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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th July 1876.*

No. 192. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th June 1876, No. 1,596 :—

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From Surgeon-Major G. BIDIE, M.B., Secretary to Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 29th May 1876, No. 3,938.

I HAVE the honor, by order, to acknowledge receipt of the Board's Proceedings, No. 169, of 20th May 1876, regarding the disease Soorookkoomary, and to express the Surgeon-General's regret to learn from the newspapers and from bazaar rumours how greatly the people have agitated the report as to this ailment having become epidemic.

2. On receipt of the Proceedings of the Board, No. 3,144, of 18th November 1875, the Surgeon-General in letter, No. 70, of 6th January 1876, communicated to the Board all that Surgeon King had ascertained regarding it, and I am to ask reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 259, of 28th January 1876. It will be observed that so far as Surgeon King could ascertain, the disease did not in the Salem District prove fatal in a single instance, that he had tried experiments with the Native nostrum on both the lower animals and men and found it utterly inert, and that the recoveries which were said to have taken place under its influence must therefore be attributed to the unaided powers of nature. Also in the correspondence received from the Board in Proceedings of 20th instant, it does not appear that evidence can be given of any fatal case in South Arcot, but as such a remedy cannot be of any possible benefit in any ailment and the recoveries can alone be from the unaided powers of nature, the Surgeon-General suggests that the Board obtain evidence of the occurrence of any fatal case.

From the same Officer, dated Fort St. George, 30th May 1876, No. 4,011.

In continuation of this office letter, No. 3,938, dated 29th instant, I have, by order, the honor to subjoin extract from a letter from Surgeon-Major Aeneas Ross, Civil Surgeon, Nellore, and, as the opinion he expresses regarding the non-fatal character of Soorookkoomariatta, coincides entirely with all that has hitherto been reported regarding the disease; I am to suggest that the Collectors of districts in which it may be issue a notification to make the people aware that any fatal termination need not be dreaded.

“The Soorookamma too has appeared and spread through the district, and has caused great alarm among the people. I have requested the Collector to make known to the people that it is not fatal in its tendency. In all the cases I know a stimulant opiate has produced all the good effect desired.”

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. BIDIE, M.B., Surgeon-Major,
Secretary to Surgeon-General,
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COMMUNICATED to the Collectors of Salem and South Arcot, who are requested to report with full particulars any fatal cases which may occur.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th July 1876.

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to order the publication of a notice in the *District Gazettes*.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

E. GIBSON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 193.

ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1876, No. 972.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. A. Grubert.

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Nos. 192-193.

Soorookkoomary, a peculiar kind of disease.—
Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
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(True Copies and Extract.)

Handwritten signature

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of Salem.

„ the Collector of South Arcot.

Copy to all other Collectors, with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 20th May 1876, No. 1,330.

„ to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

„ to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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*4.1.2 June 1876 No 743
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6 The Surgeon General 26 July*

BOARD of HEALTH,
MADRAS.

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JUNE.
No. 1,596.

*Scorbutic leprosy—a peculiar kind of disease
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