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The Protector of Immigrants.

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With reference to the issue of "diseased meat" and "shark" on board the "Quathlamba" I beg to report that.

1. It was at the coolies own urgent request that I allowed part of the shark to be cooked.

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3. It is a common article of diet amongst them.

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I have suggested that sheep for shipment should be penned and hand fed for some time previous to embarkation.

2. Had the outbreak been due to either of alleged causes, they would all have been sick at the same time, very shortly after partaking of the food.
3. If Cholera could be generated by eating bad meat, Kaffirs would long since have disappeared from South Africa.
4. We eat part of the same meat ourselves without any ill effects.
5. The sheep died from sheer inanition and not from any acute disease.

In Conclusion I would point out that the opinions, of a lot of ignorant and superstitious Coolies, are worthless. I don't think anyone would doubt but that, if I had given a dose of Sulphur and treacle all round just previous to the outbreak, they would have attributed the disease to the medicine the Doctor gave them.

A Lascar, one of the first to die, never touched either of the above-named articles of diet. Neither "Sheep" nor "Phark" had anything to do with it.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently

(Signed) L. Fortescue Ingram

M.R.C.P.E.

late Surgeon Superintendent

"Quathlamba."

C. No. 185



7 March 1889.



Sir,

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

W. M. M. M.
Acting Colonial Secretary

The Honourable
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George
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