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To

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF MYSORE.

SIR,

With reference to your letter, dated the 9th instant, No. 1341, I am directed to transmit copy of a letter* from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, enclosing copy of a communication from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway, explaining the precautions taken by the Railway Company to prevent the spread of cholera along the line of rail.

* Dated 23rd June 1870, No. 251.

I have the honour to be,

OOTACAMUND,
8th July 1870.

Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Chief Secretary.

From the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 23rd June 1870, No. 251.

With reference to G. O., No. 771, in the Public Department, dated 20th instant,

No. 837.

I have the honour to forward a letter from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway, explaining the precautions taken by the Company to prevent the conveyance of cholera along the line of railway.

2. The Consulting Physician states, also, that the Apothecary is in attendance at Bangalore to observe the passengers that arrive there.

3. Danger is, I presume, chiefly apprehended from travellers coming from large feasts such as at Tripatty, Conjeveram, &c., and this is guarded against by the supervision of the Apothecary at Jollarett; hence disease is prevented entering on the Bangalore branch line. Again, in case of sick persons coming in at the intermediate stations, between Jollarett and Bangalore, there is the inspection by the Apothecary at that terminus.

4. I am of opinion that further restrictive measures cannot well be imposed; for, as the Sanitary Commissioner observed to me, in conversation, people enter Bangalore in all other directions, except from the Railway station, unobserved; and likewise the disease may be propagated without any outward signs that can lead to detection. Hence, as the attention of the Railway authorities has been thus particularly drawn to the subject, I trust the Chief Commissioner of Mysore will be satisfied that suitable measures of precaution are being carried out.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd June 1870, No. 337.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 323, of yesterday's date, and Order of Government, No. 771, of the 20th instant, which accompanied it.

2. In reference to the communication from the Chief Commissioner of Mysore upon which that order was passed, I have the honour to inform you that, under the system adopted by this Company for preventing the spread of cholera, the following regulations are now in force at the Jollarpett station :—

I. On the arrival of a train the carriages are inspected by the Company's Apothecary, with a view to ascertain whether they contain any trace of the disease.

II. Persons using the latrines are watched by the toties (six in number) employed at the station, who report to the Apothecary if the deposits are of a choleraic nature.

III. Persons who are observed to walk with infirmity, or as if in pain, are questioned, and if necessary examined.

IV. In every case of discovered cholera the carriage in which the individual has travelled is emptied, detached from the train, and disinfected at the station. It is then returned to the Carriage Department here to be re-varnished throughout before being used again.

3. I trust that His Excellency the Governor in Council will consider that every possible precaution is thus taken by us to prevent the introduction of cholera from one place to another by means of railway travellers.

4. There is every desire on the part of the Company to secure the object which the Chief Commissioner for Mysore has in view. A copy of his communication has been forwarded to the Acting Consulting Physician, who has been requested to take the earliest opportunity of visiting Jollarpett personally, and in the meantime to write to the Apothecary and impress upon him the importance of strictly carrying out the regulations which I have mentioned above.

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To

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF MYSORE

Dated July, 8th.

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Enc.

G. O., 8th July 1870, No. 843.

JULY.
Nos. 7-8.

Regarding the measures adopted by the Madras
Railway Company to prevent the conveyance of
Goods along the lines of Railway.

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Public Department

No 843.

To the Chief Commissioner of
Singapore.

Sir,

With reference to
your letter dated the
9th Instant No 1341, I
am directed to transmit
copy of a letter from the
Acting Consulting Engineer
for Railways, enclosing
copy of a communication
from the Agent and
Managers of the Indian
Railway, explaining the
precautions taking by
the Railway Company
to prevent the spread of
cholera along the line
of rail.

*d/23rd June 1870, No 251.

Noted and
8 July 1870 -

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Steps taken by the
Railway authorities
to prevent the spread
of the disease