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8th March 1877, No. 859.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 93. *From Surgeon-General G. SMITH, M.D., Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 28th February 1877, No. 133.*

I have the honor to submit, for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, a report, in original, from the Medical Officer attached to the East Coast Canal Relief Works in Nellore, in which he gives information as to the prevalence of disease amongst the laborers, water and food-supplies, and other points of interest relating to the district. A plan and estimate of the Camp Hospitals which are being erected along the line of works are also submitted.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Surgeon W. O'HARA, in Medical charge, East Coast Canal Relief Works, to the Secretary to the Surgeon-General,* Indian Medical Department, dated Ramaypatam, 19th February 1877.

I have the honor to submit, for the information of the Surgeon-General, a report for the week ending 18th February 1877.

Cholera.—At Iskapilly two new cholera sheds were erected. The total number of cases reported under treatment was twenty-three. There were three deaths. At Iskapilly one hospital toty contracted the disease and died in hospital. There has been no violent outbreak of the epidemic.

Small-pox.—Two admissions, no deaths.

Ague.—Four admissions, no deaths.

Diarrhœa and Dysentery.—Eleven admissions, one death.

Medical and Surgical Minor Affections.—Fifteen admissions, no deaths.

2. The following observations refer strictly to the prospects of the country through which the canal passes:—

(*a*). *Food-supply.*—Local merchants exhibit an increased activity in the importation of grain. Government issue is being restricted. Rice, eight Nellore measures per rupee.

(*b*). *Water-supply.*—Prospects vary with the country generally; no probability of extreme dearth.

(*c*). *Rain-fall.*—On the 16th instant 1¾ inches rain fell in about five hours. It apparently extended throughout the coast line including the whole tract of canal.

(*d*). *Relief Works.*—Number employed (round numbers) 24,000; of these, local laborers 16,000.

(*e*). *Cattle.*—No pasturage; large numbers are rapidly dying; prospects very bad. Cause of mortality—starvation and diarrhœa.

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* Vide Circular Memorandum, No. 9, of 29th January 1877.

3. Travelling north, I inspected the following camps and villages :—

(*a*). North and south Chennapoliem camps, Ramaypatam camp; sites and sanitation arrangements satisfactory.

(*b*). Kavali village, Thettoo, Ramaypatam, and Chennapoliem. Suggestions for sanitary improvements were made at all these places. Hospital site was appointed at Chennapoliem.

4. District Engineer's plan is herewith forwarded; slight alterations have been suggested.

No. 94.

ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1877, No. 859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Revenue (Famine) and Public Works Departments and to the Sanitary Commissioner.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue (Famine) Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Public Works Department, with plan and estimate.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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