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No. 119. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 30th August 1871, No. 22 (Sanitary):—

The despatch of your Excellency in Council, dated 15th February, No. 2 of 1871, on the subject of sanitary and quarantine measures for ships sailing between the Ports of India and those of the Red Sea, has been considered by me in Council.

2. I forwarded, in due course, a copy of the despatch of your Excellency in Council to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and I now transmit copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople and of a report by Dr. Dickson relative to the steps taken in accordance with the views stated by your Lordship in Council.

No. 87, dated 14th July 1871.

From His Excellency the Right Hon. Sir H. ELLIOT, G.C.B., to Earl GRANVILLE, K.C., &c., &c., dated Therapia, the 14th July 1871, No. 87.

I forwarded your Lordship's Despatch, Commercial, No. 25, of the 10th of April, to Dr. Dickson, with directions to make known to the Constantinople Board of Health the wishes of the Secretary of State for India with regard to the sanitary measures to be adopted in the Red Sea.

I have now the honour to enclose the copy of a report from Dr. Dickson, who will, I believe, be found to have acted in accordance with your Lordship's instructions.

No. 17.

According to the wishes of the Governor-General in Council, as expressed in the 11th and 12th paragraphs of his Despatch to the Secretary of State for India of the 15th of February last, the suggestion of having a Corvette of Superintendence at Perim has been dropped, although it was regarded with favour by the Turkish Government.

In accordance with the desire of the Secretary of State for India, Dr. Dickson will henceforth send direct to the Governments of Bengal, Madras, and Bombay any information which it may be desirable for them to have as to fresh rules or charges made by the Turkish authorities in the matter of quarantine.

The original documents enclosed in your Lordship's Despatch will be returned when the Red Sea sanitary question is settled.

From E. DICKSON, Esq., to His Excellency the Right Hon. Sir H. ELLIOT, G.C.B., dated Constantinople, the 13th July 1871, No. 17.

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that, on the 13th June, I communicated to the Board of Health the *Native Passenger Ships Act of 1870*, and gave, at the same time, a summary of the despatch addressed by the Indian Government to the Secretary of State for India, marked No. 2, dated 15th February 1871. When I came, however, to that part of it which treats of the question of establishing a temporary quarantine station at Aden, and of stationing a Corvette to carry out the Interrogatory at Perim, I merely said that "the altered conditions of the navigation of the Red Sea, in consequence of the opening of the Suez Canal, had created difficulties in the realisation of these projects, so that the Indian Government felt it necessary to abandon them."

The Board expressed its thanks for the prompt manner with which the Indian Government had acted in modifying its sanitary laws in order to meet its wishes, and declared that the new rule was most satisfactory in every respect, save on the question concerning the *surveillance* to be exercised at the entrance of the Red Sea, which will now devolve entirely on the Ottoman authorities, seeing that the British Government had declined to deal with it.

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No. 169.

Copy forwarded for information to the Government of Madras with reference to the letter thence, No. 59, dated 25th February 1870, and connected correspondence.

(By order of the Governor-General of India in Council,)

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

(Signed)

J. GEOGHEGAN,

(SANITARY),

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

SIMLA, 9th October 1871.

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1871, No. 1600.

Communicated to the Master Attendant, Madras, and to the Sanitary Commissioner, with reference to their letters dated the 22nd and 24th November 1869, Nos. 6524 and 3299, respectively.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Master Attendant, Madras.

„ Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. J. Wright.

Sanitary.

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INDIA OFFICE;

London, the 30th August 1871.

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To

THE MASTER ATTENDANT,

Madras,

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Dated October, 23rd.

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G. O., 23rd October 1871, No. 1600.

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Nos. 119-120.

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DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
REVENUE, AND COMMERCE;
(SANITARY),
Simla, the 9 October 1871.

[Signature]

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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