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Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
3rd August 1869.

No. 12. Read the following letter from the Committee for inquiry into Cholera in India, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 22nd July 1869.

We have the honour to submit our report, under the Order of Government in the Public Department, No. 781, of the 10th June 1869, as to the course to be pursued in conducting the inquiry, suggested by the Army Sanitary Commission, into cholera in India.

2. The opinion of the Committee is embodied in the following resolutions adopted at their meetings of the 8th and 12th instants :—

RESOLUTION 1.—“ The Committee resolve to recommend that authority be “ granted to the Inspector General of the Indian Medical Department to print in the “ Government Press sufficient copies of the Register for recording cholera cases,” and of the “ Instructions for conducting an inquiry into cholera in India for issue “ to all Commissioned Medical Officers, and that the Register do constitute one of the “ official records of every Military and Civil Hospital.”

3. These Registers will require slight modifications to meet the requirements of Native Troops, prisoners in Jails, and Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries. Forms showing the proposed modifications which extend only to the first few columns of the “ Register” are appended, and if approved by Government, the printing will at once be put in hand.

RESOLUTION 2.—“ Resolved that Mr. Ranking be requested to communicate “ with the Board of Revenue, as to the practicability of adding ‘ bowel-complaints’ to “ the diseases by which mortality is now tabulated in the Provinces, in view to “ giving effect to the suggestions at page 4, (Section II., Statistics of Cholera and “ Diarrhoea,) of the “ Instructions,” regarding a *daily* record of any evident increase “ of bowel-complaints and fevers.

4. Subsequent to the meeting at which the resolution was adopted, Mr. Ranking in his capacity as Sanitary Commissioner received from the Chief Secretary to Government a scheme proposed by the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, for registration of births, deaths, and marriages throughout India upon one uniform plan.

The tabular form A. by this scheme contains, we think, just the information required. It is a *daily* return. In the course of Mr. Ranking held with the Revenue Board he took their opinion upon the scheme referred to, which was quite favourable to the practicability of its adoption. We recommend that it be carried out in this Presidency, as meeting the requirements of this inquiry.

RESOLUTION 3.—“ That separate daily returns of deaths by cholera be rendered “ by competent authority for all towns and villages at which cholera may prevail, “ such daily returns to be continued throughout the prevalence of the epidemic.”

5. Mr. Ranking took the sense of the Revenue Board also upon this point, and he was instructed to report that daily returns of this nature could be furnished through the agency of the Police for all large towns, but that there would be great difficulty in obtaining them from small villages.

We, therefore, recommend that daily returns of cholera deaths in all large towns, when cholera prevails, be transmitted by the Police to the Registrar General (Sanitary Commissioner) in the form given below :—

RETURN of Cholera deaths for the _____ day of _____ 1869.

Name of Town.	POPULATION.		CHOLERA DEATHS.			Date of first death.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.	

The Police in large towns should be furnished with printed slips in this form for daily transmission by post, and it would be a convenience if they were printed in a form to admit of being folded into a letter superscribed *Cholera Report* so as to attract immediate attention.

The Sanitary Commissioner on receipt of these daily returns might tabulate the deaths by districts, and communicate the results to the Heads of the British and Indian Medical Departments for communication to Deputy Inspectors General of Divisions and Circles, who, in their turn, would communicate them to Medical Officers of Prisons, and other public institutions, as laid down at page 2 of the Instructions.

RESOLUTION 4.—“ That provision be made in the Municipal Act (X. of 1865) “ now undergoing revision for a census being taken of all Municipal towns, and an “ accurate registration of all deaths by Cholera, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, and Fevers.”

6. The forms proposed by Colonel Malleon, referred to in paragraph 4 of this letter, will meet the requirements of this resolution :—

RESOLUTION 5.—“ That a Medical Officer be selected and appointed for the special inquiry contemplated in Section 5 of the “ Instructions.”

RESOLUTION 6.—“ That a selected Medical Officer be attached to the Cholera “ Hospital sanctioned in G. O. G., No. 720, of 31st May 1869, to carry out the “ special investigations referred to in Section 6 of the said “ Instructions.”

7. In regard to Resolution No. 5, we are unanimously of opinion that the Medical Officer most likely to do justice to the special inquiry therein referred to, is Surgeon Cornish, whom we beg to recommend to Government for these duties.

8. In suggesting the above course of procedure to give effect to the order of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State in regard to the inquiry, we think it necessary to remark that the transmission of daily returns of deaths by cholera throughout the Presidency, will necessarily entail some additional expenditure both in the Provinces, and at the Office of the Sanitary Commissioner in the entertainment of additional Clerks.

9. We would further advise that circular orders be issued by the Heads of the British and Indian Medical Services, respectively, to all Medical Officers inviting them to contribute, as far as lies in their power, to the points of investigation noted in Section 4 of the “ Instructions”—Movement of cholera—reporting the same to the Deputy Inspector General of their Circle or Division, in view to that officer carefully registering all facts of that nature for transmission with his reports, as laid down in the “ Instructions.”

10. In regard to the agency through which the information to be collected shall be transmitted, it appears to be the intention of the Army Sanitary Commission as refers to the Army that it should be through the Medical Department as indicated in their Memorandum.

