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General letter from
the Govt of India
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the treatment of
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INDIA OFFICE ;
London, 18th May 1893.

Revenue,
No. 69.

To His Excellency The Most Honourable The Governor General
of India in Council.

MY LORD MARQUIS,

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Dated 25th April 1893. copy of a despatch from Sir Horace Rumbold, describing how a physician serving under the Government of Batavia, claims to have successfully treated sufferers from beri-beri by the administration of quinine.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORD MARQUIS,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servant,

KIMBERLEY.

No. 23 (Commercial), dated The Hague, 25th April 1893.

From—SIR HORACE RUMBOLD, G.C.M.G., Her Britannic Majesty's Minister at
The Hague,

To—The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The last mail received from Batavia contains an interesting account of the conclusions arrived at by Dr. Glagner, Government Town Physician of Samarung, as to the causes of, and treatment to be applied to, beri-beri, to the study of which he has devoted himself for a considerable period.

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This treatment by quinine is followed up, after the malady has been checked, by a liberal diet, combined with the administration of steel, and, in some cases, the application of electricity.

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From

J. G. Melitus, Esq.,
Deputy Secy. to the Govt. of India.

The Chief Secretary to the Govt.
of Madras.

Home Department.

(Medical)

CHIEF SECRETARY
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Simla, the 11th July 1893.

Sir,

I am directed to forward for the information
of His Excellency the Governor in Council a copy of a
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dated the 18th May 1893, and enclosure, regarding the
treatment of Peri Peri patients in Batavia by the
administration of quinine.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

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Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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