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Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 82. *From Surgenn W. O'HARA, in medical charge East Coast Canal, to the Secretary to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, dated Kottapatam, 29th May* 1877.

I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Surgeon-General, the following report:—

2. Epidemics	Cholera ...	Admissions	18	Deaths	10
	Small-pox ...	,,	5	,,	1
	Ague ...	,,	10	,,	...
	Diarrhœa and Dysentery	,,	25	,,	2
	Other Medical and Surgical Diseases ...	,,	74	,,	...

3. *Food and Water-supply.*—No cause to apprehend failure of. Importation into, and exportation of rice from, Kottapatam are active. Rice—nine Nellore measures per Rupee. Agricultural operations are being conducted around villages. *Water* abundant; wells and tanks are filled.

4. *Numbers on Relief Works.*—On the 19th May 1877, 60,704. Since the rains there has been a considerable decrease.

5. *General Health*—good. At Iskapilly amongst imported coolies a tendency to dysentery has been reported.

6. *State of Weather.*—The late rain storm has been followed by excessive heat and dry westerly winds. Temperature in shade 105° F. No rain. Lightning.

7. *General.*—It will be evident that heavy rains and swollen rivers are inimical to the progress of the canal works; these have recently been materially obstructed; all the excavation works are under water; many of the camps were flooded; much inconvenience was caused, but no loss of life has been reported.

Owing to the sudden death of Third-class Hospital Assistant Sobroomoonien at Sagachirla, Mr. Apothecary Leonard has had to assume temporary charge of the Kottapatam Central Hospital. Third-class Hospital Assistant Job has proceeded to Sagachirla.

Two fatal cases of sun-stroke occurred among the European Sapper Overseers—one at Ongole and the other at Chennyapolium. The following lists show the officers who have died on, and those who have been invalided from, the East Coast Canal works:—

Died.

Corporal Knight, R.E.—Insolatio.
,, Bailey, R.E.— ,,
Hospital Assistant Soobroomoonien Pillai—Fever.
Naigue Kistnasawmy, I Company, Sappers and Miners—Dysentery.
,, Iyasawmy, I Company, Writer, Sappers and Miners—Rheumatic heart disease.

Removed Sick.

Dr. Hammond Smith.
Assistant Engineer E. Bowyer-Smyth.
Supervisor J. Smith.
Corporal Tizzard, R.E.
Serjeant Rawlings, R.E. (under treatment).
,, Bishop, R.E.

No. 349.

Forwarded to the Chief Secretary for the information of Government.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5th June 1877.

(Signed) G. SMITH, M.D.,
Surgeon-General, Indn. Medl. Dept.

No. 83. ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1877, No. 1685.

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(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

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Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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