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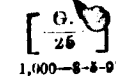
Requesting the Govts. of N. W. P.
and the Punjab to furnish this
with information on certain
points in connection with the
duties of the Sanitary Commissioner
in those provinces.

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 2604

(3) H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

(1) THE HON'BLE ^{Sir H.W.} MR. BLISS, C.I.E. ✓

(2) THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E. ✓

SUBJECT.

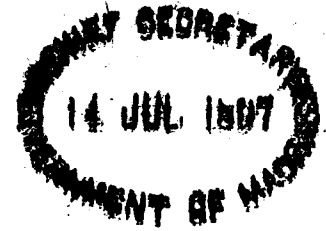
The duties of the Sanitary Commissioner

FOR ORDERS.

The Sanitary Commissioner represents that hitherto he has been under the impression that the connection between his office and the military authorities had definitely ceased owing to the separation of the civil and military branches of the Indian Medical Service which took place in 1869. He states that in no instance within his experience have formal reports been sent in by the Sanitary Commissioner on subjects connected with either barracks or cantonments; that when on one occasion in reference to the unsafe condition of the "Seven Wells" water supply he addressed the military authorities he did so with the apology that it was a matter of ordinary public duty to make them acquainted with facts he had incidentally ascertained during inspection connected with civil work; that on another occasion a military officer having made certain enquiries, he gave him advice in

Public (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 2604



From

The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

No. 1412
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Chs 2604 (7)

Order Encl. No. 166077-8-97.

The Sanitary Commissioner
is requested to expedite the
submission of rules by which
is referred to in his letter
read above and which has not
yet been received.

sub by H.S.

Dated 13th July 1897.

Received

Registered

Enclosures

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14-3-97

2 (to follow)

19.7.97

SUBJECT.

To
The Sanitary Commissioner
Madras

Requesting that Government will
be pleased to direct that certain
Customs and Military Stations
mentioned within as formerly be
within his jurisdiction with regard
to inspection etc.

1. Madras
2. S.R.
3. M.R.
J. C. says 'will follow' as
It can be sent down with
for complete file. See sent
Hansman who will handle

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No 8.

Fort William

20th January 1879.

From,

G.O. 294 Sub 7, 2-3-1879.

C. Bernard Esq.
 Officiating Secretary to the
 Government of India Home Dep.
 (Sanitary)

To,

The Acting Chief Secretary
 to Government.

In G.O. 174 S. 26-11-78.

Referring to paragraph 8 of
 Dr. Cornish's letter, dated the 11th
 October last, in which he observes that it
 would not be politic or just to continue
 to hold the Sanitary Commissioners res-
 ponsible for inspecting and for reporting
 and advising on military Cantonments
 if he is to be debarred from receiving
 returns of sickness and mortality, and
 alluding to such matters in his reports, I
 am to observe that neither Her Majesty's
 Secretary of State nor the Government of
 India suggested any change as is supposed
 by Dr. Cornish.

True copy.

W. V. V.

Sanitary Commissioner.

Sanitary Commissioners - Duties of

Read Proceedings of Government No. 1347, dated 7th March 1887, Military, Communicating observations of the Government of India regarding the duties of Sanitary Commissioners with reference to supervision over the sanitation of barracks and Cantonments.

From Lieut. Col. E. Collett, officiating Secretary to the Govt of India, Military Department, to the Quarter Master General in India, dated Fort William, 22nd February 1887, No. 419-C.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 5773-B (Sanitary) dated the 23rd November 1886, Enclosure return. referring for order a question - as requested. raised by the Commander-in-Chief, Bombay. as to the duties of Sanitary Commissioners. with reference to supervision over the sanitation of barracks and Cantonments.

