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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th February 1876.*

No. 145. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd February 1876, No. 339:—

Read the following letter from C. A. BIRD, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, dated Tanuku, 7th January 1876, No. 3:—

I HAVE the honor to report that I visited Ellore as intimated in my Demi-Official of the 12th instant, in order to inquire into the facts of the outbreak of cholera which was reported there.

2. I found the town cleaner than usual on the 14th, which I attribute partly to the exertions of the Municipal increased Sanitary establishment under personal supervision of the Tahsildar and other members of the Commission, and partly on account of the Pongal feast during which the inhabitants go in for white-washing their houses and sweeping and ornamenting the space in front of their doors.

3. I consider that the reports of cholera have been at least rather exaggerated, especially by the Police. I myself am still doubtful as to the fact of the disease in question having been present in the town at all; but I do not like to set my own opinion against that of the Hospital Assistants, who assert that it was prevalent. At the same time I would mention that I can in no way trace its course. I was unable to discover any portion of the town where it was worse than in another. Nor do I see in the reports of the Dressers any mention of the state of collapse in any of the patients which is usually noticed in reports of cholera.

4. I found the people appearing generally in good spirits, and from every source I heard that there was not much sign of the disease remaining in the town.

5. In conclusion I have to report that if the disease was cholera it was of a particularly mild character. I judge principally by the return given me by the Hospital Assistant in charge of the Police Dispensary, who appears to have paid special attention to the lines as they are called, which portion at one time was pointed out as the worst in the town. He registered twenty-three cases, four of which only resulted fatally.

6. About fifty deaths in all were reported to me, but of these many were cases in which the patients were suffering from other diseases, who had come into the town for the Ramateertam, or holy water dispensed by a quack who professed to cure any sort of disease by means of water prepared by mantrams and ashes for the purpose.

7. The concourse of people on this account has been mentioned as the source of the alleged cholera, and the crowds were dispersed at first I believe by orders of the Police on the supposed outbreak, and afterwards under my own direction by the Tahsildar.

From K. SUBBAROW, Acting Deputy Collector and Magistrate on General Duty, to J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Magistrate of the Godavery District, dated Bhimaveram, 13th January 1876, No. 7.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that four men died of cholera in Ganapavaram and Sivali villages of Bhimaveram Taluq on the 11th instant.

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2. It appears that people gather mostly at Ellore to attend on an individual who newly arrived at the station and professes to cure all diseases in the world. The four men who fell victims to cholera were also pilgrims to the said place.

3. The Hospital Assistant at Narsapur is fully engaged, having got charge of the Police Hospital and a Dispensary for out-patients. I presume the disease must have in all probability been prevalent in Ellore Taluq and so no medical man will likely be available from the Ellore Circle Board. I therefore request you will be so good as to make arrangements to send one or two medical men with medicine to me as soon as possible.

No. 20.

SUBMITTED to the Board of Revenue for their information.

2. At Ellore a large number of people lately collected for the purpose of receiving at the hands of a quack water believed to be holy. This man professed to cure all sorts of diseases by means of this water. It is supposed that cholera originated among these crowds and it appears to be extending throughout the district. The Head Assistant Collector does not think that the disease is cholera, but the number of deaths that have lately been registered leaves little doubt that it is cholera.

3. Necessary arrangements have been made for the distribution of medicines in the villages infected by the disease.

4. The Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, has been requested by telegram to depute a medical officer for working in the Bhimaveram Taluq. Necessary medical aid has been afforded in the Ellore Taluq.

RAMACHENDRAPUR,
26th January 1876.

(Signed) J. HOPE,
Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. It appears that the Collector has already applied to the Surgeon-General for the aid required.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 146.

ORDER THEREON, 14th February 1876, No. 203

Miscellaneous.

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

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Govt. of 1876 Madras
REVENUE.

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

Dated February, 14th.

Recd.

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G.O., 14th February 1876, No. 203.

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Cholera in Godavery District.—Communicated
to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Depa
ment, and Sanitary Commissioner Proceeding
Board of Revenue reporting arrangements made
for the distribution of medicine in the infected
villages.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,
dated 3rd February 1876

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As Head Assistant Collector

To, J. Hooper Esqre,

As Collector of the Godavery Dist.

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Office Camp
Tanjore 7th Jan 1876

I have seen you
(Signed) C. A. Bird
Ag Hecad Affet Collector.

Godavery District
Office of the Dy. Magistrate
on General Duty
Bhimavaram 13th Jan 1876.

From
The Dy. Magistrate
on General Duty
To, J. Hope Esq,
Ag Magistrate, Godavery District

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(Signed) H. Subbarow

Ag. Collector &
Magistrate.

No 20

Submitted to the Board of
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Godavery District Collector's Office
Camp Ramachendrapur
Ramachendrapur Taluk
26th January 1876

(Signed) J. Hooper
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(True Copy & Extract)

W. C. C.
Secretary

To The Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

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