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Public DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
21st July 1870.*

No. 91. Read the following letter from the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, to the Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Simla, 11th June 1870, No. 216:—

With reference to your endorsement, No. 144, dated the 25th May, I have the honour to forward copy of the correspondence noted in the margin, and as it is very important that Drs. Lewis and Cunningham should be furnished with all the data which can be supplied so as to enable them to form an opinion regarding the applicability of Pattenkofer's theory to the circumstances under which cholera prevails in India, I would suggest that the observations at Madras should be continued.

From the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, to Drs. LEWIS and CUNNINGHAM, General Hospital, Calcutta, dated Simla, 27th May 1870, No. 178.

I have the honour to enclose the papers marginally noted, regarding the measures taken to Home Dept., No. 144, 25th May 1870, test Pattenkofer's theory of cholera at Madras, and shall be obliged if you will favour me with your opinion on the views expressed by the Sanitary Commissioner of that Presidency.

2. It appears to me that if Pattenkofer's theory be correct, it must apply to all places where cholera breaks out, and must satisfactorily explain the phenomena of its increased or diminished prevalence. A theory which is altogether inapplicable to a place in which the disease has at times raged with great severity would seem to have little value.

3. The return of the enclosures is requested with your reply.

From Staff Assistant-Surgeon J. R. LEWIS, M.B., and Assistant-Surgeon D. D. CUNNINGHAM, M.B., British Medical Service, to the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, dated Calcutta, 6th June 1870.

In reference to your letter, No. 178, dated 27th May 1870, we have the honour to state that we think it advisable that observations on Pattenkofer's theory be continued in Madras.

2. As regards the question of the soil in Madras not being of a nature suited to such observations, it may be sufficient to mention that the soil in Munich, where such observations were first fully carried out, presents the very features described as characterising that in Madras.

3. As, therefore, we are informed that neither "trouble nor expense" is involved in the observations, it appears to be very desirable that they should be continued until it be ascertained whether there is any real connexion between the prevalence of cholera and changes in the level of the soil water.

* Home Department, No. 144, dated 25th May 1870, with enclosures.

4. As requested, we herewith return the enclosures.*

No. 233.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George for information, with reference to letter thence, No. 449, dated the 12th of April last, and with a request that the experiments may be continued.

(By order,)

HOME DEPARTMENT, SANITARY,
SIMLA, 29th June 1870.

(Signed) W. M. SOUTTAR,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
21st July 1870.

No. 92. ORDER THEREON, 21st July 1870, No. 907.

Communicated to the Sanitary Commissioner, with the intimation that the experiments referred to should be continued.

(True Extract.)

To the Sanitary Commissioner.

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No 216

To The Officiating Under Secretary to the
Govt of India. Home Department

Dated Simla 11 June 1870.

Sir,

With reference to your Encl. No. 144, dated the 25th May, I have the honor to forward copy of the correspondence & dated 27th May 1870. From Sanitary Commissioner to Mr Lewis Cunningham & dated 27th May 1870. From Mr Lewis Cunningham to Sanitary Commissioner of India. as it is very important that Mr Lewis and Cunningham should be furnished with all the facts which can be supplied, so as to enable them to form an opinion regarding the applicability of Pattenkofer's theory to the circumstances under which cholera prevails in India. I would suggest that the observations should be continued.

I have signed
J. M. Cunningham
Sanitary Commr with the Govt of India

N. 178

Govt. of India, Madras.

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To

THE SANITARY COMMISSIONER.
Secy.

Ac.

Dated July, 21st.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 21st July 1870, No. 907.

JULY.
Nos. 91-92.

Communicating letter from Government of India, directing the continuance of the experiments to test Pattenkofer's theory in regard to Cholera.

~~with~~ connection between the prevalence 4282
of ~~cholera~~ and changes in the level
of the soil water.

4. It is requested you herewith return
the enclosures.

* Home Department
S. 1446 dated 25th May
1870 - with enclosures.

We have the honor to inform you

of J. Richard Lewis, M.B.

Staff Assistant Surgeon.

of D. D. Cunningham M.B.

Ap. Surgeon. B. M. S.

No 233

Copy forwarded to the Genl of
at St. George for information with
reference to letter thence S. 449 dated
the 12th of April last, and with a
request that the experiments may
be continued.

By order

Home Department

Sanitary

Since the 29th June
1870.

Wm Loutch

Offg Secy to the Genl of India.

12 April/70 No. 108 C/110.

Memorandum. 24 Feb/70 No. 907.
Communicated to the Sanitary
Commissioner, with the instruction
that the appropriate authorities should be contacted.

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W. H. Sanitary Commissioner
C. H. 17. 20/7.

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From
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Home Department.

No. 233

Dated 29 June
Received 9 July

No. 1068
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Forward certain papers
request that the Ex-
periments to test Paten-
Koffers theory in regard
to Cholera, may be con-
tinued in this Press.

With an order.

Court of 1870 Madras.

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To
The Sanitary Commission

Dated July 21.

Recd.

Encl.

21 July 1870

Nos. 91. 92.

Comm. letter from Govt. of
India directing the continuance
of the experiments to test
Pattenkoffer's theory in
regard to Cholera.