In reply I am to say, for the Commander-in-Chief's information that the duties of Sanitary Commissioners in the Madras and Bombay Presidencies are the same as those which previously

military Dept No 801
dated 28 January
1864 to the Quarter
Master General.

military Dept Nos 806
and 807 dated 28 Janu-
ary 1864 to the Govt of
Madras & Bombay

(Copy sent herewith)
Cross of the Madras Govt
No. 200 dated 27th Jan 1864

devolved on the local Sanitary military Dept. in 1845
Commissions, which were ^{dated 29th Feb 1864}
^{to the Quarter Master General.}
formed when Sanitary Re- ^{military Dept. in 1846}
partment was created in 1864, ¹⁸⁶⁴ ^{dated 29th Feb}
and are defined in the Com- ^{to the Govts of}
^{Madras and Bombay}
munications noted in the ^{copy enclosed.} ^{from}
margin, from which it will ^{1470 dated 2nd May}
be seen that these officers are
vested with the same powers
in their respective presidencies, as the Sanitary
Commissioner with the Government of
India possesses in Bengal.

3. The Sanitary Commissioner in each
presidency is the responsible adviser of
the local Government in all sanitary
matters, whether in the Civil or Military
Branch of Administration, and it was
intended that he should visit and report
on the sanitary condition of military
barracks and Cantonments and suggest
any remedial measures he might think
desirable. It was, however, not contempla-
ted that by this arrangement the Surgeon
Generals and Deputy Surgeon Generals
should be to any extent relieved of the
supervision and active control over the
sanitary condition and arrangements
of barracks which form such an im-
portant portion of their duties. In the
exercise

exercise of this concurrent jurisdiction
there should not be, in the opinion of
His Excellency, the Governor General in
Council, any difficulty experienced.

True copy

W. H. Jones

Surgeon General

Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras

Fort St. George, 13th July 1897.No. 1412
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From

SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. W. H. KING, M.B., CM., D.P.H.,

SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE

Chief Secretary
to Government.
Public Department.

I have the honor to solicit the orders of Government under the following circumstances:-

Although it has always seemed to me inadvisable that military authorities should be deprived of the advantages of ascertaining the condition of the civil population in which they reside, and having placed at their disposal sanitary recommendations based upon knowledge only capable of acquirement in areas beyond their jurisdiction, I have hitherto been under the impression that the connection between the office of the Sanitary Commissioner and the military authorities had definitely ceased owing to the separation of civil

Civil and military branches of the Indian Medical Service which took place in 1869. In no instance within my experience have formal reports been rendered by the Sanitary Commissioner on subjects connected with either barracks or cantonments. Indeed, when on one occasion in reference to the unsafe condition of the "Seven Wells" water supply, I addressed the military authorities, I did so with the apology that it was a matter of ordinary public duty to make them acquainted with facts that had been ascertained by me incidentally during inspection connected with civil work. On another occasion, a military officer having made certain sanitary enquiries of me, I gave him advice only in my private capacity. Recently however I have been in receipt of numerous telegrams from military officers stating that cholera existed in their limits. Also I have received statements from them of sanitary conditions bearing on the subject.

* Will follow.

for consideration. On making a reference, I found that this change of attitude has been brought about by certain rules passed by the Government of India for the guidance of officers during epidemics in Cantonments which however except by medium of the Report of the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India (1895) had not been formally communicated to me. Rule by which is attached hereto requires that a report be made, and that suggestions as to the sanitary conditions be forwarded for consideration to the Sanitary Commissioner of the Province concerned. On searching old records bearing on the subject, I find that ~~the~~ office has not in reality been relieved of its functions of advising the military authorities notwithstanding the fact that the matter has been in abeyance since 1873. I enclose copies of references on this subject for the information of Government. Notwithstanding the definiteness of the orders now brought to notice, I hesitate to resume without

approval of Government a function
 that has been allowed thus long
 to remain in abeyance. Should
 Government approve of the re-
 sumption of the duty, the following
 Cantonments and military stations
 as well, as formerly be within my
 jurisdiction as they are held by
 troops under the orders of the
 Lieutenant General Commanding
 the Forces in Madras:-

Cantonments

Secunderabad	Pallavaram
Bangalore	Vizianagaram
Saint Thomas Mount	Wellington
Ponnammallee	

Military stations

Berhampore.
 Vizianagaram
 Vizagapatnam.
 Vellore
 Ellore
 Saint Thomas Mount
 Ponnammallee
 Pallavaram
 Madras

I.

