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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
2nd February 1869.*

No. 24. Read the following letter from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, (Sanitary,) to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Simla, 10th November 1868, No. 162.

In accordance with Resolution, No. 1580, dated 1st August 1860, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Madras, the accompanying copy of the paper noted on the margin.

Letter to the Government of the Punjab, No. 159, dated 7th November 1868.

From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, (Sanitary,) to the Secretary to the Government of the Punjab and its Dependencies; dated Simla, 7th November 1868, No. 159.

The attention of the Governor General in Council has been attracted by certain passages in the report on the Sanitary Administration of the Punjab for the year 1867, relating to the prevalence of cholera at the Hill Sanitaria of the Province.

2. In his 44th paragraph Dr. DeRenzy shows that the death-rate at Simla from cholera was 8·3 per mille; a rate considerably higher than that of any other district except Kohat. At Murree the deaths were 193. Again, in paragraph 137, the Sanitary Commissioner specially notices the ravages of this disease at the Punjab Hill Sanitaria, and expresses a definite opinion as to the causes by which the development of the epidemic was assisted.

3. The action taken by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor on these representations of the Sanitary Commissioner appears, from the 4th paragraph of the orders upon the report, to have consisted in referring to the several Municipal Committees of Simla, Dalhousie, Dhurmsala, and Murree, the consideration of the question how best to prevent the pollution of the water-supply.

4. The Governor General in Council trusts that this subject will not be lost sight of by the Punjab Government. The proper conservation of these Sanitaria is a matter of the greatest importance to the whole European community, and especially so now that the Railway gives annually increasing facilities of access. Where there were formerly only a few scattered houses, large populous towns are rapidly growing up, and it is absolutely necessary that measures of conservancy should keep pace with the growing community. It is almost anomalous that a Sanitarium should head the cholera list of a Province, and, notwithstanding the admitted improvements of the last few years, the Governor General in Council fears that nothing but a continued neglect of the simplest sanitary principles could have brought about such a result.

5. The Governor General in Council would suggest that the statements of Dr. DeRenzy, with regard to the pollution of the water-supply at Simla and Dalhousie, should be tested by scientific analysis; that the Sanitary Commissioner should proceed to the spot to devise the proper remedies for the evil; that his attention should be directed not only to the improvement, but to the increase of the water-supply; that the Local Authorities should be held responsible that the measures suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner are properly carried out; and that the Municipal Committees, where they exist, should, if necessary, be strengthened with a view to their Conservancy Rules being stringently enforced. The statement of Dr. DeRenzy that "the prevalence of cholera in these naturally healthy stations" is chiefly owing to preventible causes, are, if well-founded, a reproach to Government, and the Governor General in Council trusts that the Lieutenant-Governor will issue such orders as will ensure there being no foundation for them in future reports.

No. 160.

Copy forwarded for information to the Government of the North-Western Provinces.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
2nd February 1869.*

No. 161.

Copy forwarded to the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India for information.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 2nd February 1869, No. 147.

Communicated to the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, to the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, and to the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras.

„ Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.

„ Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills.

No. 102

FROM

A. P. HOWELL, ESQUIRE,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India,

TO

*The Secretary to the Govt. of
Fort St. George.*

SIR,

Simla, the 10th November 1868.

HOME DEPT.
Sanitary.

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No. 159, dated 7th November 1868.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. P. Howell
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

GOVT. OF 1860 20th Nov.

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To

THE SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Madrass

Dated February, 2nd.

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G. O., 2nd February 1869, No 117.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 24-25.

Communicating letter from the Government of India, forwarding, for information, a paper relating to the prevalence of cholera at Fort St. George.

From
Secy to Govt. of India
Home Dept.
No 152

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The staff of
the office

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paper relating to the prevalence
of Cholera at Hill Sanitaria.

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Communicated to the Secretary
Commissioner, Boston, & the Secretary
General, Paris Medical Dept. and to
the Commissioners of the Anti-Slavery Society

The Jackson Comm. has been
 advised by Prof. J. W. Diller
 of the same, and the following



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To

The Sanitary Commr.
Madras.

24th Feb. 2.

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