

Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 3440

DATED 20th July

[Despatch Abstract.]

Receiving letter from the Sanitary Commr.
forwarding for information copy of his letter
to the Famine Commr. detailing the steps
taken by his office against cholera & other
relief works.

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Mr. Hon. Secy. or
Mr. Hon. Govt.
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CURRENT No.



Order. *no. 37409 from 12 July 97*
15/7/97

From
The Sanitary Commissions
for Madras

No. 1391
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Recorded

14/7/97

Dated 9th July 1897.

Received

Registered

Enclosures *one.*

Spare copies

one Sanitary Comm
one San. Comm *checked*
13-7-97

SUBJECT.

Forwards for information of
Government copy of his letter
no. 1359 dated 3rd July 1897 to the
Sanitary Commissions detailing
the steps taken by this office against
Cholera reaching relief works.

14/7/97

South-west monsoon.

3. I have also taken the precaution of compiling a series of special rules on the subject of water supply and conservancy and prevention of cholera on famine relief works, which, at date of the Revenue Board's proceedings were passing through the press. These I now forward to the Board for information. Ten copies of each have since been distributed to all collectors of famine affected districts.

4. As regards Cuddapah, where cholera appeared as early as March 1897 in the Pullampet Taluk, a special warning was issued to the District Sanitary Officer on the 9th March, in which under aha I reminded him, "of the great mortality that may result should the Famine relief works in your district be attacked." The reply of the District Sanitary Officer showed that he was on the alert, and had duly concerted measures. A previous warning had been issued to the same officer in January 1897, in which I stated, "I would urge upon you the desirability of exercising the utmost vigilance lest the diseases should spread to the relief works."

On the 9th June, a warning was wired by me to the collectors and District Sanitary Officers of Ganjam, Vizagapatam

C. O. in
the Press.

Godavari, and Kistna pointing out that road and rail routes should be carefully watched as to cholera and plague, having regard to passage of pilgrims to Puri. On the 18th June, I wrote to the District Sanitary Officers of Ganjam and Vizagapatam as follows:— "May I suggest the advisability of placing yourself in communication with the President, District Board, as to the necessity for dividing the District into circles to be placed in charge of Sanitary Inspectors and organizing suitable staffs that would deal promptly with the epidemic. I need not point out to you that in the present distressed condition of the district, if adequate measures be not promptly adopted to grapple with the disease, the havoc which famine and cholera combined would cause would be very great." The replies received from both the local officers showed that they were fully cognizant of the danger, and that the measures had been concerted as far as funds and staff available would permit.

5. It will, therefore, be seen that I have fully anticipated the danger threatening the famine affected districts to which my attention has been drawn, and that it now remains for the Board to state how

Fort St. George, 9th July 1897.

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From

SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE

Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Enclosure.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of Government a copy of my letter No ¹³⁵⁴/_S dated 3rd instant to the Famine Commissioner detailing the steps taken by this Office against Cholera reaching relief works.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most obedt Servant

W. G. King

Surgeon-Lieut. Col.

Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras

it is prepared to require officers in charge of works to follow the recommendations made in the memoranda above alluded to. Forty-seven Sanitary Inspectors have just passed the examination for the special certificate, after undergoing a course of training in the Madras Medical College, showing them qualified to deal with executive sanitary matters, and the most of these will be available for duty in Districts, if sufficient pay is allowed them irrespective of several others still unemployed from former batches. I need not remind the Board that the secret of success in combating Cholera lies in having a well educated - subordinate staff, supported by energetic District Officers having funds at their disposal.

I have etc.

(Sd) W. G. King

Surgeon-Lieut. Col.

Sanitary Commissioner

for Madras.

(True copy)

W. G. King

Surgeon-Lieut. Col.

Sanitary Commissioner