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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th November 1875.

No. 77. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd October 1875, No. 2,948 :—

Read the following letter from H. NEWMAN, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 14th October 1875, No. 1,372.

I HAVE the honor to report on an outbreak of cholera in Narasarowpett Taluq of this district. The origin of the disease is supposed to be due to two chucklers of Konakanchivaripalem who went into the Nellore District, where the disease was prevalent. A couple of days after their return, it suddenly made its appearance in their hamlet. During a period of five days, from 9th to 13th September 1875, four persons died out of seven attacked. At Petlurivaripalem, a village situated at a distance of five miles from it, two children were attacked on the 16th and 18th, of whom one died.

2. On the 21st three persons, while at work on the Trunk Road at Viravattam, not far from Konakanchivaripalem, were attacked, of whom two survived. No more cases have since been reported. A copy of the General Deputy Collector's letter is enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From KOTI SUBBA ROW, Deputy Collector, to H. NEWMAN, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, dated Narasarowpett, 1st October 1875, No. 303.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1,233, dated 23rd instant.

2. On the 16th instant I learnt from a police report that cholera broke out at Konakanchivaripalem, a hamlet of Rompicherla, in the Narasarowpett Taluq, on the road from Madras to Hyderabad. There being no report to me on the subject from the Tahsildar, I sent him an express order calling his attention to the Revenue Circular, No. 32, published in the Extraordinary District Gazette dated 26th August last, and to let me hear all about the disease at once. I received from him on the 18th instant a report dated 17th, and on the 20th one dated 16th idem referred to by him in that of the 17th. It appeared from them that seven persons were in all attacked with cholera in that hamlet on the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 13th instant; that four of them died on the 10th, 11th, and 13th; and that the rest recovered. The Tahsildar, being then in a different direction of the taluq, did not hear of the breaking out of the disease till the 14th, when he, having heard of it from the Police Inspector, called for a report from the villagers concerned. On the 15th the Taluq Sheristadar at the headquarters, having heard through the Mohatad of the village, who happened to go to the cutcherry on his own business, that cholera broke out in his village, sent at once to the Munsif fifty cholera pills already in store for distribution to the sufferers and also a copy of the rules published by you for prevention and treatment of cholera at page 289 of the District Gazette, No. 16, for this year for the information and guidance of the villagers. The Tahsildar, as he went about the taluq, personally explained the rules to different villagers.

3. From the information I have subsequently received, it appears that two of the chucklers of Konakanchivaripalem had gone to, and returned from, the Nellore District, where there was cholera. On the 9th instant, which was two days after their return, a chuckler of that village was first attacked with the disease and died on the 10th. On this date three more chucklers were

attacked and they, one after the other, died on the 10th, 11th, and 13th. On the 11th one more chuckler was attacked, and he recovered. These chucklers were not those who went to, and returned from, Nellore. On the 13th two Sudras of the place were attacked, and they recovered. There have been no more attacks and deaths in this village from the 14th instant.

4. On the 16th and 18th instant a Sudra boy, four years old, and a Sudra girl, eight years old, respectively, were attacked at Petlurivaripalem, a Mokhasa village five miles south-east of Konakanchivaripalem. The first recovered, and the second died on the date of the attack only. The villagers did not, however, believe the disease to be cholera. No further attacks and deaths have been reported from this village since the 19th instant.

5. On the 21st instant three chucklers, whilst working on the Trunk Road, were attacked with the disease at Viravattam, a mile to the east of Turumella (on the Hyderabad road) south of Konakanchivaripalem at four miles. One of them only died on the same date, and the others recovered. No further attacks and deaths have been reported from this village since the 22nd idem.

6. No special cause is given for the breaking out of the disease in the second and third villages reported. The second villagers believe that the attacked in their village suffered from eating a kind of vegetable leaf called "Chenchalaku" (English name not known), and that one of them died in consequence.

7. In no other villages of the taluq, or of this division, the disease is reported to have broken out.

8. Before the receipt of the cholera pills from you, a supply of them has been sent for from the Zillah Surgeon. Instructions have been given to distribute some of the pills to the Munsifs of the villages in the neighbourhood for immediate use when required.

9. I have sent the Hospital Assistant in medical charge of my office to remain in the taluq for some time and to treat the cases of cholera if any should occur.

