.

Madras.

Sir

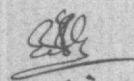
In reply to G.O. no. 1645 M. no. dated 23rd July last, I have the honor to submit -
Copies of reports received from the Chair-
man of the Calicut Municipality and
from the District Medical and Sanitary
Officer.

2 I Consider that both the Chairman and
the District Medical and Sanitary Officer
did their best and that the allegations are
unfounded.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

G. W. Daise
Ag Collector



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