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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
20th May 1871.

No. 84. Read the following letter from the Acting Colonial Secretary, Colombo, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Colombo, 28th April 1871, No. 10:—

I am directed, by the Governor of Ceylon, to transmit to you, for the information of the Sanitary Commissioner of Madras, the enclosed Return showing the number of Deaths from Cholera in this Island during March last, together with copies of Reports by the Principal Civil Medical Officer and Inspector-General of Hospitals of this Government.

From the Principal Civil Medical Officer and Inspector-General of Hospitals, Colombo, to the Acting Colonial Secretary, Colombo, dated Colombo, 24th March 1871.

In returning the Report of the Sanitary Commissioner of Madras, I have the honour to state, for his information, that only two cases of cholera have been reported in the Island during the months of January and February of the current year, and both these occurred in the Wellikade Jail on the 23rd January and 20th February, respectively.

2. A few cases have occurred during the present month, both among coolies arriving from the coast of India and among the residents of Colombo, Kandy, and Gampola.

3. These will be duly reported at the termination of the month.

From the Principal Civil Medical Officer and Inspector-General of Hospitals, Colombo, to the Acting Colonial Secretary, Colombo, dated Colombo, 17th April 1871.

In returning the letter of the Sanitary Commissioner of Madras, reporting the number of fatal cases of cholera which have occurred in the Southern Divisions of that Presidency during the first half of March, and a Supplementary Return for the latter end of February, I have the honour to forward, for the information of the Commissioner, a Return showing the number of Deaths from Cholera in this Island during March last.

2. Of the six which occurred in the Western Province, four occurred in the native town of Colombo, one in the Hulfsdorp Jail, and one in an individual who was a patient in the Government Civil Hospital of Ratnapura suffering from simple Gonorrhœa. It seems impossible to assign any origin for any one of these six cases, and they must be considered sporadic.

3. The same may be said of the nine cases in Gampola. The first has occurred in two residents of the town on the 5th March—one a Singhalese man and the other a Malabar. On the 6th, a Moorman was attacked and died. On the 7th, a Malabar and Singhalese were attacked, of whom the former died on the 8th. From that date ten other cases occurred at varying intervals to the 27th, since which no fresh cases have been reported. Out of fifteen attacks nine died. It may be presumed that the cases following those on the 8th may be due to contagion, but no source of contagion could be traced to the first two cases, and all attacked were residents of the place, and had not recently left it. Of the fifteen cases, four were Malabars, four Moors, and seven Singhalese.

4. Of the five deaths in the Northern Province two occurred among the immigrant coolies on the Central road on the 17th and 20th. The remaining three occurred on the 23rd, 26th, and 28th, two of whom were father and daughter returning from the interior of the Island to the coast, and the third was the Kangany of the cooly shed in which the father and daughter were attacked.

5. The two last named had recently traversed the road and occupied the same shed in which the two fatal cases from the coast of the 17th and 20th had occurred, and it is more than probable that they contracted the disease by these means.

6. It is a remarkable circumstance that other cases of cholera were reported to have occurred among the same gang of coolies to which the father and daughter belonged on their passage from the Island back to the coast, thus offering an instance of the regurgitation of the disease from this Island to India.

STATEMENT showing Deaths from Cholera in the under-mentioned Towns and Districts, received from the Medical Officers, during the month of March 1871.

Province.	Towns and Districts.	Population.	Days.																															Total.
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Western	Colombo.....	...							3						1																			5
	Ratnapura.....	...																																1
Southern	Total...	...							3						1																			6
	Galle.....	...																																...
Northern	Total...	...																																...
	Jaffna.....	...																																...
	Mannar.....	...																																...
	Mihintale.....	...																																...
	Combasande Kulam.....	...																																...
	Total...	...																																...
Central	Kandy.....	...																																...
	Gampola.....	...						2	1																									...
	Total...	...						2	1																									...
	Grand Total...	...						2	1																									20

(Signed) W. P. CHARSLY, M.D.,
Principal Civil Medical Officer
and Insp.-Genl. of Hospitals.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
20th May 1871.

No. 85.

ORDER THEREON, 20th May 1871, No. 678.
Communicated to the Sanitary Commissioner.
(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Sanitary Commissioner.

No 10

Colonial Secretary's Office
Colombo 28th April 1871.

Sir,

I am directed by the
Governor of Ceylon to transmit to
you for the information of the
Sanitary Commissioners of Madras
the enclosed Return shewing the
number of Deaths from Cholera
in this island during March
last, together with copies of
Reports by the Principal Civil
Medical Officer and Inspector General
of Hospitals of this Government.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant.

Chas. P. R. A. A.

Actg. Colonial Secretary

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

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To
THE SANITARY COMMISSIONER.

Dated May 20th.

Recd.

G. O., 20th May 1871, No. 678.

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Nos. 84-85.

Communicating letter from the Ceylon Govern-
ment, transmitting for information of the Sanitary
Commissioner, Madras, Return showing the num-
ber of Deaths from Cholera in the island during
March last, together with a Report by the Principal
Medical Officer and Inspector General of Hospitals.

Principal Civil Medical Officer's Office
Colombo, 24th March 1871

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Sanitary Commissioner of Madras
I have the honor to state for
his information that only two
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in the Island during the months
of January and February of the
current year and both these occurred
in the Mellikade jail on the
23rd January and 20th February respectively.

A few cases have occurred
during the present month both
among coolies arriving from the
Coast of India and among the
residents of Colombo, Kandy and
Gampola.

These will be duly reported
at the termination of the month.

sd/ H. P. Chantley M.D.
P.C.M. Officer, and
Insp. Genl. Hospitals

Principal Civil Medical
Officer's Office.
Colombo, 17th April 1871.

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The same may be said of the 9 cases in Galle. The first has occurred in two Residents of the town on the 5th March, one a Sinhalese man and the other a Malabar. On the 6th a Moorman was attacked and died. On the 7th a Malabar and a Sinhalese were attacked of whom the former died on the 8th. From that date ten other cases.

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Sd/ M P Charsley m.d.
Principal Civil med. Offr.
& Insp. Genl. of Hospitals.

Statement showing Deaths from Cholera in the undermentioned Towns and Districts received from the Medical Officers during the month of March 1894.

Province	Towns and Districts	Dates																															
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	Combarua & Kullam																													1			3
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Ref. H. P. Chawley and
P. C. M. at St. George's Hospital.

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Forwarding letter from the Mayor
of Madras transmitting for informa-
tion of the Sanitary Commis-
sioner, return showing
the number of deaths from
cholera on the 1st and during
March last, together with a
copy of the Report of

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20 May 1871 No. 678.

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