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[Despatch Abstract.]

According to certain papers
relative to the submission of
the weekly health statistics of
the city of Madras to the Govt.

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	Com. 2643/98.						

No. 2
to Jan 31/98

with reference to his letter head
acknowledged the San. Comm. is
requested to be so good as
to inform Govt.

- 1.) Who are the authorities to
whom the weekly health
statistics of ~~Madras~~ Madras
City are forwarded, and
- 2.) Whether these reports
are forwarded by the San. Comm.
or the Surg. G.

To the San. Comm. (revised)

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No. 248
31-1-98.
to Surgeon Gen.

The S. G. is requested to be so
good as to inform Govt. at
a very early date who are
the authorities to whom the
weekly health statistics of
Madras City are forwarded
in accordance with the existing
practice, and also whether
since the issue of G.O. 340
1841

the any copy has been
sent by ~~the~~ him direct to
the Govt. of India, Home Dep.

Public (1898) Department.

CURRENT No.



From
Surgeon-Major-General
Lt. Sibtinope CB, F.R.C.P.

No. 148.

Dated 1st February

Received } 11th Feb 1898
Registered }

Enclosures One.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding with remarks a copy of departmental standing order No. 1807/1897 regarding the submission of weekly health statistics of Madras City to certain ports through the Madras Govt.

P/ Please see my letter of 21st Jan 1898 regarding the submission of health statistics to the ports.

in such case
whether the
This ~~is~~ ~~the~~ copy
of the above report is
forwarded by himself by the
San Comm.

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To the Surgeon-General (return only)

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BACK PAPER

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No. 148.

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL.

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Madras, 16th February 1898.

From

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL G. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I.,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to your Memorandum, No 24
Public, dated 31st January 1898, I have the honor
to append for information a copy of this Depart-
ment Standing Order No 180 of 1897, from which it
will be seen that copies of the weekly health
statistics of Madras City are now sent to His
Majesty's Embassy at Constantinople, the
British Consul General at Cairo, the Quarantine
Board, Alexandria, and the India Office direct
and through the Sanitary Commissioners (instead
of through the Surgeon-General as heretofore,
to the Madras Government for transmission
to the Government of India - Copies intended
for the Government of India have always been
sent through the local Government and the issue
of G.O. No 340, Public, dated 8th May 1890 has not
affected the procedure.

I have the honor to be,

Yours most obedient Servant,

C. J. Sibthorpe Surgeon Major

Public Surgeon General with Govt of Madras

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No.



From

*The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.*

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No. 320
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Dated 16th February 1898.

Received }
Registered } 17th Feb 1898

Enclosure^s one

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SUBJECT.

*Submitting information called
for in G.O. No. 247 dated 31st
January 1898.*

WEEKLY RETURN OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE CITY OF MADRAS, REPORTED FROM 29th JANUARY TO 4th FEBRUARY 1898. cont.

Population of each class.	Christians.						Hindus.		Muhammadans.		Others.		Total.						
	89,742.						868,997.		53,184.		695.		452,518.						
	Europeans.		East Indians.		Native Christians.		Ratio per Mille per Annum.	M.	F.	Ratio per Mille per Annum.	M.	F.	Ratio per Mille per Annum.	M.	F.	Ratio per Mille per Annum.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.													
(Cholera ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	0.6
Small-pox ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	0.6
Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	44	9.0
Howel-complaints ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	18	4.3
Bruires ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Injuries. { Wounds and accidents	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Snake-bites ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
All other causes ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95	102	22.6
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	156	171	37.6
Average of the corresponding weeks for ten previous years ..	10-4	10-8	27-6	124-2	128-9	36-6	23-3	21-6	44-1	0-1	..	..	8-7	168-0	161-5	36-7			

3. Medical officers of the Ports of Cocanada, Vizagapatam, Negapatam, Tuticorin, Calicut, Cochin and Mangalore will, in the event of cholera breaking out in epidemic form, prepare similar weekly reports on Civil Medical Form No. 18-A; one copy of which should be submitted to Government through the office of the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras for transmission to the Government of India, and the others direct to Her Majesty's Embassy at Constantinople, the British Consul-General at Cairo, the Quarantine Board at Alexandria, and the India Office.

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4. The vital statistics should be obtained from the Chairman, Municipal Council, of the town concerned.

5. In forwarding Civil Medical Form No. 18-A to the authorities concerned no covering letter should be used; but, on the exterior of the envelope, should be placed the superscription "Vital Statistics of the Port of—."

(By Order.)

