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16th April 1870

From

H. W. Bliss Esqre
Ag Collector of
Madura

To

The Honourable R. S. Ellis
Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honour to submit the
report called for in your telegram of the 9th,
which reached me after post time on the
11th, and to which a reply has already been
forwarded by telegraph.

2 Cholera has been more or less
prevalent in Madura since the 24th of
February, on which day the 1st case occurred.
Since then 48 deaths have occurred from
the disease in the town. Immediately on
the appearance of cholera becoming
known to the Municipal Commissioners,
the ordinary Establishment of Sweepers
was materially strengthened, a thorough
inspection

inspection of the town was made, and disinfectants were freely used where necessary. These measures have continued in operation up to the present and it is intended to maintain the extra Establishment until the close of the feast — or longer if it should then appear necessary. I hope however that the disease is dying out. The Statement of deaths since the beginning of the month given in the

margin would

seem to show that

it is so. I may

add that so far

as I can judge

the disease has

not been of a very virulent type either in

the town or the District generally, and that

it has nowhere assumed an epidemic character.

Date	Number attacked	Number recovered	Number of deaths
April 1	4	"	4
2	1	"	1
3	1	"	1
4	6	2	4
5	1	"	1
6	1	"	1
7	2	1	1
8	1	"	1
9	1	"	1
10	1	"	1
11	1	"	1
12	1	1	1
Total	15	4	11

3. As regards the particular outbreak at Oolampatti mentioned in your telegram, I have the honour to note in

Date	Males	Females	Total
March 26	1	3	4
27	5	3	8
28	4	5	9
29	3	1	4
30	2	1	3
Total	15	13	28

number of deaths which have been reported from that place, as ascertained from the Superintendent of Police. The disease seems to have died out there some days before the receipt in this Office of the Communication from the Sanitary Commissioner, in which its occurrence was reported. The Doctor attached to the Office has however been sent to Oolampatti to afford what medical aid may be necessary. I am informed by the Superintendent of Police that he was at Oolampatti on the 27th ultimo, and there heard of there being Cholera in the village, but not in the Government Bandy pettah which forms its chief part. The accounts given Captain Guthrie did not lead him to think the outbreak serious. He sent however for the Sub Magistrate and gave him instructions as to the cleansing of the place. This probably was the reason why no special report on the subject was made by the Sub Magistrate to this Office. I may add that I have considered

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considerable doubts as to the correctness of the statement of deaths above given, and have directed enquiries as to its accuracy to be made.

4 Doslamputti is not on any road by which Pilgrims come in to the feast. A few of the ryots of the neighbouring vil-lages may come in but nothing more. For safety's sake, however, I have made arrange-ments to station a Dresser at the entrance of the town on that side to examine in-comers and treat or send to the Tem-porary Hospital, which has been erected close by, any who may appear to be suf-fering from disease.

5 I may add that very complete
sanitary arrangements for the efficient
conservancy of the town and neighbour-
hood during the feast have been made
on the usual plan, which has several
times before been detailed for the informa-
tion of Government. I have no reason to
apprehend an epidemic outbreak, though
it is unfortunately true that cholera
is

is more or less prevalent in a sporadic form throughout the District. I have heard today ^(12th) of a good many deaths in some of the northern villages of the Sub Division on the Caroon Road and have sent the Sub Collector's Dresser there to afford medical aid; but except in Aoslamputti I have not heard of the permanent or serious prevalence of the disease in any particular place. Cholera medicines are kept prepared and have been distributed to many of the Sub Magistrates and Police Stations.

6 Should any thing occur to render it necessary, I will make a further report. In the meantime Government may rest assured that the subject has been, and is, receiving adequate attention from the Officers of the District.

I have the honour to be

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Your most Obedt-Servant

Answer

Ag Collector

April 24th 1870

From
The City Collector
of Madison

The Chief Secretary
to Government
St. Charles

Dated 16th April 1870
Recd 21st m

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Reporting on the
valence of Charles
Madison and Madison
batter.

22nd 1870
Wait on Order

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To
The Sanitary Commr.
for

Dated April 27

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Concerning the report from the
Madr. of Madura on the
prevalence of Cholera at
Madura & Channarayana.