

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	850	Press Mis.
Dated	9-7-	1870

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
9th July 1870.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 18. From the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Colombo, 22nd June 1870, No. 29.

As it has been reported to this Government that cholera prevails in an epidemic form at Tuticorin and other ports in Southern India, I am directed by the Governor of Ceylon to request that you will be good enough, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor of Madras in Council, to afford this Government the most recent and authentic information on the subject in your power, in order that steps may be taken to prevent the introduction of the disease into Ceylon.

2. As the Colonial Government are desirous of procuring the earliest possible information, I have taken the liberty of telegraphing on the subject to the Collectors at the ports of Tuticorin and Negapatam.

No. 19. From the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 1st July 1870, No. 695.

I have the honour, with reference to the letter from the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, to state that cholera has been prevailing in the Southern Districts of India for some months past.

The disease became general in Tanjore so long back as October and November 1869. It then extended to Trichinopoly and Madura Districts, and, lastly, to Tinnevely. From the commencement of the disease in the Tinnevely District,

in January up to the present time, the reports of 1309 deaths have reached me*. I give in the margin the number and date of deaths reported from the port of Tuticorin. The last death reported to me from that place occurred on 8th June. There has been no cholera at Negapatam since December 1869.

* Viz., January	8
February	46
March	258
April... .. .	637
May... .. .	255
June up to 23rd only... ..	105
Total...	1,309

<i>Cholera at Tuticorin.</i>	
April 25th... ..	1
May 14th	1
„ 20th	1
„ 30th	2
„ 31st	6
June 2nd	2
„ 3rd	1
„ 6th	1
„ 7th	2
„ 8th	3
Total...	20

2. For some weeks past cholera has been steadily declining in all parts of Tinnevely. From newspaper reports I observe that, after passing from north to south through Tinnevely, the epidemic has turned westward into Travancore, and that it prevailed at Trevandrum a few weeks ago; but of its progress in that country I have no means of giving any information.

3. I may state that the tendency of epidemics of *invading* cholera in this Presidency is to pass from north to south.

The present epidemic is, I think, an invading cholera, an offshoot of the cholera which swept over the Central Provinces and Hyderabad in the autumn of 1868. Its progress southward has been extremely slow, and it is quite possible that it may not have enough of vitality to reach Ceylon, in which case the island will, doubtless, escape an epidemic invasion; but at the same time it would only be prudent to exercise the greatest caution in regard to the supervision of emigrants

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from infected districts. (I observe from the newspaper reports that there has been already an outbreak of cholera in the neighbourhood of Galle.)

4. Amongst other things I would take the liberty of advising that, in addition to the careful inspection, and segregation if necessary, of emigrants from Tuticorin, due attention should be paid to bills of health from ports on the Western Coast and especially from Travancore.

5. Should Government think fit to sanction the proceeding, I can furnish, daily, to the Ceylon Government, copy of the Police Reports of Cholera of those districts which are contiguous to, or in sea communication with, Ceylon, or, if more convenient, a bi-monthly or monthly summary of the state of public health in Southern India.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1870, No. 850.

Ordered that a copy of the Sanitary Commissioner's letter be forwarded to the Government of Ceylon with reference to the Colonial Secretary's letter above recorded.

2. The Acting Collector of Tinnevely will take the requisite steps to carry out the suggestions made by the Sanitary Commissioner in paragraph 4 of his letter.

3. The Government approve the Sanitary Commissioner's proposal to forward to the Ceylon Government, bi-monthly, copies of the Police Cholera Reports from the districts contiguous to, or in sea communication with, the island of Ceylon, as long as the disease prevails in those districts in an epidemic form.

(True Extract.)

Wm. H. E. Stokes
Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Sanitary Commissioner.

„ Acting Collector of Tinnevely.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Ceylon, with reference to the Colonial Secretary's letter, No. 29, dated 22nd June 1870.

Govt. of Madras.

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To

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

Dated July, 9th.

Recd.

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G. O., 9th July 1870, No. 850.

JULY.
Nos. 18—20.

Forwarding Sanitary Commissioner's letter regarding the prevalence of cholera in the Southern Districts to the Ceylon Government, and directing that that Government be furnished, bi-monthly, with copies of Police Cholera Reports from the contiguous districts.

No 29

Colonial Secretary
Colombo

It has been reported
to the Government that
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The Chief Secretary
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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt Servant.

Henry T. Living

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the

Colonial Secretary, Colombo / Here enters 22nd June 1900 N. 26.
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras. / 1st July 1900 N. 695.

Order thereon N. 850 of 9th July 1899.

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2. The Acting Collector of Trincomelley will take the requisite steps to carry out the suggestions made by the Sanitary Commissioner in para 4 of his letter.

3. The Govt approve the

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Public 1030 Report

Nov. 9 - July 1900.

From.

Tell Mr. Bay, Colombo.
N. 29.

By 22nd June.

N. 850

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J.R.S.

at foot of the
Report on the Sanitary
Proceedings.
~~Commissioner's letter.~~

Copy forwarded
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reference to the Colonial
Secretary's letter, No 29,
dated 22nd June, 1870.

J.R.S.

To

The Sanitary Commissioner
— Ag. Collector of Ceylon.

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