[L. & M. 5,000—5-4-99.]

Local & Munl. (1899) Department

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 570 / 571 } M.

DATED 27-4-99.

INDEXED.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Vital Statistics.

Forwarding for the information of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council Copies of reports on the marked change in the proportion of deaths from fevers & all other causes in the town of Madras during the week ending the 3rd Febry. 1899, obtained from the President of the Munl. Commrs. Madras & the local Sanitary Commissioner.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
Cno	1652 h/99						
Cno	2526 h/99						
	1582						

Mortality in Madras City

Muc

Local & Municipal Department

Cnos 812 and 1006 h/99

order No. 570 Revs & 27-4-99

The following letter will be addressed to the Government of India.

Letter. No. 571 Revs & 27-4-99.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India
Home Department.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 862 dated 4th March 1899, desiring to know the reason for the marked change in the proportion of deaths from fever and "all other Causes" in the town of Madras during the week ending the 3rd February 1899, I am directed to forward for the information of His Excellency the Governor General in Council Copies of reports on the subject obtained from the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, and the Local Sanitary Commissioner. From these it will be seen that the variation was due to a large number of deaths from fever having been returned under "all other Causes", people were so dominated by the [illegible], under the apprehension that Cases of deaths

deaths from fever would be regarded
as Suspicious Cases of plague and
that those Concerned would be placed
under observation and perhaps segregated -

Thanks &c

V.R
15/4/99

W.W. 21-W-99

Dupl. 3/8/99

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 812 M

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

N

~~Order~~ No. 361 Z 27-3-99

From

The Government of India,
Home Department.

No. 862.

Referred to the President,
Municipal Commission, Madras.
for remarks, which should be
submitted through the Sanitary
Commissioner.

Dated 4th
Received 14th
Registered 15th
} March 1899.

Enclosures Nil

Spare copies. -

A Edgington
for Secretary to Government.

24-3-99

SUBJECT.

Enquiring the reason for the marked change in the proportion of deaths from "fevers" to those from "all other Causes" during the week ending 3rd February 1899 in the Town of Madras.

To the President M.C., Madras.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	N	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

2/1006/m/99

No. 862

From

R. Nathan, Esq:,

LOCAL & LEGISLATIVE Under Secy: to the Govt. of India,

To GENERAL No. 812m

The Chief Secretary to the Govt.

of Madras.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT GOVT. MADRAS 19 MAR 1899

Home Department,

(Sanitary).

Calcutta, the 4th March 1899.

Sir,

I am directed to invite attention to the statement of deaths in the Town of Madras during the week ending the 3rd February 1899, which shows that deaths from fevers during that week amounted to only 38 and deaths from "all other diseases" to 246. The mean number of deaths from these causes during the corresponding weeks of the previous five years are shown to be 103·6 and 171 respectively.

2. The Government of India will be glad to learn what is the reason for this marked change in the proportion of deaths from "fevers" and "all other causes".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. Nathan

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

A.G.

L. & M.
5,000—5-4-99.

SANITARY COMMISSIONER WITH THE GOVERNMENT
Register No. 18145
7 APR. 99

...l & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No.

Order

From

THE PRESIDENT,
Municipal Commission,
Madras.

H. No. 22

Dated 6 april 1899
Received
Registered
Enclosures 2
Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Submitting with reference to endorsement No 364 dated 27 March 1899 on current No. 812 M explanation about the market change in the death-rate under fevers.

1/1006/m/99

BACK PAPERS.

G. O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G. O.	No.	Department.	Date.

[L. & M. 5,000—5-4-99.]

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS,

Health Department,

Madras, 5th April 1899.

H. No. 22

From

The Hon. LIEUT.-COL. SIR GEORGE MOORE, KT., C. I. E.,

President, Municipal Commission.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Local and Municipal Department,

Fort St. George.

SIR,

(Through the sanitary Commissioner.)

With reference to your endorsement No. 364 dated 27th March 1899 on Current No. 812 M (herewith returned) I have the honor to submit as follows:-

Enclosure. 2

From the accompanying tabular statement of deaths from fevers and all other diseases which I have had ex---tracted from the Mortuary returns it will be seen that this marked change began with the week ending 7th October 1898.

