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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

27th August 1877, No. 1145.

Sanitary.

Read the following paper:—

No. 97. *From the Hon. J. G. COLEMAN, Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 23rd August 1877, G. No. 589.*

I have the honor to forward the report of the Special Health Officer for Madras for the week ending 18th instant.

2. The following table shows the mortality for the last five weeks:—

Week ending	Small-pox.	Measles.	Fevers.	Dysentery.	Diarrhœa.	Cholera.	Other Diseases.	Total.
July 20th ..	76	..	144	321	202	101	306	1,150
„ 27th ..	53	..	130	267	218	105	255	1,028
August 3rd ..	59	..	126	237	211	142	270	1,075
„ 10th ..	73	..	116	255	208	116	262	1,030
„ 17th ..	54	..	120	226	187	83	274	944

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Dr. H. STANBROUGH, Special Health Officer, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 21st August 1877.

I have the honor of forwarding for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council a report for the week ending 18th August 1877 of the working of the Special Health Department.

2. The death-rate within the Municipality of Madras has rather lessened within the past week, but for the last three days there have been several cases of cholera reported in Black Town, but more especially in the neighborhood of the Tinnevelly Settlement and Washermanpet. The deaths from cholera were eighty-three; many of them took place in the Monegar Choultry. The registered deaths for the whole week were 944, against 1,030 of the previous week. There were 410 deaths caused by dysentery and diarrhœa, out of which 193 occurred in relief-camps. The daily reports forwarded by the Health Inspectors show little, if any, improvement in the filthy dwellings of the people, or less contamination in the tanks and wells by infiltration of decaying animal and vegetable matter. Paupers and village poor are constantly picked up in the streets suffering from famine diarrhœa or dysentery, and immediately forwarded on to hospital where they seldom or never recover.

3. The Municipal staff render every assistance in carrying out necessary reforms as far as their means will permit them.

4. Strangers found wandering about the streets are sent to the Monegar Choultry and placed in charge of Tahsildars appointed to inquire into their cases, and if found in sufficient health, to pass them on to their several villages.

5. It is very difficult in a large, and at the present time overcrowded city, to know how or where it is best to commence sanitary works, with insufficient funds at our disposal, on account of their being compound and therefore complex, whereas in the surrounding suburbs of Madras they may be simple enough. This induces me to mention the extent of our municipal limits, in all twenty-eight miles of area, as compared with Calcutta or Bombay, the former having only five, the latter seven miles; in fact the area of each of these places is all city.

6. The collections in Madras are under six lakhs, whereas Bombay has an income of over thirty-one lakhs, and Calcutta nearly twenty-six lakhs. Madras moreover has 176¼ miles of metalled

roadway to keep in repair. The Municipality, with its present income, is far too extensive. The Second and Third Districts (which comprise Black Town) collect Rupees 2,73,810, but with the addition of 2½ per cent. on houses will reach three lakhs. The six other districts (which are rural) collect the balance including Rupees 48,000 for tolls. These might be self-supporting under the Local Funds Act, unless it might be considered more advisable to add Triplicane and Vepery Districts to the city, the two having an income of about one lakh together. This will equalize the burdens that fall on the several districts of this scattered and by no means compact city. A certain amount of decentralization, based on equitable principles, would not perhaps be amiss in the allotment of Municipal funds for the benefit of the wards into which Madras is divided for municipal purposes.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

SUMMARY OF WORK done by HEALTH INSPECTORS during the Week ending 18th August 1877.

Number of District.	Name of Ward.	Number of Houses and Huts		Diseases Detected.			Number of Cases sent to Hospital.	Number of Food-tickets issued.	Number of Persons Vaccinated.
		Visited.	Cleaned and disinfected.	Cholera.	Small-pox.	Other Diseases.			
1 ..	East	545	72	5	2	5	2	1	68
	Centre	357	19	2	..	11	12	2	101
	West	382	51	1	1	16	17	12	95
2 ..	North	400	75	2	1	4	6	30	104
	Centre	384	3	..	..	9	2	10	81
	South	253	14	..	1	2	2	9	111
3 ..	North	268	52	5	4	1	5	2	95
	Centre and South	207	120	3	2	1	2	9	69
	North	588	113	6	2	15	14	42	168
5 ..	Centre	269	32	5	1	4	7	13	129
	South	304	39	..	..	2	2	..	381
7 ..	North	238	6	1	..	7	8	8	90
	Centre	304	9	1	1	5	1	..	148
7 and 8 ..	North and South.	347	76	..	..	..	..	6	151
6 and 8 ..	Do.	544	6	3	..	1	3	9	72
8 ..	South	512	..	..	..	8	7	40	109
	Total ..	5,902	687	34	15	91	90	193	1,972

(Signed) H. STANBROUGH,
Special Health Officer.

No. 98.

ORDER THEREON, 27th August 1877, No. 1145.

Communicated to the Revenue (Famine) Department, to the Board of Revenue, and to the Sanitary Commissioner.

(True Extract.)

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Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue (Famine) Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. J. Wright.

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