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Read the following papers:—

No. 58. From the Acting Joint Magistrate in charge, Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madura, 8th April 1870, No. 105.

I have the honour to report on the sanitary measures taken in hand at the Panguni Uttaram festival* at Pulni, which commenced on the 11th ultimo, and lasted for ten days.

* Erroneously called Vasandum feast in the Actg. Magte.'s letter, 18th Feb. 1870, No. 52.

2. The number of people visiting the feast is estimated to have been 20,000. I regret to say that among them there was a somewhat serious outbreak of cholera, which indeed has, for the last month or two, been present in a sporadic form very generally throughout the district. At Pulni some fifty people were attacked and twenty-six died; and of the returning pilgrims a few are reported to have died of the disease on their way to their respective homes. No doubt, however, the mortality at Pulni would have been greater had it not been for the presence of the dresser, attached to the Sub-Collector's office, who rendered medical aid to many, and whose treatment appears to have been very fairly successful. On the other hand the mortality on the road of the returning pilgrims was probably increased by the injudicious conduct of the Taluq Sheristadar in charge of the Pulni Taluq, who seems to have used every exertion to disperse the sick as well as the healthy visitors on the outbreak of the disease, instead of doing his utmost to prevent its spread by the retention, so far as possible, of the sick, until cured, in the hospital specially built for the purpose. The Taluq Sheristadar is also much to blame for having left me to learn from rumour that cholera had become epidemic at Pulni, so that it was not until a comparatively late date that it was known to be necessary to take special measures to prevent its introduction into Dindigul, and to notify its prevalence to the Collectors of the surrounding districts, to which the pilgrims were returning. Fortunately, however, the mischief has not been so great as it might have been, no outbreak apparently having any where resulted from the spread of the infection by the pilgrims.

3. The expenditure during the festival on the erection and cleansing of latrines, &c., was Rupees 43-6-6, out of the Rupees 70, sanctioned by Government in Order, dated 18th March 1870, No. 332, and after deduction of the sale proceeds of the mats, &c., of which the latrines were constructed.

No. 445.

No. 59. MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned has the honour to suggest, for the consideration of Government, with reference to the recent dispersion of cholera-stricken persons at the Pulni festival, that the following rules might be added to Section 4 of the regulations approved of by Government in their Order, No. 1421, of 17th November 1868:—

5. "When persons may be seized with cholera they should be detained, until death or recovery, in the hut or building set apart for the purpose.

6. "On recovery the clothes and persons of the patients, and friends in attendance on them, should be thoroughly cleaned.

7. "The clothing and effects of persons dying of cholera should be similarly purified under the direction of the sanitary officer.

8. "Every effort should be made to prevent persons who have symptoms of cholera from travelling alone or in company."

MADRAS, 14*th April* 1870.

(Signed) W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S.,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 13th May 1870, No. 606.

The Government sanction the addition of the rules now submitted by the Sanitary Commissioner, to those issued in the Proceedings of Government, dated the 17th November 1868.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Sanitary Commissioner.
" Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department.
" Inspector-General of Police.
" Magistrate of

Exd. J. Wright.

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My dear Ellis.

Many thanks for the bills. Most certainly a copy should go as addressed to the Secretary to Govt. Public Department.

Yours truly
C. Hall

Govt. of 1870; Madras.

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To

THE SANITARY COMMISSIONER.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated May, 13th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 13th May 1870, No. 606.

MAY.
Nos. 58—60.

Sanctioning certain additional Rules submitted by the Sanitary Commissioner for observance during Fairs and Festivals.

reported any Cholera at Palni. - If I had got this Key at first it would have been easy. I have no doubt that traces of it, day by day - As it is some cholera at Dasapoor in Coimbatore I now see must have come from Palni - A local outbreak at Kumeriky town, may possibly be due to the same cause but of this I will make special enquiry.

I have written to Heron pointing out the omission of reporting the Calvary outbreak - he must for have arrangements setting whilst police returns for the festivals especially in these times when Hyder declares that pilgrims dont spread Cholera, and I and most people often think that the Sirdars & Clear that they do.

I have no recent Reports from Madura

tolon, and not many
cases in the villages -

Yours very truly.
W. R. Cornish.

To
W. R. Ellis Esq,
Chief Sec.
to Govt.
Pub. Dept.

Sc Pub. 569/70.

No. 445

Memorandum

The undersigned has the honor to suggest for the consideration of Government with reference to the recent dispersion of cholera stricken persons at the Pulney festival that the following rules might be added to Section II of the Regulations approved of by Government in their order No. 1421 of 17th November 1868.

"When persons may be seized with cholera they should be detained until death or recovery in the hut or building set apart for the purpose.

On recovery the clothes and persons of the patients, and friends in attendance on them, should be thoroughly cleaned.

The clothing and effects of persons dying of cholera should be similarly purified under the direction of the Sanitary officer.

Every effort should be made to prevent persons who have symptoms of cholera from travelling, alone or in company."

Office of Sanitary Commissr
Madras 14th April 1870

W. R. Cornish M.R.C.S.
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort St. George

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Submits for consideration certain additional rules to be observed during fairs and festivals with reference to cholera outbreaks.

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(The Rules can be seen before the Order)

The addition seems to be necessary. See letter from Offg Secretary with Memorandum dated 4th Sanitary Commrs

In forwarding herewith Rules for the addition of the Public Institutions to be observed by the Calcutta Municipality, I am directed to state that the Lieut. Governor is pleased to approve of the Rules being published in the Calcutta Gazette.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
R. C. Dutt
Secretary to the Board of Sanitary Commissioners for Bengal

Calcutta the 17th November 1868.

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