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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 22nd October 1866.

Read the following papers:—

No. 509. From W. FRASER, Esq., C. E., Special Executive Engineer, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Red Hills, 13th October 1866, No. 36.

1. I have the honor to inform you that I learned this morning that cholera, or something very like cholera, had broken out amongst the Madras coolies who are employed out here.

Up to this morning four persons have died, and three are sick.

2. Within a mile or so of their work, there is a very large public chuttrum in which they preferred putting up to living in the huts which we had provided for them.

There are in all between three hundred and four hundred living at and about the chuttrum.

3. I have directed that as many as the huts can accommodate (about one hundred) shall be immediately removed there, and that those who appear to be the healthiest (and men coolies only) shall be selected.

4. I have written to the Secretary of the Principal Inspector General, in the Medical Department, to suggest that some one should be sent out at once to give medical aid: and also to the Collector for one or two Police Peons, to enforce the orders of the Assistant Engineer in charge.

5. There are now three coolies, two women and one man, sick at the chuttrum. To these Chlorodyne has been administered by one of my Assistants here, and I have given him a further supply to use until medical aid arrives.

6. On making enquiry as to the symptoms, I learned that all who died were attacked by purging and vomiting, and that the three who are now sick are similarly affected. Taking into account, however, the length of time the parties were sick, before death ensued, about forty-eight hours, I am disposed to think that, at the worst, the disease is only a very mild attack of cholera, but I have deemed it right not to hesitate in bringing the case to the notice of Government and to the Medical authorities.

No. 510. Memorandum from the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort Saint George, 16th October 1866, No. 4,233.

The undersigned has the honor to report that immediately on receipt of copy of Mr. Fraser's letter No. 36 of 13th October, (8 P. M., same date,) the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Presidency, was directed to depute an experienced Apothecary with a supply of medicines to proceed to the Red Hills, and place himself under Mr. Fraser's orders.

No. 511. ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1866, No. 3,365.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 43. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To W. Fraser, Esq., C. E., Special Executive Engineer.
To the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 36.

Madras Water works Office
Red Hills
13th October 1866.

From

W. Fraser Esqre C.E.
Special Engineer

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E
Secretary to Government P.W.D

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that I learned, this morning, that Cholera, or something very like cholera, had broken out amongst the Madras Coolies who are employed out here —

Up to this Morning four persons have died — and three are sick —

2. Within a miles or so of their work, there is a very large Public Chuttram in which they preferred putting up to living in the Huts which we had provided for them: —

There are in all between 300 and 400 living at and about the Chuttram. —

3. I have directed that as many as the Huts can accommodate (about

one hundred) shall be immediately removed there, and that those who appear to be the healthiest (and men Coolies only) shall be selected —

4. I have written to the Secretary of the Principal Inspector General in the Medical department, to suggest that some one should be sent out, at once, to give Medical aid: and also to the Collector for one or two Police Peons to enforce the orders of the Assistant Engineer in charge: —

5. There are now three Coolies; two woman and one man, sick at the Chuttram: To these Chlorodyne has been administered by one of my assistants here — and I have given him a further supply to use until medical aid arrives. —

6. On making enquiry as to the Symptoms, I learned that all who died

were attacked by purging and Vomiting, and that the these who are now sick are similarly affected: Taking into account, however, the length of time before death ensued the parties were sick, about 48 hours, I am disposed to think that, at the worst, the disease is only a very mild attack of Cholera: — but I have deemed it right not to hesitate in bringing the case to the notice of Government and the Medical Authorities. —

I have the honorable
Sir
Your most Obt Svt
William Fraser CE
Special Engr

No. 4233.

Memorandum.

The undersigned has the honor to report that immediately on receipt of copy of Mr. Fraser's letter No. 36 of 13th October (8 P.M. same date) the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Presidency was directed to depute an experienced Apothecary with a supply of medicines to proceed to the Red Hills and place himself under Mr. Fraser's orders.

W. Mackenzie M.D.
For Phil. Inspector General
Medical Department

Office of Phil. Insp. Gen.
Med. Department
Fort St. George
16th October 1866.

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Dy. No. 2356

Dy. No. 2355 Date 16 Oct. 1866
Rec'd from Office for Orders
Fraser
13/12/66

To
W. Strachan Esq. M.D.
Superintending
Surgeon

Colonel C. A. Cardew
Secretary to Govt.
P. W. D.

Date 13/
Rec'd 15/ Oct. 66

Dysentery that obtains
the broken out amongst the
Madras coolies who are
employed at Red Hills.

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Rec. 19th Oct. 66 Dr. 19th

Rec. 23rd Oct. 1866

P W Dept

No 3365

Proceedings of the Madras Govern.t

Undated the 22nd Oct/66

Read the following

From W. Fraser Esq. C.E.
Sld Ey Engineer

Reporting an outbreak of Cholera amongst the Coolies employed in the Madras Water Supply Project.

H.E No 36 - 13 Octo/66

From The P. Insp.r Genl., Ind.

Reporting that an Apothecary, with medicines, has been deputed to the Red Hills Establishment and to the Coolies employed on the Madras Water Supply Project

H.E No 4233 - 16 Octo/66

Ordered to be recorded.

To W. Fraser Esq. C.E.
Sld Ey Engr
To The P. Insp.r Genl. Ind.

Dept. 25th October

Dept. 25th October
No 1233

To W. Fraser Esq. C.E.
Sld Ey Engr
To The P. Insp.r Genl. Ind.

Public Works Dept.
Public Works Dept.
Calcutta 19th Oct.r 1866
Rec.d 25th Oct.r

Sir,

I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of India, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer of the Madras Water Supply Project, reporting the outbreak of Cholera amongst the Coolies employed on the Works.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
C. Bernard
Secy to the Govt of India

To
The Secy to Govt
Public Works Dept
Fort St. George

Public Works Dept
Public Works Dept
Calcutta 19th Oct.r 1866

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 3365 dated the 22nd Oct.r 1866, reporting the outbreak of Cholera amongst the Coolies employed on the Madras Water Supply Project, and to request that you will inform the Government of India whether any measures have been taken to check the disease.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
C. Bernard
Secy to the Govt of India

To
The Secy to Govt
Public Works Dept
Fort St. George

c. 19th Oct/66 R. 19th

c. No 3365 - 22nd Oct. 1866

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to 3305

Pass: of the Madras Govt

D/22 Octr/66.

Certain Correspondence relating to the breaking out of Cholera amongst the Coolies at the Red Hills, who are employed under Mr Fraser, Asst Ex: Engr recorded.

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