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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th September 1875.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 626. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 4th August 1875, No. 3,704.

Memorandum from Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Adjutant-General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 2nd August 1875, No. 288.

In transmitting the accompanying letter from the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts for the information of Government, the Commander-in-Chief would draw attention to the action of the Railway authorities at the Arcotum Station in permitting Private Coopposawmy of the 27th Regiment Native Infantry to proceed in the train to Bellary, just after two of his party had died from cholera at the Arcotum Junction.

From the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, to the Adjutant-General, dated Bellary, 29th July 1875, No. 130.

I REGRET to have to report to you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that two fatal cases of cholera occurred yesterday in the family of a Sepoy of the 27th Regiment Native Infantry.

2. The accompanying copy of letter, No. 326, from the Commandant, 27th Regiment, will explain all the circumstances of the case.

3. Up to the present time, 11 A.M., no fresh cases have been reported. The family which brought the disease having been isolated, all necessary sanitary measures having been used and precautions adopted, there is every reason to hope that the disease may not spread.

From Colonel H. C. FLETCHER, Officiating Commandant, 27th Regiment Native Infantry, to the Brigade-Major, Ceded Districts, dated Bellary, 29th July 1875, No. 326.

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of the Brigadier-General Commanding, that two cases of cholera occurred in the lines of the regiment yesterday, and both proved fatal.

2. The following statement will show that the disease did not originate in the lines, and I see no reason at present to apprehend that it has taken any root, or is likely to spread.

3. Private Coopposawmy, F. Company, was returning from the Trichinopoly District with his wife and two sons (aged 4 and 3) and the mother and daughter of another private of the regiment. At Arcotum Junction the two latter died of cholera, and I understand that the Private had some difficulty in getting permission from the Railway authorities to proceed. He was, however, allowed to do so, and on the evening of Tuesday the 27th instant, he arrived at Bellary with his wife and two children, and went into his hut in the regimental lines without reporting or mentioning to any one the events of his journey.

4. The next day, yesterday, at 4 o'clock, he reported at the hospital that the younger boy, aged 3, was suffering from diarrhoea. The Hospital Assistant sent some medicine, and shortly afterwards went to see the child and found him at the point of death. In fact, he died about 4-30 P.M.

5. The wife also having symptoms of cholera was at once treated, but she also died at 11-30 P.M.

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6. The Medical Officer was in attendance last evening, and took all proper precautions against the spread of the disease, and I myself ascertained personally this morning that proper instructions have been issued, and appointed responsible officers to see them carried out under the immediate superintendence of the Hospital Assistant.

7. A tent has been pitched on a spot selected by Dr. Martin, and the Private and his remaining son will be kept therein for observation. And I have further issued orders that all arrivals in the lines are to be at once reported at the hospital, and Dr. Martin has instructed his subordinates to proceed, as soon possible, to inspect every member of the family arriving.

8. I can at present think of no other effective precautions.

Order.—Communicated to the Public Works Department (Railway).

(True Extract.)

*(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government, M.D.*

No. 366.

REFERRED to the Consulting Engineer for such remarks as the Railway authorities may have to offer in connection with this complaint.

OOTACAMUND,
5th August 1875.

*(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Major, R.E.,
Offg. Joint Secretary to Government, P.W.D.*

No. 626-A. Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 19th August 1875, No. 452.

From R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 17th August 1875, No. 860.

With reference to your letter, No. 874, of the 7th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Station Master at Arconum states that he knows nothing of the complaint referred to in the letter addressed to the Brigade-Major, Ceded Districts, by the Commandant, 27th Regiment Madras Native Infantry.

2. The Station Master adds that, as far as he is aware, there has been no cholera in or about Arconum up to the present time.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to endorsement, No. 336, dated 5th August 1875.

2. The Proceedings in the Military Department are herewith returned.

*(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.*

No. 627. ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1875, No. 2,798.

RAILWAY, No. 48-A.

The Station Master's statement is quite irreconcilable with that brought to notice by His Excellency the Commander-

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in-Chief. But it is to be remarked that the latter conveys only a general impression of the Officer Commanding the 27th Regiment Native Infantry; and that cholera had not at Arconum attacked the family in question, though their companions had fallen victims to it. That family may not, therefore, have given to the Station Master the notice required by No. II. of the Contagious Diseases Rules; and without it the Station Master does not appear to have authority to act. Under these circumstances His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the assurance of the Railway authorities may be accepted.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. A. Grubert.
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No. 3704

Sanitary Expenditures

Proceedings of the Medical Government.

4 Aug: 1875

Read the following Paper:—

Memo. from Brigadier General R. C.
Stewart, Adjutant General to the
Secretary to Government Military
Department, dated 2 August 75, 1875.

