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No. 1300.

FROM THE HON. R. S. ELLIS, C.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT (SANITARY).

SIR,

With reference to your letter, dated the 20th August last, No. 299, I am directed to transmit copy of a letter* from the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, and of the Register which accompanied it, showing the experiments made at Madras for testing Professor Pettenköfer's theory relative to the origin and propagation of cholera.

* Dated 30th Sept. 1870, No. 850.

2. The experiments were confined to Madras, from funds not being available† in the Public Works Department to admit of their being tried elsewhere.

† *Vide* Procs. of this Govt. which accompanied my letter dated the 12th April 1870, No. 449.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
15th October 1870.

Chief Secretary.

From the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 30th September 1870, No. 850.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government noted in the margin, I have the honour to report, for the information of Government, that no experiments were made in any of the civil stations of this Presidency with a view of testing the theory of Professor Pettenköfer regarding the relation between the level of subsoil water and the development of cholera. Government, in their Order, No. 193, of 18th February 1870, directed this work to be deferred, as there were no funds available in the Public Works Department for sinking new wells and putting up the apparatus necessary for the experiment in the stations where the observations were recommended to be made.

G. O., No. 1158, of 13th Sept. 1870, in Public Department.

2. The only experiment made was conducted in the compound of my office from November 1869 up to April 1870, when it was discontinued under G. O., No. 448, dated 12th April 1870. The results of the daily observations then made are published in my monthly Proceedings for that period. I beg, however, to forward, herewith, a return showing the results in one table according to each month.

3. The Government of India having directed that the experiment should not be discontinued in Madras, I have the honour to inform Government, with reference to G. O., No. 907, dated 21st July 1870, that the apparatus has again been set up, and the observations renewed, from the 1st of September 1870.

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