10. On my way to this place I have noticed that the villages which I passed through were, in spite of the frequent instructions given, in a most filthy state. I have personally spoken to the leading villagers to have them cleaned. Cattle-yards and cowdung heaps and pits are at present a great nuisance in villages. The worst is that people in villages use the extremities of the streets and the narrow pathways which adjoin them as latrines, no unoccupied space outside the villages within a moderate distance being available for the purpose. I had long before got allotted, where available, unoccupied places to be used as latrines in some villages, but I have found that people do not generally use them. I have given instructions to the Tahsildars to send out a few intelligent peons each to a named group in order to prevail on the villagers through their headmen to clean and whitewash their houses and cover their cowdung heaps and pits with dry earth where procurable, and to keep themselves clean and also to make the curnams read out and explain to villagers the preventive rules published by you.

11. Unless there is a special law providing rules of sanitation to be observed and punishment to be inflicted on defaulters in villages at least in those lying on public roads of frequent resort, we can hardly expect the villagers to do anything towards keeping their villages and houses clean.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. NEWMAN,
Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th November 1875.

No. 78. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1875, No. 1,586.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, and Sanitary Commissioner.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
„ the Sanitary Commissioner.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Ed. J. W. Fischer.

Govt. of Madras

REVENUE.

To

The SURGEON-GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 5th.

Read.

Encl.

G. O., 5th November 1875, No. 1,586.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 77-78.

Cholera in Narasaroupett Taluq, Kistna District.—Communicating to the Surgeon-General Indian Medical Department, and Sanitary Commissioner Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on the report of the Collector on an outbreak of—

No 303.

Kistna Dt. Dy Collrs office
Camp. Narsaroiapett, 1st Oct 75

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From.

Koti Subba Row
Deputy Collector, Kistna Dt.

To

H. Newman Esquire
Collector Kistna District.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 1233 dated 23d instant.

2. On the 16 instant, I learnt from a Police report that cholera broke out at Konakanchivaripalem, a hamlet of Rompicherla in the Narsaroupett Taluq on the road from Madras to Hyderabad. There being no report to me on the subject from the Tahsildar, I sent him an express order calling his attention to the Revenue Circular No 32 published in the extraordinary District Gazette dated 26 August last and to let me hear all

all about the disease at once. I received from him on the 18th Instant a report dated 17th and on the 20th one dated 16th Idem, referred to by him in that of the 17th. It appeared from them that 7 persons were in all attacked with cholera in that hamlet on the 9th; 10th; 11th & 13th Instant, that four of them died on the 10th; 11th; and 13th and that the rest recovered. The Tahsildar being then in a different direction of the Taluq did not hear of the breaking out of the disease till the 14th when he having heard of it from the Police Inspector called for a report from the Villagers concerned. On the 15th the Taluq Sheristadar at the head quarters, having heard through the Mohatad

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3. From the information I have subsequently received it appears that 2 of the Cholera Cases of Ponnakanchivari-palem had gone to and returned from the Nellore District where there was Cholera

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cholera. On the 9th instant which was two days after their return, a chuckler of that village was first attacked with the disease and died on the 10th. On this date three more chucklers were attacked and they one after the other died on the 10th, 11th & 13th. On the 11th one more chuckler was attacked and has recovered. These chucklers were not those who went to and returned from Nellore. On the 13th two Sudras of the place were attacked and they recovered. There have been no more attacks and deaths in this village from the 14th instant.

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I have &c
(Signed) Koti Subba Rao
by Collector

(True Copy)
(Signed) D. Newman
by Collector

(True Copy)

~~MISCELLANEOUS~~ No. 1580/8

Board Revenue

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ~~COURT~~ OF ~~WARDS~~

Dated 28th October 1875.

Read the following

No. 1372

From H. Newnham Esquire
Acting Collector Kistna

To H. E. Stokes Esquire
Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

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A copy of the General Deputy Collector's letter is enclosed.

I have &c.
(Sigd) B. Newnham
Acting Collector.

Kistna District Collector's office Masulipatam
14th October 1875

Submitted for the information of Government.

(True Copy & Extract)

Ag Sub-Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department with
copy of Enclosure.

Revenue 1875 Sept Board

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ~~COURT~~
OF ~~WARDS~~ Revenue

No 4174

Dated 23d
Recd. Sept 23
25 October 1875.

Submitting for the information of Govt Letter from the Collector of the Kistna Dist submitting report on an outbreak of cholera in Narasaraopett Taluq.

No 1586. 5 November. 1875

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Copies sent to the Surgeon Genl with Govt
Sec. B. of P. Works and Marine Dept
Commissioner

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1 to the Board of Revenue

5 Nov 1875