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NOVEMBER.

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Referring to all Collectors and the Municipal Commissioners of Madras for early remarks letter from the Government of India forwarding for the opinion of this Government certain correspondence containing a proposal to make compulsory the — during the prevalence of rabies.

No. 1714 M., 18TH NOVEMBER 1899.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper:—

From H. LUSON, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Municipalities), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local and Municipal Department, dated Simla, 31st October 1899, No. 194.

I am directed to forward, for the consideration of the Government of Madras, a copy of a correspondence with the Quartermaster-General in India, containing a Letter to Quartermaster-General in India, proposal that the muzzling of dogs in cantonments and municipalities shall be made compulsory whenever this is considered desirable as a protection against rabies. It has been suggested that the precaution take the form of an authorization to the local authorities during the prevalence of rabies to issue notices directing that all dogs found unmuzzled shall be destroyed.

2. Muzzling orders seem to have conducted materially towards stamping out rabies in the United Kingdom, and I am to inquire whether the Government of Madras consider that a precaution of this nature is needed and could be made efficacious, either generally or in cantonments and neighbouring municipalities in the Madras Presidency, and, if so, what measures the Governor in Council would recommend for giving effect to it. An amendment of the law would apparently be needed to carry out the proposal.

ENCLOSURES.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Quartermaster-General in India, dated the 26th June 1899, No. 992-C.

With reference to the correspondence ending with Military Department No. 246-C., dated the 29th January 1896, relative to the grant of passages by rail and sea to warrant and non-commissioned officers and men bitten by rabid dogs and recommended to proceed to the Pasteur Institute in Paris for treatment, I am directed to invite attention to the frequency of such cases during the last few months. It appears that of the 59 cases which have occurred since the 1st January 1898 no less than 15 have been reported from Bangalore and an equal number from Rawal Pindi; I am therefore to suggest that additional precautions should be taken in those cantonments where these cases are of frequent occurrence.

From the Quartermaster-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated the 19th August 1899, No. 3233-B.

I am directed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to submit and recommend, for the favourable consideration of the Government of India, the enclosed communication from the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Bengal, regarding the introduction of a regulation for enforcing the muzzling of all dogs in cantonments and municipalities during the prevalence of rabies.

From the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Bengal, to the Quartermaster-General in India, dated Naini Tal, the 31st July 1899, No. 34.

With reference to Military Department letter No. 992-C., dated 26th June 1899, forwarded under your No. 1874-C., "Transport—Sea," dated 3rd July 1899, I have the honour to submit herewith, for consideration, a proposal made by the General Officer Commanding Nerbudda District that measures should be taken for the introduction of a regulation enforcing the muzzling of all dogs in cantonments and municipalities where rabies is prevalent.

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2. This matter has probably already received the attention of the Government of India, and it is possible that the conditions existing in this country may make the difficulties of enforcing any such measures insuperable, but in view of the recent reference by Government above quoted I submit the proposal for consideration.

From the Officer Commanding Nerbudda District, to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Bengal Command, dated Jubbulpore, the 21st June 1899, No. 3469-A.

I have the honour to submit the following question for the consideration of the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces.

2. At the present time in Jubbulpore it is believed there is a somewhat widespread epidemic of rabies, and two soldiers bitten by mad dogs have been sent to Paris for treatment at the Pasteur Institute, within the last four months. Strict orders have been issued for all stray and ownerless dogs in cantonments to be shot, and this order is being carried out. In addition to this, Officers Commanding Corps and Heads of Departments have been directed to have all dogs in their lines carefully registered and periodically examined, with a view to the early detection of dogs suspected of rabies, and the destruction of any such.

3. In my opinion, however, the only measure that would in any way be effectual is to order a general muzzling of all dogs in the cantonment. Whilst such a measure could be enforced as regards dogs the property of officers or soldiers, I am given to understand that such an order, being in excess of the powers conferred by the Cantonments Act of 1889, would be inoperative as regards the civilian population, in that it could not be enforced by pains or penalties.

4. Moreover, unless the procedure of general muzzling were adopted in the municipality and the neighbouring district, the enforcement of muzzling in cantonments would lose much of its useful effects.

5. I am of the opinion that the question is a 'grave one and one that apparently requires special legislation to meet it.

ORDER—No. 1714 M., dated 18th November 1899.

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(True Extract.)

for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To all Collectors.

the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

Exd. C. M. Thambuswamy.

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 28789m

Order

No. 1714 *M. A. S.*
18/11/99

From

The Government of India
Home Department

No. 174

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- ment of India read above will be
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding with remarks
for the consideration of the Madras
Government copy of certain
correspondence containing a
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To

All Collectors ✓

The President, Municipal Commission,
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To—The Quarter Master General in India.

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LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.

TO

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The Secy to the Govt. of Madras,
Municipal Department.

Home Department.
Municipalities.

Simla, the 31st October 1899.

SIR,

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No. 992-C., dated the 26th June 1899.
Letter from Quarter Master General in India,
No. 3233, dated the 15th August 1899.

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Deputy Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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