I have the honor to be

Your most obedt servant

W. H. D. S.

Sanitary Commissioner
 for Madras

Sanitary Commissioner for

Cantonments	Military Stations
Secunderabad	Berhampore
Tanglore	Vizianagram
St. Thomas Mount	~~Vasagopetam~~
Poonamallee	~~Vellore~~
Pallavaram	~~Ellore~~
Vizianagram	St. Thomas Mount
Wellington	Poonamallee
	Pallavaram
	Madras

*Agri. The San. Comm. list above
is not of date. Vellore &
Ellore have no troops, which
the military stations on
the West Coast have been
omitted. There are no troops
at K. An. Nagapattanam -
14/8/97. And duty has
been omitted
in addition to
Cannanore, Calcutta
& Malappuram -
also Guntur & Madras*

*& the set of Rules to which this rule
relates was sanctioned by the
Govt. on the 18th Sept.
1898 (rule para 198
to 181 of the report.)*

now brought to notice, he hesitates to re-
sume without the approval of Govt. a func-
tion that has been allowed to remain in
abeyance so long. If however Govt. approves
of the resumption of this duty, the ^{marginally} ~~following~~ ^{note} ~~the~~ cantonments and military stations will,
he reports, as formerly, lie within his
jurisdiction, they being held by troops
under the orders of the L.G.O.F., Madras.

The Sanitary Commissioner encloses an
extract from India's letter in ^{G.O.} No. 234,
Public, dated 3rd March 1893 (C) and a copy
of G.O. 1347, Military, dated 7th March 1897
(C)

Please see para. 3 of India's letter
in the latter G.O. It is there stated
that the Sanitary Commissioner in each
Presidency is the responsible adviser of
the local Govt. in all sanitary matters,
whether in the Civil or Military branch of
administration, and that it was intended
that he should visit and report on the
sanitary condition of military barracks
and cantonments and suggest any remedial
measures he might think desirable. It will
be observed that there is now no Military
branch under the local Govt. (excepting
volunteers)

*The rule referred to by
C.S. 10.8.97 Dr. King appears on page
198 of the report of the
Sanitary Comm. with the
Govt. of India for 1895. The
local Sanitary Comm. is to*

be communicated with by
the military authorities in
case cholera breaks out,
"with respect to the steps
to be taken for the mitigation
of the disease". Under the
Sanitary Comm. has an
opportunity of inspecting
he can hardly give any
very reliable opinion on this
point. At the same time
Dr. King's ideas of his powers within
his "jurisdiction" may, it is submitted,

clerk somewhat with those
of the military authorities;
under the circumstances it
is submitted that it is
advisable to ask the Govt
of India for instructions as
to the position to be taken
up, pointing out that if
irrevocable instructions from the San.
Comm. is given is to be of
any real value he must
make periodical inspections
of the various military
stations. His position with

regard to the Sanitary
Committee (S.C.) at Bangalore) will it
is submitted require
careful defining. In this
if he inspects he will find
defects - and these will
have to be reported. As
long as the Presidential
Commission existed this could
not have been a difficulty,
but now it will have to
be settled to whom these
reports should go.

I submit that no reference
A.K. to India - which did not
14/8/97. comment the rules to
is - is requisite.

Rule 57 refers to the outbreak of a
particular disease - cholera - and
that only. It lays down distinctly what
is to be done. The position is that the
military authorities are at present bound
to furnish to the S. Comm. certain information
in view of the advising as to the measures
to be taken "for the mitigation of
the evil". If the S. C. cannot ^{adequately} advise
on the information afforded he can ask
to take it for further information and
if that is enough to and inspect the

Station effected - but further than this
 he should not I submit be allowed
 to go. What Dr. King no doubt wishes
 is to ^{run} round the country overlooking
 every military station and flood
 the authorities with his long winded
 Resolutions - mistakes and correct
 is doubt - and his ^{unhappy} ^{unfortunate}
 on account of his ^{unhappy} ^{unfortunate}
 in the country I recommend: it
 would be best that he would like
 but it is not what as I read rule
 67 is what is intended. The risk
 of that rule is that he is to be
 the adviser. And the inspecting
 Officer of military stations qua
 those portions of them actually
 occupied by troops

LD
 17/8/97

S. J.

There is a ^{General} ^{order} ^{that}
 and he should ^{be} ^{able} ^{to} ^{communicate} ^{with}
 the ^{to} ^{be} ^{able} ^{to} ^{communicate} ^{with}
 the ^{to} ^{be} ^{able} ^{to} ^{communicate} ^{with}
 Rule 67. I think that ^{it} ^{is} ^{not} ^{to} ^{be} ^{used}
 to take ^{any} ^{other} ^{action} ^{than} ^{that} ^{is} ^{provided} ^{for} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{rule}

Alt 26.8.97

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Public DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 2604

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.
 1 THE HON'BLE ^{Mr} ~~MR~~ BLISS, C.I.E.
 2 THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.
 The duties of the Sanitary
 Commissioners.

