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OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Madras, October 17th 1881.

From

THE SANITARY COMMISSIONER,

Madras,

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL FUND BOARDS

AND MUNICIPALITIES,

_____ District.

SIR,

As the Madras Presidency seems threatened with an invasion of cholera from the North and West, I have the honor to draw your attention to the necessity which arises for increased watchfulness over the sanitary arrangements of our Municipal towns and villages.

2. I feel persuaded that much can be done in this way by careful attention to water-supply, and I venture to call your attention to a paragraph in my last Annual Report, page 78, para. 127 :—

"Para. 127. In some places, Chidambaram for example, the Municipal Commissioners have set aside some tanks to be used as washing places, and others, over which watchmen are placed, to be used only as reservoirs from which to obtain drinking water. It would be well, if in every Municipal town and village so simple, and at the same time so beneficent and sensible an arrangement were made compulsory."

3. I do not contend that by water alone is cholera spread; but I feel confident that drinking water is a most active, if not the chief means of its dissemination, and that if the drinking water of a community were scrupulously conserved, the virulence of any cholera epidemic might be much mitigated.

How much can be done by attention to conservancy in any town is shown by the history of Guntur, given in Sanitary Commissioner's Annual Report for 1879, page 15—a history full of encouragement, and to which I would respectfully draw your attention.

Vide also Memorandum of the Army Sanitary Commission, published in G.O., No. 1266, of September 19th, 1881, copy attached.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

M. C. Sumell

M.D., F.R.C.S.,

Deputy Surgeon-General,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

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Extract of the Inspection notes by
the Inspector of Vaccination and
Deputy Sanitary Commissioner.
Condensed as per G. O. No. 521 April 13

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Gooty. Inspected March 13th and 14th. The water supply of the town is very indifferent. The Conservancy is fair, the estab^tment doing its work. The latrine accommodation is deficient, and in almost all the houses of even the most crowded parts cattle are kept. Vaccination is very much neglected, people opposing the vaccinators. There is a fine hospital.

Peapilli. Population 3546 inspected March 15th. Water supply indifferent and badly conserved - people found washing themselves and their clothes in water used for domestic purposes, drinking, cooking &c. Latrine accommodation deficient and very filthy. Buffaloes the chief scavengers. The Deputy Sanitary Commissioner suggests temporary moveable latrines in fields as a much more suitable and cleanly arrangement. Vaccination very backward, vaccinators not assisted by officials. Registrar not seen, the Deputy Collector and

Reddi

Reddi being absent.

Dhani. Population 2619. Many of the houses in ruins, results of late famine. No conservancy, village in a filthy state. The only source of water supply is a small running stream passing through the village, which is said never to "run dry, and to have its source in some hills at a distance. Were it properly conserved it might be a very good supply, but as might be expected, it is subject to every kind of defilement that an open stream is capable of. Among others its banks are used as latrines probably with a view to easy after washing. When I suggested to the Reddi that it would be well to have trenches dug in the fields for latrines, to be covered up after use, he objected on the ground that the buffaloes wanted the stuff for food which was very good for them, and made them give plenty of milk. Vaccination very backward people opposed to it and vaccinators report obtaining no assistance from officials. Registration very badly kept, very few registration at all and more deaths recorded than births.

Geldarti. Population 2269. A very dirty village water supply indifferent. Drinking water is obtained from the bed of a sandy nullah at some distance from the village. There are no wells here,

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"the people scratch a hole in the sand, with their hands or a piece of broken pottery, wait till the water collects and then fill their vessels." Vaccination backward, same cause as above. Registration badly kept. more deaths than births. Karnool Municipality. Drainage good, but allowed to flow into the river. Water supply from Canal, by a system of channels; not filtered before distribution. General Conservancy fairly well carried out sweeping sold peonies Rs. 1567. Latrines not kept clean. There is no slaughter house one is very much needed. Vaccination backward. Registration kept in Telugu not in English as it should be.

In the village of Saitam Vaccination is well carried on. The Inspector reports he gets considerable assistance from the Village Reddi. Grade. Conservancy establishment well supplied with sucklers, carts &c. Slaughter house not clean and made of remaining accumulated filth not satisfactory. Water supply deficient, chiefly from a channel from the Beharani river, which at time of visit was dry, people obtaining supplies from shallow wells in a water course. Registrar neatly kept and written up to date.

Beharani. Inspected May 31. 1881. The main part.

part of the town cleanly and well looked after. Parish quarters very dirty. Latrines on good plan. Registration carelessly kept; at Annam on the contrary registers were carefully kept.

Mattapollam. Conservancy indifferent the place much overgrown with prickly pear which harbours all sorts of vermin. Latrines insufficient, people prefer soiling the ground around, number of scavengers insufficient. Water supply abundant from River and numerous private wells.

Pollachi. Conservancy establishment consists of 1 Inspector, one Inspector, ten scavengers, four toties, and six bullock carts amply sufficient to keep the place cleaned if properly employed which evidently they are not. Latrines not sufficient. Town refuse thrown carelessly over a large piece of public ground near market place, and public wells, from whence inhabitants obtain their drinking water. Some of the wells, especially those belonging to the Chuchers and Pariahs, kept very dirty. Water supply generally abundant.

Sharapuram. Inspected June 26th. A large town kept very clean. Conservancy well attended to. Registration badly looked after
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entries much in arrears. Vaccination well carried on.

Karur. Inspected June 29th 1896. Conservancy establishment ample and place kept clean. Latrines freely used and well looked after, a large Cinerator at work. Water supply ample and fairly good.

H. C. Smith.

Secy. D. H. R. C. S.
Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras

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Office of Sanitary Commissioner
Dated 18th October 1901

No 2639.

CURRENT NO. 2209

From

The Sanitary Commissioner
for Andhra.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department

Sir

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government condensed notes (according to order of April 3-1901 No. 521) of the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner's inspection in the Bellary, Kurnool and Coimbatore districts. The full notes will be forwarded to the various Presidents and Vice Presidents of Local Fund Boards and Municipalities.

It will be observed and it

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is consonant with my own experience
on inspection tours, that almost every
where the water supply is indifferent
and badly conserved. In view of the
advancing epidemic of cholera this becomes
a serious matter, and I have consequently
addressed a circular to all Presidents & Vice Presidents
of Local Sanitary Boards and Municipalities ^{+ copy attached}
recommending that, as carried out ^{+ Mt. form}
in some Municipalities, certain tanks ^{freed}
be set aside for drinking purposes only,
forbidding all washing of clothes and
persons therein.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt. Servant
Mc. C. Sumell

Sanitary Commissioner
M. D. H. B. S.
for India

sup 29/10/81

On No 1747

The Sanitary Commis-
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of L.R.B., which was
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The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.
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of Vaccination & Hyg. Sani-
tary Commissioner. Condensed
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Memo:
W. M. S. S.