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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th December 1863.

No. 183. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department :—

Communicating a letter from the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, reporting his having instructed the Civil Surgeon of Kurnool to investigate and report the causes of the great mortality of the Cattle in that District. } (Here enter 28th November 1863, No. 1,323.)

No. 184. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1863, No. 2,255.

The Government await the receipt of Dr. Keess' report referred to, but in the meantime the letter of the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, communicated in the above Order, will be forwarded to the Board of Revenue with reference to paragraph 2 of G. O. dated 27th October 1863, No. 1,931.

(True Extract.)

(Signed J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Department, No. 1,323.
,, Public Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from ROBERT COLE, Esq., Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Fort Saint George; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department, Fort Saint George, dated 17th November 1863, No. 260.

Referring to Proceedings of Government as per margin, I have the honor to report that I have instructed the Civil Surgeon of Kurnool to investigate the causes of the great mortality of the cattle in the District, and to report upon the postmortem appearances of animals which have died of the prevailing epidemic.

Public Department, No. 1203, dated 2nd November 1863.

2. I have also consulted Veterinary Surgeon T. Prichard on the subject, who is of opinion, that the disease is closely allied to the pleuro pneumonia, or murrain which has been so destructive of late years to the cattle in Europe.

3. Inoculation has been practised in this disease, using a portion of diseased lung to inoculate the healthy animals, but in the opinion of eminent Veterinarians without such success as to warrant its general adoption.

4. On receipt of Dr. Keess' report, I will again address Government on the subject; but in the meantime I would allude to those preventive measures which have been found effectual in staying these epidemics in other countries.

First.—Immediate separation of the diseased from the healthy animals, and careful destruction by fire, or burial of all bodies dying of the disease.

Second.—Attention to cleanliness in cattle sheds, and care as regards the quality of the food and water.

5. These measures if generally followed will, I have no doubt, soon be followed by a diminution in the mortality.

6. It should be remembered, that whatever may be the nature of the particular epidemic, all epizootics are generally contagious, and that whenever they occur in particular flocks or herds these should not be allowed to mix with other cattle. So little attention is paid by native agriculturists to the care of their cattle, the herds being allowed to pick up unwholesome food, and to drink unwholesome water without the slightest restraint, that I am only surprised that the mortality is not greater than it really is.

7. Medical treatment in these diseases, has hitherto been singularly unsuccessful. As Colonel Hill remarks "they may in a great measure be prevented, but they cannot be cured."

ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1863, No. 1323.

Communicated to the Revenue Department, in reference to Proceedings in the Department, 27th October last, No. 1931.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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