The reports drawn up by Medical Officers specially selected to carry out the local inquiries to be instituted, are also to be sent to their respective “ Principal Medical Officers,” by whom they would be forwarded to the Government for transmission to the India Office.

11. The labour of reducing the facts collected, and of determining what are, and what are not, the laws of the movement of the disease, it is the intention, we apprehend, of the Army Sanitary Commission to undertake themselves.

12. The instructions are so full and detailed in themselves, that when Medical officers are in possession of the “ Registers” and “ Instructions”; when Officers have been selected for the special inquiries; and all Medical Officers, Civil and Military, have been invited to contribute as their opportunities may offer to questions referred to in Section 4; and when the new forms of Mortuary Returns proposed by the Government of India are adopted throughout the Presidency for Revenue Circles, Municipal Towns, and all large towns, every thing will have been done that it is in the power of the Committee to recommend to carry out the instructions conveyed in the Despatch No. 10, (Sanitary), of the 23rd April, from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State.

A.

FOR NATIVE TROOPS.

N. B.—Subsequent columns are as in original Register.

Number of case.	Name.	Age.	Caste.	Sex.		Date and hour of attack.	Patient attacked in Barracks, on Guard, in Hospital, or in Lines.	If in Barracks, racks, number of Barrack; if in Lines, number of house.	If in Barracks, number of occupants and cubic and superficial space to each. If in Lines, number of people in house.
				Male.	Female.				
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The above Register can be used for both Officers; Non-Commissioned Officers and families; European Officers and wives and children of the same to be entered in red-ink.

B.

FOR CIVIL HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

Number of case.	Name.	Caste.	Sex.		Age.	Patient brought from (give name of town or village), or attacked in the Institution or Hospital.	If brought from village, give street and number of house.
			Male.	Female.			
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N. B.—Europeans to be entered in red-ink.

C.

JAILS.

Number of case.	Name.	Caste.	Sex.		Age.	Class (convicted, under trial debtors).	Number of Block or Cell.	Number of occupants and amount of cubic and superficial space to each.	Ventilation, good or insufficient.
			Male.	Female.					
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No. 13.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd August 1869, No. 1072.

His Excellency the Governor in Council approves of the proposed modifications of the "Register for recording cholera cases" necessary to render it applicable to Native troops, Jails, and Civil Hospitals, and directs the adoption of the registers as official records of every Civil and Military Hospital. The Inspector General of the Indian Medical Department, and the Inspector General of Jails, will submit indents for the copies required for their respective departments.

2. The Acting Inspector General of Police and the Commissioner of Police, Madras, are requested to arrange for the transmission, to the Sanitary Commissioner, of the daily records of deaths from cholera according to the proposed form. The returns might be furnished from every Police Station in the Mofussil.

3. The fourth resolution passed by the Committee will be communicated in the Legislative Department, to the Honourable A. J. Arbuthnot, the Member in charge of the Bill for the revision of Act X. of 1865, (Madras.)

4. The Inspector General of the Indian Medical Department is requested to select a Medical Officer to be attached to the projected Cholera Hospital on the outbreak of epidemic. Dr. Mackenzie will also make arrangements for placing the services of Dr. Cornish at the disposal of Government for the purpose of making the special inquiry contemplated in Section 5 of the Instructions; and the Government desire to receive a report of the places which may be chosen by Dr. Cornish for his investigations.

5. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Committee's letter, the Sanitary Commissioner will report what expenditure for additional Clerks in his office for the reduction of the daily reports will be required. As the transmission of the reports from the Provinces is to devolve upon the Police, it does not appear that any expenditure beyond that for stationery and printing will be necessary in the Provinces. The Inspector General of Police will report on this point.

6. The Inspectors General of the British Medical Service and Indian Medical Department are requested to issue Circular orders, as suggested in paragraph 9, to Medical Officers under their control, with a view to enlisting their cooperation in collecting information on the points referred to in Section 4 of the "Instructions."

7. The Government concur in the suggestions and remarks contained in paragraphs 10 and 11. They observe that orders have been separately passed regarding the adoption of Colonel Malleon's forms for the registration of births, deaths, and marriages.

8. Copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded to the Secretary of State and the Government of India, Home Department, for their information.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Actg. Secy. to Govt.

No. 14. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort Saint George, 3rd August 1869, No. 1073.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to transmit, for the information of the Government of India, copies of the Proceedings of this Government noted in the margin, making arrangements for carrying out in this Presidency the orders of the Secretary of State in his despatch, dated the 23rd April 1869, No. 10, (Sanitary,) regarding the inquiry into cholera in India, and the system of recording cholera cases, which were suggested in the Memorandum and instructions drawn up by the War Office Sanitary Commission, and received with the despatch above referred to.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Actg. Secy. to Govt.

Exd. J. Wright.

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From, No 3 Aug 1869

The Committee for inquiry
into Cholera in India

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort St. George.

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Submits with reference to
No. 781 dated 10th June 1869
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suggested by the Army Medical
Commission.

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From the Government of
Fort St. George

Dated 3rd Aug. 1869.

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Transmitting Proceedings of this Government
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the system of recording cholera cases.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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