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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1545	Press
	(Bms 109-110)	~~Mis.~~
Dated	14-11-	1869

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
17th November 1869.

No. 109. Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 4th November 1869, No. 49.

In my letter to your address, dated 27th September last, No. 43, I had the honour to report, for the information of Government, an outbreak of cholera at the railway station at Pothanoor and its vicinity. I then stated that the epidemic had first appeared on the 23rd idem. I have since learned that it broke out on the 21st, from which date till the 22nd ultimo hardly a day elapsed without a fresh case being reported.

2. The enclosed statement furnished by the Superintendent of Police shows that, at Pothanoor and the adjacent villages, there were, during the period referred to, seventy-one cases, of which forty cases or fifty-six per cent. proved fatal. Five cases were reported in Coimbatore town, of which two proved fatal; but these formed a portion of the seventy-one above referred to, and inquiry made directly they were reported proved that they had been brought in.

3. In my letter quoted above, I stated that I lost no time in proceeding with my Head Assistant, Mr. Galton, to the spot in view to doing all that could be done to arrest the spread of the disease. As long as it lasted the locality was constantly visited by one or both of us, and—thanks to the ready assistance afforded by the Civil Surgeon and Mr. Carter, the Resident Engineer of the Madras Railway Company stationed at Pothanoor—our efforts to stamp out the disease were partially successful.

4. To the latter officer my especial thanks are due, and I hope that Government will be pleased to notice favourably the valuable aid he rendered to the local authorities. When I first visited Pothanoor the squalid little village, which has sprung up in the vicinity of the station, was in as filthy a state as could be imagined. The cleanest place was the latrine which was never used, the side ditches of the road and the numerous pits from which mud had been excavated for building the huts, having been appropriated to the purpose. I saw at a glance that no half measures would be of any use. The place had to be thoroughly cleaned up, the accumulated filth deodorized, the pits filled in, and the heaps of rubbish burned. Mr. Carter, whose suggestions were most valuable and whose energy was unlimited, kindly undertook the executive, and he and his Inspector Mr. Rodrigues were at work for days from morning to night. Cholera huts were built well to the leeward of Pothanoor, and out of the line of any other village, where a dresser was deputed to attend by the Civil Surgeon, and as soon as a case occurred it was conveyed there, the leaves forming the roof of the infected hut were stripped off and burnt, the bamboo rafters tarred, the walls white-washed, and the house re-thatched. All this and more, which it would be tedious to particularize, was personally supervised by Mr. Carter.

5. I feel that the Government will expect an explanation as to why the place was in the filthy state which I have represented above. The fact is that it is under no control whatever. It is an outlying hamlet of the village of Kurichy about two miles off, and has no resident Monigar. I have a scheme in hand not yet matured for bringing the place within Municipal limits, on which I hope to report shortly. I also hope to submit (through the Consulting Engineer for Railways) in a day or

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two an estimate of the cost of acquiring the land in the vicinity of the station in view to a well-laid out town being built, and this once done there will be little difficulty in maintaining a proper state of conservancy.

6. The accompanying abstract statement shows that, in carrying out the sanitary arrangements detailed above, I have incurred charges to the extent of Rupees 448-13-8, for the payment of which I request sanction, and which, under the circumstances of the case, the Government will not, I hope, consider extravagant. I took upon myself to make a present of Rupees 20 to Mr. Rodrigues whose services were made available by Mr. Carter. He worked hard for nearly a month, and had some very nasty work to do. Detailed accounts of the expenditure also accompany this letter.

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1869, No. 1575.

The Government have received with regret the detailed account of the severe outbreak of cholera which has recently occurred at the Railway Station at Pothanoor and its vicinity. All that could be done to mitigate the severity of the attack, and to prevent the spread of the epidemic, appears to have been done by the local authorities under the judicious direction of Mr. Sullivan, the Acting Magistrate.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council requests Mr. Sullivan to convey to Mr. Carter, the Resident Engineer of the Madras Railway, the thanks of the Government for the very efficient assistance afforded by him in devising and carrying into effect the sanitary measures which were necessary.

3. The Government approve of the payment of twenty rupees to the Railway Inspector, whose services were given by Mr. Carter to the Magistrate.

4. The expenditure, amounting to Rupees 448-13-8, is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

to the Magistrate of Coimbatore, with enclosures returned.

„ Accountant-General.

„ Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department.

„ Sanitary Commissioner.

„ Board of Revenue.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

Acting Magistrate of Coimbatore
/ Resd order 4 Nov: 1869. N. 69/

Order thereon 17 November 1869. N. 1575.

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Govt. of 1869 Madras.

PUBLIC.

To

THE MAGISTRATE OF COIMBATORE.

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Dated November, 17th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 17th November 1869, No. 1575.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 109-110.

Passing orders on the report submitted of the
recent outbreak of cholera at the Railway Station
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to the Magistrate of Combaratore - with enclosure 3
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 a. a. a. Commissioner
 Board of Revenue

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COMM. OF 1869 CITY ADMS.

Public

To

The Mayor of Cincinnati
Ohio

Dated *Nov 27* } 1869, No. *1095*
Recd.

Nos. *1099 & 1100.*

Passing notice on the
report submitted of
the amount and date
of election at the
Railway Station at
Cincinnati