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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 30th January 1867.

No. 616. Read the following letter from W. FRASER, Esq., C. E., Special Engineer, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp at Singlekuppam, 25th January 1867 :—

1. I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, a copy of a letter despatched to-day to the Secretary to the Sanitary Commission, as I am apprehensive of the consequence of bringing a large number of coolies together, with cholera so rife as it is now in these villages, without having some medical aid to apply to.

2. It is very unpleasant to have my party out here under these circumstances, as they are disheartened, and naturally want to get away; but, unless we abandon the work altogether, there is no place to go to, as every village along the line of channel is affected. I trust that efficient medical aid will be sent out, as we must go on, and if a skilled Medical Officer were here the people would be encouraged.

3. I intended going into Madras on Sunday to meet my Draughtsmen, but, under these circumstances, I will remain here until the Medical Officer arrives, and I trust that arrangements will be made to send one out speedily.

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No. 617. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1867, No. 304.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 37.

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Colonel, R. E.,
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(True Copy)
William Russell Esq.

Madras water works Office
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Forwarding for the information of Govt a Copy of a letter to the Secretary to the Sanitary Commission requesting to know what is to be done with the Coolies employed on the Chingleput Collectorate Tank the season thereof being over.

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The Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department requested to State what measures can be taken for affording Medical aid to Coolies &c engaged on the Madras Water Works.

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