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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
6th August 1866.*

No. 32. Read the following letter from the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 25th July 1866, No. 272.

I have the honor to forward a letter received to day from the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Northern Division, reporting upon the state of health of the Jail and Town of Vizagapatam.

2. Cholera, which had only before prevailed in the Jail, has appeared in the Town.

3. Mr. Mayer seems to consider the out-break dependent upon the appearance of about 1000 poor people, and has urgently pressed upon the Collector to send them out of the Town.

4. I am afraid Mr. Mayer's suggestion could not well be acted upon—these poor creatures have, most probably, been driven into Vizagapatam by starvation outside—but it would be well that the Collector and the Municipal Commission be called upon to take measures to prevent any insanitary results arising from the crowding of these people together, and insisting upon the places where they congregate being kept free from any accumulation of filth, &c.

5. There being at present only one Medical Officer at Waltair and Vizagapatam, I have considered it right to send another there; and Assistant Surgeon Farquhar, Assistant Garrison Surgeon, Bangalore, proceeds to Vizagapatam by the next coasting steamer.

From J. E. MAYER, Esq., Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Northern District, to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, Madras; dated Waltair, 18th July 1866, No. 473.

In reference to Telegram received last night, from the Principal Inspector General, I have the honor to state, for his further information, and in explanation of the telegram despatched by me this morning, that the cases in the Jail are neither so numerous nor so severe as they were at first. I attribute this amelioration to the occupation of an empty block of the new Jail, scarcely, it is true, in a proper state to receive prisoners, but which, compared with the over-crowding that was dependent on the location of so many men in the temporary Jail, is a minor evil. The Principal Inspector General is already aware of the unavailing efforts made to obtain tents. Some additional huts (as many as the space will admit of) have been ordered.

2. A report from Dr. Andrews has just been put into my hands, dated the 17th instant, which should have reached me yesterday, but did not do so. This informs me that Cholera has appeared in the town, which has lately given out in several parts fetid effluvia, dependent on the number of poor people (stated to be over a thousand) who have lately come into Vizagapatam.

3. I have addressed the Collector, pressing him urgently to send these unfortunate wretches out of the Town. Their habits are filthy in the extreme, and, unless they are removed, the disease will assuredly break out in greater intensity. Perhaps the Principal Inspector General, under these circumstances, would move the Government to direct Mr. Carmichael to be as speedy as possible in clearing the Town. I shall report again in a day or two.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1866, No. 777.

Communicated to the Collector, who will, in communication with the Municipal Commissioners, adopt such measures as may be practicable for preserving the health of the people.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Vizagapatam.

„ Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

„ Inspector General of Jails.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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R. H. "

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No 2263.

Yours
The Offr. of the
Med. Department
The Chief Secretary
to Government

Dated 25th July 1866
No 2263
In 7. 4 Aug.

No 985
Towards letter from
The Depy. Secy of the
Latham Division, regarding
the state of health of the
Sail & Crew of the
with observations

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To the City of New York
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for the City of New York
helpful of such } Sept 7/8