R. H. ELLIOT, Surgeon-Captain,
Secretary, Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras.

Office of Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras,
Madras, 6th December 1897.

READ—the following Government Orders:—

No. 147, Public, dated 14th February 1882, on the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, No. 10 (Sanitary), dated the 21st January 1882:—

* * * *

9. The weekly death reports of the Health Officers of the Presidency towns should be regularly forwarded to Her Majesty's Embassy at Constantinople, and to the British Consul-General at Cairo, care being taken to make them as complete and self-explanatory as possible. Copies should also be regularly supplied to the Home Department of the Government of India.

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No. 170, Public, dated 7th March 1882.
Nos. 279-280, Public, dated 27th May 1882.
No. 281, Public, dated 27th May 1882.

READ—the following letter:—

From A. MACKENZIE, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Sanitary), to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Simla, 15th May 1882, No 127:—

As it appears desirable that the weekly reports of Health Officers, ordered in paragraph 9 of Home Department letter No. 10, dated the 21st January 1882, should be prepared in a uniform manner, the Governor-General in Council has been pleased to prescribe the accompanying form in which they should be compiled. I am accordingly to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will be good enough to issue instructions for the adoption of this form in the preparation of future reports.

2. It will be understood that the dates given in column 2 of the form are intended to serve as a guide only, and are not to be printed in the forms actually used.

ENCLOSURE.

Statement of Deaths from Principal Diseases in the Town of _____
 during the Week ending _____ and the
 corresponding Weeks of preceding five Years.

Years.	Week ending.	Cholera.	Small-pox.	Fever.	Dysentery and diarrhoea.	All other diseases.	Total.	Ratio per 1,000 of population per annum.
1877...	3rd March ...							
1878...	2nd March ...							
1879...	1st March ...							
1880...	6th March ...							
1881...	5th March ...							
Mean numbers.								
1882...	Week ending 4th March.							

The Medical Board is of opinion that cholera was epidemic during the week ending _____ 188 .

(Signed) _____

President of the Medical Board.

(Signed) _____

Health Officer.

Date 1 _____ 188 .

ORDER—dated 27th May 1882, No. 281, Public.

Communicated to the Surgeon-General with Government for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
 Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 932-A., M., dated 17th April 1897.

READ—also the following paper:—

From the Marine Department, No. 335-E, dated 14th May 1897, on the following telegram from the Government of India, Home Department, dated 12th May 1897:—

Number 1489. Sanitary Correspondence ending your telegram, dated 16th April. Ports in direct communication Egypt. Following telegram, dated 3rd, received from Secretary of State. Begins: Your telegram of 22nd April last. Please instruct Calcutta, Madras, Bombay and Karachi ports to send weekly health statistics regularly to Alexandria Quarantine Board and India Office. No need for other ports to send statistics except in the event of disease appearing in epidemic form. Ends. Madras must in future send weekly health statistics to Alexandria Quarantine Board and India Office in addition to authorities to whom statistics are now sent. Cocanada, Vizagapatam, Negapatam, Tuticorin, Calicut, Mangalore which are stated to be in direct communication. Egypt in your telegram of 16th April, must also send weekly health statistics whenever disease appears in epidemic form to Alexandria Quarantine Board, India Office, and all authorities including Government of India to whom weekly reports regarding Madras are sent. In ports, where there is no Medical Board, health statistics should be signed by Civil Surgeon or local Sanitary authority.

ORDER—No. 589, dated 17th May 1897.

The telegram from the Government of India will be communicated to the Surgeon-General and the Sanitary Commissioner for early action. Their attention will be drawn to the correspondence ending with G.O., No. 281, Public, dated 27th May 1882.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. FRANCIS,
for *Chief Secretary*.

READ—again G.O., No. 589, Public, dated 17th May 1897.

READ—also the following paper:—

From Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B.,
C.M., D.P.H., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to
the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal
Department, dated Fort St. George, 6th June
1897, No. 1207-S.

With reference to G.O., No. 932-A M., dated 17th April
1897, I have the honour to suggest that, judging from
returns received from the medical officer, Cochin, in refer-
ence to G.O., No. 1636, Public, dated 18th August 1883,
which are obtained by him after consultation with the Port
officer, there is reason to believe that Cochin should be
included in the list therein given.

Endt. No. 667.

Transferred to the Public Department with reference to
G.O., No. 589, Public, dated 17th May 1897.

OOTACAMUND,
12th June 1897.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

ORDER—No. 747, Public, dated 15th June 1897.

