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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
11th August 1864.*

No. 170. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th July 1864,  
No. 4,521.

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From W. G. McIVOR, Esq., Superintendent of Government Chinchona Plantations, to P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated Ootacamund, 6th July 1864, No. 104.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 3,638, enclosing report of Veterinary Surgeon J. Thacker on the Cattle disease in Kurnool. This paper I have perused with much interest, and as it suggests some important points overlooked in my letter of the 4th ultimo, I trust I may be excused offering a few further remarks on the subject, as both the symptoms and effect of the disease prevailing here differ materially from the description given by Mr. Thacker.

2. In the first instance, here the disease has proved most fatal, on an average not more than one animal in fifty recovering. In the early part of August last, the disease broke out among the cattle of the Burgher villages of Ootchahully, Kirrapardoo, Mullagoorah, and Bickhutti on the Koondahs, and by the 15th of September it had destroyed the whole of the cattle of the village in which it first broke out; the disease proving most fatal where it first begins, and apparently becoming less virulent as it proceeds; secondly, the animals were not at any stage affected by costiveness or shivering fits; and thirdly, the cattle in the finest condition were first attacked, while the less vigorous and healthy animals generally escaped the disease.

3. The preventive measures recommended in paragraphs 33 and 34 of Mr. Thacker's report were adopted the moment the disease broke out among my cattle, each animal being removed as it was taken ill, to a separate house at a distance from the main stock. The house in which the stock was kept being at once white-washed with fresh lime, fumigated with pitch, the floors swept and washed, and then covered with lime and fresh earth as the most convenient disinfectant, nevertheless the disease was not in the least stayed, but on the following day another was taken ill, and the succeeding day three more were seized; this forced the impression on my mind that the greatest error I had fallen into in the treatment was having removed the sick, instead of the healthy cattle from the place where the disease was first contracted. I then took immediate steps to remove the healthy cattle, being careful to select only such as exhibited no symptoms of the disease, being guided in this by the excrements showing perfect digestion. After the healthy cattle were removed, only one calf was taken ill, when they were again instantly removed, to another house, after which no further symptoms of the disease were shown.

4. From the above result I am convinced that had I taken the precaution, in the first instance, to remove the healthy cattle instead of the sick, that the greater part of them would have been saved, and I would be glad to be favoured with the opinion of Mr. Thacker on this point.

Ordered to be communicated to Mr. Thacker for his remarks.

No. 171.

ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1864, No. 1,443.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.  
„ Veterinary Surgeon J. Thacker.  
„ P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.  
„ J. Shaw, Esq., Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.  
„ Colonel J. Hill, Commissary General.  
„ Honorable R. S. Ellis, C. B., President Sanitary Commission.  
Copy to All Collectors.

Exd. J. Wright.

*No: 13 July 1864*

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*Received 1864.  
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.  
To All Collectors, &c.

Dated 19th July 1864.

Despatched 23rd.

Received 25th.

*No. of the Board of Revenue  
of Coimbatore 21/7/64.  
No. 4521.*

Communicating Mr. Melvor's further report  
on the subject of Cattle disease.

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