In transmitting the accompanying letter from the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, for the information of Government, the Commander-in-Chief would draw attention to the action of the Railway Authorities at the Arcotum Station in permitting Private Caspary, of the 27th Regiment B. I., to proceed in the train to Bellary, just after two of his party had died from Cholera at the Arcotum junction.

From the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts
to the Adjutant General, dated Bellary
29/8/75

29th July/75, No 130.

I regret to have to report to you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that two fatal cases of Cholera occurred yesterday in the family of a Sepoy of the 27th Regiment A.I.

2. The accompanying copy of letter No 326 from the Commandant of the Regiment will explain all the circumstances of the case.

3. Up to the present time - 11 A.M. - no fresh cases have been reported. The family which brought the disease having been isolated, all necessary sanitary measures having been used, and precautions adopted, there is every reason to hope that the disease may not spread.

From Colonel W. C. Fletcher, A.I.C., Commandant 27th Regt. A.I. to the Brigade Major Ceded District, dated Bellary, 29th July/75, No 326.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Brigadier General Commanding, that two cases of cholera occurred

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occurred in the lines of the Regiment yesterday, and both proved fatal.

3. The following statement will show that the disease did not originate in the lines, and I am, as yet, at present, not apprehensive that it has taken any root or is likely to spread. Private Coopersawmy, of the Company, was returning from the Sickingholy District with his wife and two sons (aged 6 and 3) and the mother and daughter of another private of the Regiment. At Arconim Junction, the two latter died of Cholera, and I understand that the Private had some difficulty in getting permission from the Railway authorities to proceed. He was however allowed to do so, and on the evening of Tuesday, the 27th instant, he arrived at Bellary with his wife and 2 children, and went into his hut in the Regimental lines, without reporting or mentioning to any one the events of his journey.

4. The next day - yesterday - it is related, he reported at the hospital that the younger boy, aged 3, was suffering

suffering from diarrhoea. The Hospital Assistant sent some medicine, and shortly afterwards went to see the child & found him at the point of death. In fact, he died about 6.30 p.m.

The wife also having symptoms of cholera was at once treated, but she also died at 11.30 p.m.

The Medical Officer was in attendance last evening, and took all proper precautions against the spread of the disease, and I myself maintained personally that proper instructions have been issued and appointed responsible officers to see them carried out under the immediate superintendence of the Hospital Assistant.

A disinfectant tent has been pitched on a spot selected by Dr. Martin, and the Printer and his assistants will be kept therein for observation. And I have further issued orders that all arrivals in the line are to be at once reported at the Hospital, and Dr. Martin has instructed his subordinates to proceed as soon as possible to inspect every

every member of the family arriving.
I can at present think of no other effective precautions.

Order. Communicated to the Public Works Department (Railway).

(True Extract)
Ministerial Secretary to Government

To The Public Works Department.

No. 860

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE.

Madras, 17th August 1875.

From

Robert B. Elwin Esq.

Agent and Manager. M. R. Company

To

Lieut Colonel J. H. M. Shaw Stuart R.E.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

Enclosures
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With reference to your letter of the 7th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the station master at Arcanum states that he knows nothing of the complaint referred to in the letter addressed to the Brigade Major, Ceded Districts, by the Commandant, 27th Regiment, Madras Native Infantry. The station master adds that as far as he is aware there has been no cholera in or about Arcanum up to the present time.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

R. B. Elwin

Agent and Manager

No. 336

Referred to the

conducting Engineer,
for such remarks
as the Railway
Authority may have
to offer in connection
with this complaint.

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Nothing else.

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 From
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 To
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 M. M. M.
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 CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
 Madras, 19th August 1875.
 To
 The Secretary to Government,
 Public Works Department,
 Fort Saint George.

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The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort St. George.

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Enclosures. 2

Submitting letter
from the Agent in Charge
reporting upon the
occurrence of cholera
at a station.

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Proceedings of the Madras Local Board.
Read the following
No. in the Public Dept. (P. W. Dept. No. 5704 of 4 Aug 75)
from the Consulting. Eng. (No. 452 of 19-8-75)

It is deemed that
the report of the Railway
authorities is at variance
with the statement of the
Officer Commanding the
Regiment. Col. Fletcher
reports that two of the party
died of cholera at the
common junction, and
that in consequence the
Native authorities hesitated
about the there to proceed
on their journey. This is
wholly irreconcilable with
the Annual contained in the

given to the Station Master
the notice required by
No. II of the Contagious
Diseases Rules; and without
it the Station Master does
not appear to have authority
to act. Under these circum-
stances His Excellency &
Governor in Council is of
opinion that the assurance
of the Railway authorities
may be accepted.

[Signature]

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Complaint made against
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Commanding the 27 Regt
for permitting a woman to
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