Cochin will accordingly be included in the list given in
G.O., No. 932-A M., dated 17th April 1897, read in G.O.,
No. 589, Public, dated 17th May 1897.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

Office of Sanitary Commissioner,
Fort St. George, 16th February 1898

No. 320
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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,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

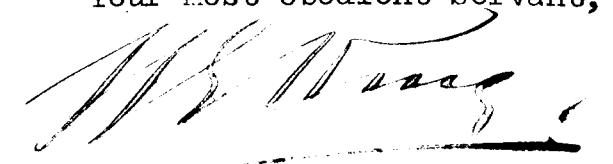
With reference to para 1 of official Memorandum NO. 247 dated 31st January 1898, I have the honour to inform you

-----	that a copy of the week-
Registrar General of England	:ly return of births and
London	:deaths in the enclosed
Registrar General of Ireland,	:form is being furnished by
Dublin.	:me to the marginally noted
Secretary Local Government Board,	:Officers. I may state that
London.	:the return submitted to
Deputy Registrar of Records, New	:Government with my endorse-
York.	:ment NO.136/S dated 25th
Austro Hungarian Consul General,	:January 1898 is but an ab-
Bombay.	:stract of the above return
Editor, Indian Medical Gazette, Cal-	:2. The reports under
cutta.	
Health officer of the Corporation,	
Calcutta.	
Directeur de l'Interieur, Pondicherry	

reference were at no time sent by this office to Government for transmission to the Government of India.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,



Surgeon Lieut Colonel,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

C. Nos. 560, 442, 586 & 703 of 1898.

SUBJECT.

~~HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.~~

THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.

Weekly health statistics.

~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~FOR ORDERS.

There has been some confusion about the submission of Weekly Health Statistics to the Govt. of India which needs clearing up with reference to papers bearing on the subject.

In accordance with the instructions contained in Home Dept. Resolution No. 10 (Sanitary) dated 21st Jan. 1892 recorded in G.O. No. 147, dated 14th February 1892, this Govt. issued orders, in G.O. 279, dated 27th May 1892, for the constitution of a Board of Health consisting of the Senior Physician of the General Hospital, the Surgeon of the First District and the Vice-President of the Madras Municipality ^{in charge} for certifying weekly whether cholera is or is not epidemic in the town of Madras and its neighbourhood, and directed that the death reports should be prepared in accordance with the instructions contained in Home Dept. letter recorded in G.O. 170, dated 7th May 1892 and that they should be forwarded direct to Her Majesty's

assy-at Constantinople and to the British Consul-General at Cairo, copies being at the same time submitted to Govt. for transmission to the Govt. of India".

2. The portion italicised above was apparently overlooked when G.O.No. 340, dated 3th May 1890 was passed directing the Surgeon-General to discontinue the submission of the copies to Govt. except when cholera was epidemic. The last sentence in the note appended to that G.O.viz. "the order that a copy should be sent (to Govt.) was unnecessary" was, it is submitted, incorrect. The order was not unnecessary as the copy was required for transmission to the Govt. of India. The fact seems to be that the copy was never transmitted through this Govt. but appears to have been sent on direct by the President, Board of Health (vide note just referred to). And there is perhaps no reason why the Govt. of India should not receive its copies direct from the Board of Health just like the other authorities to whom they are now sent. Express orders to this effect would appear to be called for as the Surgeon-General has in para. 2 of his Standing Order No. 130 flagged A' and apparently on his own authority, directed that "the copy sent to Govt. should be forwarded in future through the office of the Sanitary Commissioner instead of through this (the Surgeon-General's) office". In accordance with this Standing Order the Sanitary Commissioner forwarded two returns for

weeks

January 1898, respectively and as it was not clear from India's telegram in G.O.589, dated 17th May 1897 who the authorities were to whom the weekly health statistics were forwarded in accordance with existing practice, the Surgeon-General and the Sanitary Commissioner were requested to report on the point, the former officer being further asked to state whether since the issue of G.O.No. 340 of 1890 above alluded to any copy was sent by him direct to the Govt. of India, Home Dept. In reply (G.No.536) the Surgeon-General forwards a copy of his Standing Order just referred to from which it appears that the copies are now sent to Her Majesty's Embassy at Constantinople, the British Consul-General at Cairo, the Quarantine Board, Alexandria, and the India Office direct and - here the Surgeon-General is wrong and has no authority for his Standing Order - "through the Sanitary Commissioner to the Madras Govt. for transmission to the Govt. of India". The Surgeon-General adds that the issue of G.O.No.340 of 1890 has not affected the procedure, but this statement is inconsistent with that made in his letter recorded in G.O.R 52, dated 15th January 1891 viz. that a copy was sent to the Govt. of India direct by the Board of Health. In G.No.703 the Sanitary Commissioner gives a list of the persons to whom he sends returns of births and deaths but

