

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

That the communicability of Leprosy, by direct or indirect means, from Lepers to the healthy, must now be accepted as an established fact, the evidence in support of this belief being conclusive; and that there is no evidence of the disease arising or spreading in any other way.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the conclusions stated in a Resolution unanimously adopted by the International Conference on Leprosy held at Berlin in October, 1897, and set forth at page 194 of the Official Report of the Conference, ought to be accepted in their entirety, and acted upon where Leprosy is endemic, or occurs under the conditions indicated in the first paragraph of the Resolution, which is as follows:—

(Translation.)

1. In all countries in which Leprosy occurs in *foci*, or is widely distributed, isolation is the best means of preventing the spread of the disease.
2. The system of compulsory notification, supervision and isolation, as carried out in Norway, should be recommended to all nations possessing local self-government and an adequate number of Physicians.
3. It must be left to the legally-constituted authorities, after consultation with the sanitary authorities, to determine the special regulations, which must be adapted to the special social conditions [of each country].

But your Committee would dwell with especial emphasis upon the last paragraph of that resolution, recommending careful consideration of the social and political conditions of each particular country.

DYCE DUCKWORTH,
Chairman.

Revised December 6th, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 490.

The following Letter is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 31st August, 1899.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

No. 1,481 Marine.

From R. B. Buckley, Esquire, Secretary to the Government of Bengal, to the Colonial Secretary, Hongkong.

Dated CALCUTTA, the 10th August, 1899.

SIR,

In continuation of this Department Letter No. 1,112 Marine of the 16th June last, I am directed to state, for information, that intimation having been received that no case of plague has occurred at Penang since the 22nd July, 1899, and that the Government of Burma have withdrawn the Venice Sanitary Convention Regulations against Penang, the quarantine regulations imposed by this Government in the ports of Calcutta and Chittagong against vessels arriving from Penang have been withdrawn.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. H. MACCARTHY,
For Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 491.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Friday, the 15th September, 1899, for executing certain Sewerage Works on Barker Road, the Peak.

No work will be permitted on Sundays.

For form of tender, specification and further particulars apply at the Public Works Office.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd September, 1899.