Now what were the conditions in October 1898 -

That was the month in which Madras was practical-ly first endangered owing to the epidemic at Bangalore.

It was the month in which Madras was to so to speak put in a complete defensive position.

It was the month in which there was a general rush for inoculation.

What may be inferred from that ?

That the mass was alarmed - They knew that fever was an indication of plague, and that under the strict pre-cautions obtaining deaths from fever would be regarded with suspicion and those who returned these deaths as fever

might

might be brought under observation - to avoid this they returned them under all other diseases.

It must be borne in mind that we are quite dependent on the statements made by the friends of the deceased at the burial ground- We have no power to investigate the cause by means of the corpse.

This is only my opinion, but taking into consideration the sudden change in October 1898 and the constancy of the figures since then it does not appear to be illogical.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Lt.- Col.,

President, Municipal Commn.

5/4/99

4-1006/2nd/99

[L. & M. 5,000—5-4-99.]

Statement of deaths from fevers and all other diseases.

Weeks ending.	Fevers.	All other diseases.	Remarks.
2nd September 1898.	185	187	372
9th ,, ,,	176	194	370
16th ,, ,,	146	208	354
23rd ,, ,,	152	214	366
30th ,, ,,	126	215	341
7th October ,,	63	241	304
14th ,, ,,	58	232	290
21st ,, ,,	42	262	304
28th ,, ,,	45	264	309
4th November ,,	40	274	314
11th ,, ,,	36	244	280
18th ,, ,,	31	282	313
25th ,, ,,	35	224	259
2nd December ,,	36	242	278
9th ,, ,,	25	275	300
16th ,, ,,	20	265	285
23rd ,, ,,	16	242	258
30th ,, ,,	30	233	263
6th January 1899	38	236	274
13th ,, ,,	43	224	267
20th ,, ,,	46	250	296
27th ,, ,,	57	268	325
3rd February ,,	38	246	284
10th ,, ,,	42	200	242
17th ,, ,,	40	202	242
24th ,, ,,	37	212	249
3rd March ,,	47	192	239
10th ,, ,,	37	212	249
17th ,, ,,	32	214	246
24th ,, ,,	46	175	221

Mortuary Dept.
Municipal Office,
Madras, 29th Mar. 99

Lt.I.M.S.
Health Officer.

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1006 M

11 APR 1899 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

From

The Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

Order

No. 1196/S

Dated 8 April 1899.

Received 11 April 99

Registered —

Enclosures Four

Spare copies. nil.

SUBJECT.

Forwarding with remarks letter from the President, Municipal Commission, Madras. Submitting explanation about the market Chenage in the death-rate under fevers.

3
1006/M/99.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

[2,000—18-2 98.]

No. 1196/S

Office of Sanitary Commissioner,

Camp Cuddapah ~~Fort St. George~~, 8th April 1899.

Desp 10

From

~~Surgeon~~ Lieut.-Col. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras,

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT. Rec. 1896 No.

To The Secretary to Government Local & Municipal Dept

Enclosure.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith the accompanying letter from the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, with its enclosures, I have the honor to state that I fully endorse his views. Government will remember that but a short time back, before it was recognized by the inhabitants of the Madras City that "fevers" was the primary symptom in plague, an increase was traced, in great part, to concealment of Cholera cases under that head. It has evidently now been discovered that registration under "other causes", is less ~~detective~~ protective

of

of enquiry.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed. Servant
W. R. Lyons
Asst. Col: Surg
Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras

[L. & M. 5,000—5-4-99.]

for copying
d
ined
d

189

O., No. , DATED

TO C. No.

GOVERNMENT	..	..	..	A	A	A	A	A	A
GOVERNMENT.								

T WITH DITTO.

NOT FILED UP; BEING MEANT FOR DESPATCH IN ORIGINAL.

N.B.—
A = Copy in full.
B = Not to be copied
P = Copy abstract only.
Q = Copy heading only.