These returns, it will be seen, are the usual ones published in the Fort St. George Gazette and are not in the form prescribed by the Govt. of India for adoption by the Board of Health in G.O. 281/27.5.82

3. It will thus be seen that copies of weekly health statistics prepared by the Board of Health have ceased to be transmitted to the Govt. of India by this Govt. since April 1890, if not even before that date, that the Board of Health has apparently sent them direct, ~~and~~ that the Surgeon-General has no authority for directing the Sanitary Commissioner to submit them to the Local Govt. for transmission to the Govt. of India, and that the San. Commr. did not send them at any time before this.

4. It is, therefore, submitted that the Surgeon-General may be asked to modify his instructions, in his Standing Order No. 180 (para. 2) and direct the President, Board of Health, to transmit copies to the Govt. of India, Home Dept., direct. This course will, it is thought, save time and ensure that copies are transmitted to the Govt. of India without unnecessary delay.

The San. Commr. adds that the reports prepared by the Board of Health were at no time sent by him to Govt. for transmission to the Govt. of India.

C.S. for approval.

(vide order at 0)

(see order at 0)

Public Office

S.M. No. 582/3-3-

In his letter no 148 d 10/2/88 the S.G. states that this copy of the weekly health returns has always been sent to the Govt. of India through the Local Govt. No record of the receipt or transmission of such returns is traceable in this office, & the statement appears therefore to be erroneous. The S.G. requested to institute further inquiries & report.

(1) Whether any copies of the returns have actually been despatched to the Govt. of India, Home Dept., & (2) If so by whom they have been sent.

2. It is observed that in his letter no 2 d 6/1/81 the S.G. reported that the weekly health returns did not pass through his office. This being so the collection of the S.G.'s Standing order no 180 is not

Public (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 42



Read (Nos 360, 586, 703, 897, 984, 986, 1090, 1172, 1270, 1357, 1383 and 1275) From the Surgeon Major General B. Saththorpe M. B. F. R. C. S.

No 611, dt 29th April 1898

Recorded.

No. 283

Dated the 2nd April 1898

Received

Registered

Enclosures

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SUBJECT:

(9 of all) Despatch 2.5.98

There is apparently nothing to be done now than to 'record' the issue of G.O. No. 820 of 23-8-82 the weekly returns of the Madras City health statistics have been submitted direct to the President Board of Health of India by the President, direct to the Govt. of India of Health, - since 1882

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Surgeon-General (now says G.O. 820 of 23.8.82). The Sg's Standing Order No 180 of 1897 directing the Sanitary Commissioner to send them to Govt for submission to India was, as stated in that note, unauthorized and incorrect. That Order will however now be corrected as the Sg. says and there will be no more returns received by Govt.

It is, however, for consideration whether ~~for~~ G.O. 340 of 8.5.90 should in any way be expressly modified. That G.O., it will be seen, directs the discontinuance of copies of these returns to Govt except when cholera is pronounced to be epidemic. But it is subm? Govt does not require them even when cholera is epidemic. As a matter of fact, however, no returns of any kind have been received by Govt since the issue of G.O. of 1890 above referred to and the matter may perhaps be left alone. Subm that which no action is required. It is a case in which it is best quietly to move

27/4/8-

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

No. 283

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS, *Amroli, 22 April 1898*

From

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I.,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to your Memorandum, No. 582, Public, dated the 3rd March 1898, I have the honour to state that I was under the impression that the weekly health returns of Madras city were sent to the Government of India through the Local Government as directed in paragraph 3 of G.O. No. 279, Public, dated the 27th May 1882. From enquiries of the President, Board of Health, I now learn that, apparently ever since the issue of G.O. No. 820, Public, dated the 23rd August 1882, these returns have been sent by him direct to the Government of India.

2. The President, Board of Health, also reports that it has been customary to send a copy of the returns direct to the Austro-Hungarian Consul-General, Bombay, but he is unable to trace the authority for its despatch. This officer's name will be included in Standing Order No. 180 of 1897 which will be corrected according to the information now elicited.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. G. S. Sibthorpe

Surgeon-Major-General

Madras

with the Govt of Madras

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to G. No.

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