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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th October 1871.

No. 130. . . Read the following despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, (Sanitary,) to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 6th September 1871, No. 11 :—

THE despatch of your Excellency in Council in the Revenue Department, dated 27th March, No. 15 of 1871, relative to the public health of the Madras Presidency during Fusly 1279, has been considered by me in Council.

2. In reply I forward copy of
some remarks by the Army Sanitary
Commission, to whom the despatch and enclosures were referred.

Dated 22nd August 1871.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Secretary to the Army Sanitary Commission, to the Under-Secretary of State for India, dated War Office, 22nd August 1871.

WITH reference to Mr. Merivale's letter of the 16th instant, forwarding for submission to the Army Sanitary Commission, and for any remarks they may wish to offer, copy of a despatch from the Government of Fort St. George, dated 27th March, No. 15, 1871. (Revenue), relative to the health of the Madras Presidency during Fusly 1279 (1869-70). In returning the enclosures as requested I am directed to submit, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, the following remarks by the Commission on this subject.

2. These papers show that during the period included in the returns public health in this Presidency has been in an unsatisfactory state.

3. There has been extensive prevalence of Miasmatic diseases among the general population, and high death-rates. The registration is obviously only in a progressive condition, but it shows that during the period there was at least the following mortality from three formidable diseases, namely :—

	Deaths.
Small-pox	12,043
Cholera	42,080
Féver	136,789

4. As mortality registration progresses the fact becomes more and more evident that fevers are of far more importance in India as death-causes than cholera. There is little information as to local sanitary conditions, but there is ample reason in the facts for dissenting from the opinion expressed in paragraphs 13 and 19 of the letter as to their having been "no lack of sanitary improvements" in cholera-districts. These papers show the necessity of directing sanitary inquiries specially towards discovering the causes of this large amount of malarial predisposition among the population, with the view of adopting measures of relief. So far as an estimate can be formed from statements in the papers themselves, improved drainage and better agriculture are apparently the chief remedies required.

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No. 131.

ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1871, No. 1,784.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED, together with the
enclosure, to the Board of Revenue with
reference to G. O., 22nd March 1871,
No. 518.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department,

with copy of G. O., 22nd March 1871, No. 518

the Sanitary Commissioner

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Army Sanitary Commission
War Office
Aug^r 22^d 1871.

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Army Sanitary Commission
dated 22nd August 1871.

Refused to in Sanitary Letter to
Madras, No 11, dated 6th Sept. 1871.

Sanitary
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Madras Office
London 6th Sept. 1871

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done by J. H. J.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,

Your Lordship's most
obedient humble servant

Chas. J. H. J.

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Sanitary
Sept. 1871.

The
Letter to Fort St. George
No 11.

Recd: 3rd Oct^r 1871.

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- 14 To the Board of Officers 18 Oct.
- 20 The Inspector General of Revenue
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