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## Government of Madras.

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| 234. 235 | |
| Dated 15. 8. 1865. | |

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*15th August* 1865.

No. 234. Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Coimbatore, 5th August 1865, No. 95 :—

SIR,

1. In reply to the Proceedings of Government, Military Department, dated 29th July 1865, No. 2,811, I beg to submit the following explanation.

2. Every precaution is adopted to keep the Military authorities informed of the existence of cholera on the routes of march. The various authorities have orders to report its existence. In the instance under reference, in which I seem to have been wanting in giving timely information to the Military authorities of the existence of cholera at Matoopolliem, I fear that my over-anxiety led me to report its existence without due information on the subject. On my way through Matoopolliem on the night of the 16th June, I asked the Monegar of the village, amongst other things, whether there was any cholera about; he replied that it existed, that one or two individual cases had taken place, but that the extent of the disease was greatly exaggerated. Next morning Dr. Davis sent to my house to enquire about cholera; bearing in mind what I had heard the previous night, I wrote the letter marked A in the Government Proceedings. Having been absent from head quarters I was not aware when I wrote to Dr. Davis that troops were about to march from Wellington, and not having received any official reports of the existence of cholera, I was not so alive to the subject as I should otherwise have been. The information I gave Dr. Davis I understood at the time, was meant for the authorities at Trichinopoly, with reference to the intended march of troops. On the 23rd June, on hearing from Colonel Spurgin, I sent orders to the Sub-Magistrate of Matoopolliem to report direct to him whether cholera was in existence. It turned out that there was no cholera, and there is every reason to believe that its existence, when I passed through Matoopolliem, was a myth, the result of some casual report in a bazaar where numbers of bandymen daily arrive from different parts of the country. Be this as it may, I think I was right in reporting what I heard to Dr. Davis, and wrong, perhaps, in not making a similar report to the Military authorities at Wellington.

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No. 235. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1865, No. 1,890.

**Miscellaneous.**

1. The Collector should certainly have reported the information he received respecting cholera at Matoopolliem to the authorities at Wellington.

2. Government hope that the instructions which have been lately issued on the subject will prevent any mistake of the kind from occurring again.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Sir
Your most obt Servt

R. Grant
Asst Sr.

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The Collector
of
Rangoon

To

The Secretary to
Government

Dated 5th August 1865
Rec'd 8th " "

No 95.

Affords the explanation
called for in the order
of Govt regarding the
omission to give timely
information of the
existence of Cholera
at Matropolitan

The Collector should certainly have reported the information he received respecting Cholera at Matropolitan to the Authorities at Wellington.

Government hope that by the instructions which have been lately issued on this subject will prevent any mistake of the Kind from occurring again. —

1 Fo Rs Collector of Rangoon Dep 16 Augt
14 " Rs Board of Rev S°

15th Augt/65.

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With Order

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