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*Proceedings of the Madras Government Public Department,
25th August 1869.*

No. 184. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, (Sanitary,) to the Governments of Bengal, (Judicial Department,) the North-Western Provinces, the Punjab, the Chief Commissioners of Oudh, Central Provinces, British Burmah, Coorg, and the Resident at Hyderabad; dated Simla, 21st July 1869, Nos. 310-17.

In continuation of the letter from this Department, Nos. 282—289, dated the 30th ultimo, I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a communication, No. 470, dated the 21st idem, from the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, and to request that the Lieutenant Governor ^{you} will favour the Government of India with an expression of opinion on the arrangements proposed by Dr. Cunningham for furnishing the Military authorities with early information in regard to the outbreak of cholera.

2. I am also to request that, if there be no objection, the suggestions of Dr. Cunningham may be, as far as they are practicable, carried out at once.

From J. M. CUNINGHAM, Esq., M. D., Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department; dated Simla, 21st June 1869, No. 470.

In accordance with the instructions conveyed in your letter, No. 237, dated the 15th instant, and with the orders of the Government in the Military Department, (No. 154, dated the 7th idem,) therewith forwarded, I have the honour to report that I placed myself in immediate communication with Army Head-quarters, and that the following arrangements, which I propose for adoption, have the approval of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

2. At present in most parts of the Upper and Central Provinces, District Officers receive monthly Mortuary Reports from their Revenue or Police subordinates. If the recommendations for insuring more accurate information regarding deaths among the general population, which are contained in my letter to the Home Department, No. 112, dated 28th February 1869, are carried into effect, such returns will be forwarded from all Registration Circles and Towns in Form B.

3. When cholera appears in a district, I would suggest that *daily* reports should be furnished from each Registration Circle and Town to the District Officer, and that an English copy of these should be at once forwarded to the Officer Commanding any Military Cantonment within its limits in which European troops are quartered. A very simple form, such as the following, will suffice for such reports:—

Name of place.	Date.	Number of deaths from cholera reported.

4. In order that the information may be complete, the Officer in medical charge of any Jail within the district should also be required, when cases of cholera occur among the prisoners, to forward a daily report of similar nature and form to the District Officer, and this should be sent on to the Commanding Officer along with the District reports already mentioned

5. I would, therefore, recommend that orders to the above effect should be issued, and as cholera threatens to be generally epidemic in the Upper Provinces, it is very desirable that they should be carried into effect with the least possible delay.

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6. In order that the course and probable progress of any epidemic may be watched, and the necessary precautions timely adopted, whenever it threatens to advance especially in Military Cantonments occupied by European soldiers, the earliest information of the presence of the disease in any locality should be communicated to the Sanitary Commissioner, and I have, therefore, proposed, with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, that the daily reports received from the District authorities by Commanding Officers should be forwarded at once to the Quartermaster General for His Excellency's information, and then sent on without delay to this office. In this manner the labour of preparing duplicate copies of the same returns will be avoided.

7. A *resumé* of the information obtained from these, as well as all the other sources available, I propose to include in my monthly proceedings for the information of the Government in all Departments, and of all the other authorities by whom these proceedings are received.

8. The urgent necessity of obtaining accurate information regarding cholera, I would urge as an additional reason for impressing on all the authorities concerned the extreme importance of collecting mortuary statistics of the general population with the greatest care, and I venture to hope that early orders will be issued regarding the proposals contained in my letter, No. 112, already referred to, so that any general plan of operations which may be decided on may be fully explained before the close of the current year, and come into force by the commencement of 1870.

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No. 319.

Copy of the above Circular and of the letter from the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India therein referred to, forwarded to the Government of Madras, for information.

(Signed) E. C. BAYLEY.
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 185. ORDER THEREON, 25th August 1869, No. 1190.

To be recorded.
(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 310/17

FROM

E. C. BAYLEY, Esq.,
Secretary to the Govt. of India,

To

*The Govt. of Bengal (Jud. Dept.) - the N.W. Prov. - the Punjab
the C. of India - Central Prov. - Burma - Ceylon - Andamans
Home Dept. Sanitary.*

SIMLA, the 21 July 1869.

SIR,

IN continuation of the letter from this Department, No. x, dated the 30th ultimo, I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a communication No. 470, dated the 21st idem, from the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, and to request that ~~the Government~~ will favour the Government of India with an expression of opinion on the arrangements proposed by Dr. Cunningham for furnishing the Military authorities with early information in regard to the outbreak of cholera.

2. I am also to request that, if there be no objection, the suggestions of Dr. Cunningham may be, as far as they are practicable, carried out at once.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

E. C. BAYLEY,

Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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