FOR ORDERS.

Resubmitted with
 ref to H.E. the Governor's
 note of the 26th instant

26/8/97. AK.
 27/8/97
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 17/8/97

Public (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 3095



From

The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

No. 1679
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Order

Dated 16 August 1897

Received 18 " "

Registered 18 " "

Enclosures one.

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SUBJECT.

Forwards copy of rule 67 Called
for in G.O. No. 1660 dated 7th
August 1897.
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67. During the continuance of Cholera at any Station, the officer in command will report by post weekly to the Deputy Adjt General of the command for the information of the Lt. General commanding the forces, as well as to the Sanitary Commissioner of the province (with respect to the steps to be taken for the mitigation of the evil), on the general Sanitary condition of the Station, including bazaars and on the health of the population around a considerable radius. The report should state in detail the number of cases, the class of persons attacked, the number who may have died and the general character of the disease, whether virulent or not. A statement in the following form showing number of cases from commencement of outbreak, should be appended to the report.

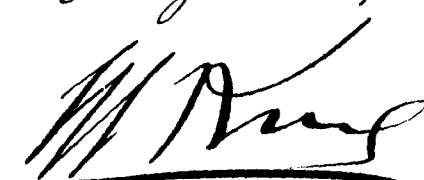
Number of cases of Cholera which have occurred
at from to date of this Report.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Europeans	Men	Men
	Women	Women
	Children	Children

Native soldiers

Followers.

The number of cases and deaths amongst European and native soldiers should agree with the numbers reported by telegraph, an explanation of any discrepancy being given.

(True copy) 

Surgeon-Lieut. Col.
Sanitary Commissioner

No.

1679
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OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,

Fort St. George, 16 August 1897.

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From

SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE

Chief Secretary
to Government, Public Department.

Enclosure.

SIR,

With reference to O.M. No. 1660 dated
7th Instant, I have the honour to forward
herewith a copy of Rule by, therein called
for.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obed^t. Servant.



Surgeon-Lieut. Col.

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras

Public Dept

Cts 2604 + 3095

C.S. / Ref No: 186477 Sept 1897

Referred to the Dy
Adjt Genl for favour
^{information} of report as to what
action the L. S. C. F considers
should be taken by
the Saugy Court
under rule 67

(from order)

4/9/52.

D. N. R. with Cts Dec 7 } Cus.
returned 7/9/97 }
Dec 9 }
7/9/97

AK.
4/9/97.

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Public (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 35/14

Order

From

The D. B. G.

No. B./B. 14716.

Dated 20th Sept.
Received 21. " } 97
Registered 21. " }

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SUBJECT.

Stating that as para 3 of Govt of
India (Ind. Dep't) letter H. 1419.C
dated 22 Feb 1887 seems very clear as
to the duties of the Sanitary Commissioner
that H. C. considers that the instructions
contained therein appear to meet the
present case.

S. A.
1887

9/10/87

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ENCLOSURES.

From

The DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL, MADRAS COMMAND,

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

SIR,

In returning the enclosures of your Memorandum No: 1864 of the 7th instant, I am desired to inform you that as para 3 of Government of India (Military Department) letter No: 419 C dated 22nd February 1887, seems very clear as to the duties of the Sanitary Commissioner, His Excellency the Lieut. General commanding considers that the instructions contained therein appear to meet the present case.

2. This office is not aware of any recent orders of Government in supersession of the ruling referred to above.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant
W. H. A. Captain
D. A. G. for D. A. G.

M. 22/9/87

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3 H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

(1) THE HON'BLE ^{Mr} BLISS, C.I.E.

