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No. 38. Read the following despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India :—

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No. 10.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
30th August 1873.

MY LORD,—The despatch of your Excellency in Council, dated 25th of January, No. 3, Public, containing a further report on the causes of fever in the Godavery District by Assistant-Surgeon Wright, has been considered by me in Council.

2. These papers have been submitted for the consideration of the Army Sanitary Commission, and I now forward a further Memorandum which has been received from the Commission containing their remarks on the subject.

Dated 23rd July 1873.

3. I trust that the measures proposed for giving a higher professional education to the Native medical practitioners may, with the other remedies suggested, tend to discourage the system of fasting hitherto recommended, which appears to have so pernicious an effect in fevers of the nature prevalent in the Godavery District.

I have, &c.,
ARGYLL.

His Excellency the Right Honourable
The Governor in Council. Fort St. George.

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MEMORANDUM by the Army Sanitary Commission on Proceedings of the Madras Government relative to papers by Dr. Balfour, Inspector-General of Hospitals, Indian Medical Service, Mr. Cornish, and Assistant-Surgeon Wright on the Godavery Fever, and the Order of the Madras Government thereon.

The subject of the Godavery Fever was referred to the Army Sanitary Commission last year and their views regarding it were embodied in a Memorandum of June 13th, 1872.

The present papers are devoted mainly to the consideration of medical relief, measures which do not call for remark except that one of the suggestions made, viz., to educate the Native Doctors in the hope that they may resort to more rational means of treatment, appears to the Commission to be well worthy of consideration. There seems little reason to doubt that many cases of fever die from sheer starvation under order of the Native Doctors, and that many others die for want of proper care and treatment.

The papers contain no additional information as to the local causes of this fever.

It is clearly of malarial origin ; and, as it has occurred in an irrigated district of country, it is of great importance to ascertain to what extent it may be due to this circumstance, and how its prevalence can be diminished without interfering with irrigation.

On this point the present papers suggest no further remarks than those contained in the Memorandum of June 13th, 1872, referred to above.

The Commission would beg simply to direct attention to that paper with a view to the points therein enumerated being again suggested as subjects of inquiry.

23rd July 1873.

(Signed) J. J. FREDERICK,
Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

6th October 1873.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1873, No. 1047.

Communicated to the Public Works and Revenue Departments, to the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, and to the Sanitary Commissioner, in continuation of G.O., dated the 30th September 1872, No. 1414.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Revenue Department.
Collector of the Godavery District.
,, Board of Revenue.

Ead. J. Wright.

No 3303
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To

THE SURGEON-GENERAL,
INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 6th.

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Fever in Godavery District.—Despatch from the Secretary of State forwarding a further Memorandum by the Army Sanitary Commission containing their remarks on the further report on the causes of fever in the Godavery District by Assistant-Surgeon Wright, communicated to the officers concerned.

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