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No. 114. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, to the President of the Sanitary Commission, Bengal, dated Fort William, 16th January 1866, No. 535.

Home Department.

I am directed to forward to you the accompanying copy of a communication, dated the 20th ultimo, from the French Consul General in this city, and to request that you will have the goodness to furnish him, at an early date, with such information as the Sanitary Commission may be able to afford on the subject of his letter.

2. The Local Governments and Administrations throughout India, and the Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department, will be requested to give you every assistance in their power towards enabling you to obtain information upon all points regarding which further inquiry may appear to you to be required. You are accordingly requested to communicate, if necessary, with these authorities, and you are authorized to apply to any Department which may possess information which you think it important to obtain.

Nos. 536 to 543.

Copy of this letter forwarded to the Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces, and Punjab; and to Chief Commissioners, Oude, British Burmah, and Central Provinces, with a request that they will be good enough to comply with any request for information that the President of the Bengal Sanitary Commission may prefer on the special subject referred to in the letter.

(Signed) E. C. BAYLEY,
Secretary to the Government of India.

From T. LOMBARD, Esq., Consul General of France, to E. C. BAYLEY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; dated Calcutta, 20th December 1865.

The Government of His Majesty the Emperor of the French has called upon me, through the Minister of Foreign Affairs, to make a report on the Asiatic Cholera; but as I find it impossible to answer the different questions which are addressed to me, having no official documents treating on the subject, I have the honor to beg of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council to assist me in the matter, by causing the Sanitary Commission of Bengal to furnish me with all the information necessary to enable me to reply to His Excellency Monsr. Drouyn de Lhuys.

2. As you are aware a Sanitary Commission is about to assemble at Constantinople to treat the subject of cholera in all its bearings, I think that the advice and opinion of men so well versed in the matter as the professional Doctors comprising the Sanitary Commission of Bengal will considerably assist the solution of the subject. Moreover, as you will see by the accompanying questions, which I beg to hand you herein enclosed, it would be very difficult for me to make a satisfactory reply without the advice and aid of scientific gentlemen.

Questions on Cholera.

1.—Is the delta of the Ganges, as is generally believed in Europe, the permanent source of cholera?

2.—This year it was imported into Egypt by the pilgrims who returned from Mecca; but had not these pilgrims brought with them the germ of the disease from their original country?

3.—Did not these pilgrims count in their number some Mussulmen who came from the districts of India where cholera was raging?

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- 4.—What is, in general, the rise, progress, and advance of cholera in British India, and what are its chief characteristics?
- 5.—Are there any official documents published on cholera, and are those documents procurable?
- 6.—In what districts does cholera generally break out, and what are the localities where it rages more or less permanently?
- 7.—Have any particular phenomena manifested themselves this year, and if so, what are they?
- 8.—Was the cholera unusually violent this year?
- 9.—About what time did it break out?
- 10.—What is the number of deaths this year, amidst the Native or European population, during the Indian commercial year?
- 11.—What is the number, on an average, of the pilgrims who left India this year for Mecca; from what part did they start, and what was their sanitary condition at the time of starting?
- 12.—What measures, in your opinion, should be resorted to in order to check the evil, and to extirpate it, if possible, at its origin?

No. 115. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1866, No. 103.

Communicated to the Sanitary Commission and to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, who will comply, as far as may be in their power, with any application for information which the Sanitary Commission, Bengal, may make on the subject of the proposed inquiry.

(True Extract).

the President of the Sanitary Commission.

Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

No. 535.

FROM

E. C. BAYLEY, ESQUIRE,
Secy. to the Govt. of India,

TO

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E. C. Bayley
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Handwritten signature 'Wm' and 'J. G.' in black ink. The 'Wm' is on the left, and 'J. G.' is on the right, both written in a cursive style.

to the ^{Pres. of the} Literary Commission
• Pres. & Prof. Prof. Mrs. D. P. } despatch 2/2/16

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