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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
18th December 1875.

Sanitary—Reports and Returns.

Read the following papers :—

No. 335. From Colonel H. K. BURNE, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department, Madras; dated Fort William, 6th December 1875, No. 267. (*Sanitary—Reports and Returns.*)

I am directed to forward, for the consideration of the Most Noble the Governor in Council, the accompanying copy of a despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, and of the memorandum by the Army Sanitary Commission on the Sanitary Report of the Central Provinces for 1873, and to invite special reference to paragraph 13 of the memorandum.

No. 75, dated 5th August 1875.

Extract from the Remarks of the Army Sanitary Commission on the Annual Report of the Sanitary Commissioner for the Central Provinces, 1873.

Para. 13. When cholera was in the country, circulars were issued calling the attention of the people to cleanliness and care as to the purity of articles of food and water.

It appears that the people themselves barricaded their villages against arrivals. So far as concerns troops and their movements through these districts when the disease prevails, the chief points of importance deducible from this experience are—

(I.)—That accurate information should be placed at the disposal of Military authorities regarding the precise force of cholera at the time of march and in the districts near the line it is proposed to follow ;*

(II.)—Precautions taken beforehand for cleansing camping grounds and protecting sources of water-supply ;

(III.)—Altering the time and the line of march if a better can be found than the line usually followed ;

(IV.)—Perhaps some better internal regimental economy, to cope as far as possible with such facts as are thus stated by Dr. Townsend :

"No better vehicle can well be imagined for the propagation and conveyance of cholera through a country than a Madras regiment, with its numerous followers and women and children living night and day in their bandies or covered carts."

No. 336. ORDER THEREON, 18th December 1875, No. 6233.

Communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and paragraph 13 furnished to departments concerned.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Quartermaster-General, with one enclosure.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Surgeon-General, British Medical Service.
" Public Department.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Revenue Department. with 5 spare copies.

* For instance, in the present report, Dr. Townsend quotes from the *Calcutta Gazette* regarding Pooree : "Some cases of cholera of a malignant type have been occurring since the second week of January. From Cuttack, no cholera cases of cholera of a malignant type have been occurring since the second week of January. From Cuttack, no cholera was reported at this time, and from Balasore none till the 22nd February." The real facts as given in the Tenth Annual Report of the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India and already quoted were that there had been 67 deaths from cholera registered in Balasore, 164 in Cuttack, and 40 at Pooree—all in January. The deaths during February were 255,343 and 84 respectively.

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MILITARY.

To

THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

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Dated December, 18th.

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Encl.

G.O., 18th December 1875, No. 6233.

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Nos. 335-336.

Communicating letter from the Government of India, forwarding copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for India, and of the memorandum on the Sanitary Report of the Central Provinces for 1876, and inviting special reference to paragraph 15 of the memorandum.

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