

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

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Office of Inspr General, Sur^g Med^l Deptt.
Fort St. George 5th August 1869.

From
The Inspector General
Sur^g Med^l Deptt.
Fort St. George

To
The Chief Secy: to Government
Public Department,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

It is with much pleasure I have to report, for the information of Government, that the precautionary measures taken on the first appearance of Cholera in Madras last month, with the view of preventing if possible the spread of the disease, have hitherto been most successful.

2. To the adoption of these precautions, - which have ensured the promptest Medical aid to all persons attacked, and attention to the Sanitary state of infected localities, - it is, I believe, in a great measure owing that the disease has not yet assumed an epidemic form, - and I trust that by their continuance this calamity may be entirely averted.

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2. The carrying out of the arrangements referred to has, however, brought prominently to light the extremely unsatisfactory condition of the districts in which Cholera has chiefly shown itself; - viz (Chin-landrapettah, the neighbourhood of Harris's Bridge, and opposite the Penitentiary).

4. In one of the Parishes in these districts, - visited a few days ago by Mr Duff, - there are no main drains; - the house-drains were found in a most filthy and dangerous condition; - and the inhabitants were using for drinking and cooking purposes water full of all kinds of impurities, - not knowing, apparently, - where, within a reasonable distance, good water could be procured.

5. In another place the main and side drains were found about one third full of "the most fetid black fluid filth, giving out the rankest emanations," and accumulating day by day additions from the house-drains, in the absence of any means of flushing.

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6. These facts have been brought to the notice of the Municipal authorities, - and a very similar state of things existing in Moor street, Black Town has likewise been reported by the Health Officers of Madras. - All that can be accomplished with the means available is, I believe, being done; - but without in any way reflecting on the Municipal Sanitary Inspector, I must express my conviction that the evil is too gigantic to be effectually dealt with by him alone; - and it seems to me that the time has come when the Municipality should appoint a professional Health Officer to advise them in matters of sanitation.

7. In conclusion I feel it to be due to Mr Duff, on whom, in the absence of the Deputy Inspector General of the Division, the carrying out of preventive arrangements has devolved, - to record my high sense of the energy and ability with

with which this duty has been performed-

Have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant.

~~Wm. L. Garrison~~

Inspector General
Sur. Med. Dept.

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Public Secy. Depart^t
The Inspector General Indian
Medical Depart^t
Forst Surge
No 294

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The Chief Secy. to Govt.
Public Secy.
Forst Surge

Dated 5th August
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States that the arrange-
ments adopted for the
prevention of cholera
in Madras have been
successful.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
11th August 1869.

No. 68. Read the following letter from W. MACKENZIE, Esq., M.D., Inspector General of the Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 5th August 1869, No. 294.

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No. 69. ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1869, No. 1117.

His Excellency the Governor in Council learns with much satisfaction that the measures taken for preventing the spread of cholera in the town of Madras have been hitherto attended with success.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
11th August 1869.

2. The letter of the Inspector General of the Indian Medical Department will be communicated to the President of the Municipal Commission, who is requested to lay before the Municipal Commissioners the suggestion made by Dr. Mackenzie, in which the Government concur, that a professional Health Officer should, as in the other capitals in India, be added to the Municipal establishment of the town of Madras.

3. The thanks of Government are due to Dr. Duff for the energy with which he has given effect to the arrangements devised by Dr. Mackenzie for preventing the extension of cholera.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of the Indian Medical Department.
„ President of the Municipal Commission for the Town of
„ Sanitary Commissioner.
„ Commissioner of Police.

Ed. A. Rodgers.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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(Here enter 5th August/69. No 294.)

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To
The Insp. Genl. Secy. Dept.
Pres. of Madras ^{in the name of the Govt.} }
Sanitary Commissioner -
Commissioner of Police }
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To
The Insp. Genl. & Med. Dept.
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Dated Aug. 11. } 1869, No. 1117.
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Passing orders with
reference to the measures
taken for preventing
the spread of Cholera
in the Town of Madras.

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