No. 160. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd July 1872, No. 1,190 :—

Read the following letter from Surgeon-Major W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th June 1872, No. 733 :—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of copy of letter No. 605 of 12th instant, from the Collector of Vizagapatam.

2. With reference to the remark in paragraph 4, that nearly all the cases of so-called cholera seen by Medical men were thought to be only a form of diarrhœa, I would wish it to be distinctly understood that notwithstanding the reported absence of some of the usual symptoms of cholera, there is no doubt whatever in my mind that the "epidemic" or "malignant" form of the disease has reached the Vizagapatam District, and that every precaution should be taken in regard to suspicious cases of diarrhœa, just the same as if every symptom of malignant cholera were present. The cases in the Jail at Vizagapatam were of a very fatal type, though all the usual indications of cholera were not present.

3. The Apothecary at Vizagapatam gave particulars of a case the other day, which led him to doubt the disease being genuine cholera. The patient was a travelling beggar found lying in the streets of the town, who had been seized with illness and died in about twelve hours. This case was thought to be one of ordinary diarrhœa from improper food, but I would remark on this that common diarrhœa from indigestion is not a fatal disease, and that a diarrhœa which kills in a few hours must practically be regarded, and treated in a sanitary point of view, as cholera.

4. In the commencement of all epidemics there is usually a disposition to disbelieve in their existence. In this way, often valuable time is lost in adopting sanitary precautions to protect the population.

5. In regard to the Vizagapatam District, I wish it to be distinctly recorded, that the epidemic of cholera from the north and Ganjam has already invaded the district, and with the daily history of neighbouring districts at hand for reference, I think the district authorities of Vizagapatam must admit that my statement on a question of this nature is not advanced on light or insufficient grounds. The object I have in view is not to alarm the public, but to prepare executive officials for local outbreaks of disease, which seem to be imminent.

COMMUNICATED to the Collectors of Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Godavery, Kistna, and Nellore, for information and guidance.

2. The Collectors of the above districts will observe that it is the opinion of the Sanitary Commissioner that the advance of cholera from the northwards is to be expected. They should omit no precautions to prevent the spread of the disease should it appear in their districts.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th July 1872.

No. 161. ORDER THEREON, 19th July 1872, No. 1,090.

Miscellaneous.

APPROVED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Govt. of 1872 Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated July 19th.

Recd *Encl.*

G. O., 19th July 1872, No. 1,090.

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Nos. 160 161.

Cholera in Vizagapatam District.—Proceedings Board of Revenue, communicating Sanitary Commissioner's remark on it to the Collectors of the districts specified in view to precautionary measures being adopted to prevent its spread should it appear in their districts approved.—

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PROCEEDINGS, 3RD JULY 1872, No. 1,190.

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No. 1,190.

Cholera—in the Vizagapatam District.—Remarks of the Sanitary Commissioner on — communicated to the Collectors of Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Godavery, Kistna, and Nellore, with the request to take every precaution to prevent the spread of the disease, should it appear in their districts.

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