2 THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

The duties of the Sanitary Commission

FOR ORDERS.

⊗ is subject to. The San. Comm is to be the responsible adviser of the local Govt., that is, not merely of the Govt. but of the local Govt. as Bengal, the N.W.P. &c. have never had any authority in military matters - I think it would be wise to ascertain from them Govt. (or say that of the N.W.P. & the Punjab, for Bengal proper has comparatively few & small military cantonments) exactly what the San. Comm. in those provinces does do in regard to para 3 of ~~the~~ Ch. Allen's letter, under which he is to visit & report on the sanitary condition of military barracks & cantonments, and in regard to Rule 67, and to whom he reports. If the San. Comm's functions in this respect are not clearly defined we shall have trouble. Does ~~the~~ Bangalore, & the Coy. come within the sphere of his action? There then would be the added difficulty that the local Govt. is not that of the Mad. San. Comm. is subordinate

25/9/87

or recommended?

Inquiries should be made of Bangalore & the N.W.P. & then the Govt. should be addressed

27/9/87

The D. A. G.'s reply to memo 1864 Pab d/ 7.9.97 is submitted with ref to His Excellency's note of the 26th ultimo at E

The L. G. C. 7 appearing 21.9.7 considers that the San. Comm. should inspect all military barracks and cantonments - but he has overlooked the fact that these duties were imposed on him by G.O. no 1347 int. d. 7 March 1887, as the advice of a Government in the military branch, which no longer exists. Para 3 of Ch. Allen's letter says that the San. Comm. should "report": it is not clear to whom such report should now be made. At 22/9/87

1/10/91

H.H.

No doubt the orders of 1889 were issued when the Govt had charge of the military adminⁿ of the Pres. But if the San. Comm^r was to be the professional adviser of the military adminⁿ then it does not appear that his advice is any the less required now when the adminⁿ is under the immediate control of the Govt of India; nor does it appear that under the new system the Govt of India has supplied the place of the Presiding San. Comm^r by any other professional adviser. The Govt of India would be entitled to his advice.

But the channels of communication having been diverted it seems advisable to address the Govt of India & enquire in what manner, by what channel, & under what restrictions the San. Comm^r should now be consulted (Of course the Govt must be dealt with quite independently of the discrepancy, real or assumed, of the present incumbent)

S.P. 22/9/97

G.No. 5514

G. E.

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LETTER

W. 132987 Oct 27/97

To

The Chief Secy. to the Govt. of the

N.W.P. and Oudh

Punjab

Sir,

I am directed to request that with the permission of His Honour the Lieut: Governor & E. the Governor in Council may be furnished with information on the following points in connection with the duties of the Sanitary Commissioner in the N.W.P. & Oudh Punjab

2. In para 5 of letter No. 419 G, 4/ Fort William 2nd Feb. 1887 from ~~the~~ Col: H. Collett, Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mil. Dept., to the Quarter-Master General in India, it was laid down that the San. Commissioners are required to visit and report on the sanitary condition of military barracks and cantonments.

As long as the Mil. Dept. of this Govt. was in existence no difficulty was experienced in arranging for the execution of these duties. As the adviser of the local Govt. the San. Commissioner's province was naturally to report to Govt. which was then in a position to take steps

(* copy enclosed)

steps of his recommendations. Now how
that the military order is entirely in the hands of the Govt of India
ever, this Govt. has no longer any

jurisdiction over military matters, the

difficulty has arisen as to the procedure

to be adopted. I am as originally directed

to enquire what steps are taken by the

Sany. Commr. in your province in accor-

dance with the instructions contained in

para 5 of Col. Collen's letter quoted

above and if he prepares the matters

indicated therein

that the Govt. contemplated are pre-

pared by that officer to ask to what

authority they are submitted. I am further

directed to refer to rule 67 of the rules

sanctioned by the Govt. of India on the

10th Sept. 1896 regarding measures to

be adopted on the outbreak of cholera

among British troops, para 192,

page 181 of the report of the Sany.

Commr. N 1895,) and to ask whether any

report is forwarded to the Sany. Commr.

by the sanctioning authorities on that

matter before, if so, what action that

officer takes thereon.

I have etc.

/From order/

Department.

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT

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