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PROCLAMATIONS BY THE GOVERNOR.

IN the Name of Her Majesty VICTORIA, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir J. WEST RIDGEWAY, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Ceylon, with the Dependencies thereof.

WEST RIDGEWAY.

WHEREAS by section 6 of "The Master Attendants' Ordinance, 1865" it is enacted that the Governor may from time to time with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, frame and establish such Port Rules not inconsistent with the said Ordinance as he may think necessary for any of the purposes in the several sub-section of the said section specified, provided that such port rules shall be promulgated by Proclamation in the *Government Gazette* at least one month before the same shall take effect:

And whereas the port of Galle was brought within the operation of the said Ordinance by a Proclamation dated the 6th day of January, 1866, and certain port rules have been duly framed, established and, promulgated for the said port of Galle:

And whereas it is expedient to frame and establish additional port rules for the port of Galle :
Now know Ye that We, the said Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, have framed and established the additional port rules set forth in the schedule hereto for the said Port of Galle.

RULES.

37. No boat, canoe, or steam launch shall go alongside or within 50 fathoms of any vessel arriving within the harbour until such vessel has been moored in her berth ; nor, in the event of the quarantine flag being flying, until such flag has been hauled down.

56. No vessel, whether sailing or steam, except a native craft, shall come into or leave the harbour without a pilot in the service of Government being on board.

57. No vessel within the harbour shall display at night any electric arc light unless such light be so shaded as to throw the light on the vessel's deck only.

58. No hawkers, touts, money changers, dhobies, or bom-boatmen shall be allowed on board of any vessel within the port without a permit signed by the Agent or Commander of the vessel.

Given at Trincomalee, in the said Island of Ceylon, this First day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety-seven.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

APPOINTMENTS, &c., BY THE GOVERNOR.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to make the following appointments :—

Mr. W. L. KINDERSLEY to act as Additional Commissioner of Requests and Police Magistrate, Tangalla, for nine days from February 9, 1897, during the absence of Mr. D. M. STEEN from the station, or until further orders, and while so acting to be Superintendent of the Prison at Tangalla.

Mr. W. E. THORPE to be a Justice of the Peace for the Western Province and to be an Unofficial Police Magistrate for the Judicial Divisions of Colombo, Negombo, Pánaduré, Kalutara, and Avisáwélla.

Mr. CHRISTOPHER ROSS WRIGHT, of Rakwana, to be a Justice of the Peace for the District of Ratnapura and to be an Unofficial Police Magistrate for the Judicial Division of Ratnapura.

Mr. T. R. WARD, District Engineer, Dikoya, to be an Official Member of the Local Board of Náwalapitiya, *vice* Mr. WADDELL, who has left the District.

Mr. G. WADDELL, District Engineer, to be an Official Member of the Local Board of Negombo, *vice* Mr. W. H. HAWKES.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 4, 1897.

WITH reference to the notice dated October 15, 1896, which appeared in the *Gazette* of October 16, 1896, it is hereby notified that Her Majesty the Queen's Exequatur having been issued, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognize Mr. A. W. B. REDEMANN as Consul for Belgium for the Island of Ceylon.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, January 30, 1897.

IT is hereby notified that Mr. A. E. BEVEN'S resignation of his Commission as a Lieutenant of the Ceylon Corps of Volunteers has been accepted by His Excellency the Governor.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 3, 1897.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint Mr. E. G. AUWARDT, Crown Proctor, Tangalla, to act as Registrar of Lands, Tangalla, for three days commencing from February 8, during the absence of the Registrar, Mr. A. A. KODIPPILLI, on leave.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 4, 1897.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

IT is hereby notified for general information that a trade description of count or number applied to a bundle of dyed cotton yarn shall be accepted as indicating length only, the hank being taken to measure 840 yards, and it shall be deemed to be false in a material respect if the average length of the hanks in a bundle is less than 819 yards.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 2, 1897.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

IT is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased, in virtue of the powers vested in him by Ordinance No. 17 of 1880, section 22, sub-section c, to make the following orders for settling the fees to be paid by estate proprietors, superintendents, or assistant superintendents, and all others who are not entitled to free medical attendance under the said Ordinance, viz. :—

- (1) That in future the fee payable by the proprietors and superintendents in midwifery cases be Rs. 30.
- (2) That the fee for a visit to the wife or children of a proprietor or superintendent be Rs. 3.50, with mileage at the rate of 37½ cents for every mile travelled each way (with a maximum of Rs. 15).
- (3) That the fee for a visit to an assistant, superintendent, conductor, carpenter, mason, kanakapullai, storekeeper, writer, their wives and families, or to any person other than a proprietor or superintendent be Rs. 2.50, with mileage at the rate of 37½ cents a mile each way.
- (4) The midwifery fee for all those included in (3) to be Rs. 15, and mileage 37½ cents a mile each way.
- (5) Advice at the dispensary or by letter for all included in (3) Re. 1, and Rs. 2 for proprietors and superintendents.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 1, 1897.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to direct that the following "Derelict Vessels (Report) Act, 1896" (c. 12, Vict. 59 and 60), be published for general information.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, January 29, 1897.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

An Act for the better reporting of Floating Derelicts.

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Derelict Vessels (Report) Act, 1896.

Notice of derelict vessels to be given by masters to Lloyd's agents.

2. Every master or other person for the time being in command of any British ship, after the passing of this Act, who shall become aware of the existence on the high seas of any floating derelict vessel, shall notify the same to the Lloyd's agent at his next place of call or arrival, and shall, together with such notification, furnish to the Lloyd's agent all such information as he may possess as to the supposed locality or identity of such derelict vessel, and the date when and place where the same may have been observed by or reported to him, and the Lloyd's agent shall forthwith, on receipt of such notification and information, transmit the same to the Secretary of Lloyd's in London.

And if any such master fails to make such a report he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

Letters to be sent to Lloyd's in default of agents.

3. If there shall be no Lloyd's agent at the next place of call or arrival, then and in such case the notification shall be made and the information furnished by such master or other person as aforesaid, to the Secretary of the Lloyd's, London.

Information to be published by Lloyd's.

4. Any information received by the society of Lloyd's as aforesaid, in pursuance of this Act, shall be published by the society forthwith in the same manner and to the same extent as its reports of shipping casualties, and the society shall also forthwith communicate such information to the Board of Trade.

UNDER instruction from the Secretary of State for the Colonies His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the publication of the following copies of notes exchanged between the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Costa Rica and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs respecting the denunciation of Articles V., VI., and VII. of the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation between Great Britain and the Republic of Costa Rica of November 27, 1849, together with a copy of an announcement made in the *London Gazette*.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, January 30, 1897.

Translation.

Foreign Office,
San José, November 4, 1896.

MY LORD,—THE Government of Costa Rica wish to conclude with those nations, with whom they entertain close and cordial relations, new treaties which may be more in harmony with the present interests and necessities of the country and of its commerce.

For this reason, and by instruction of the President of the Republic, I have the honour to inform your Lordship that I denounce, in the name of my Government, Articles V., VI., and VII. of the Treaty concluded between this Republic and Great Britain on the 27th day of November, 1849, and signed by the plenipotentiaries Don Joaquin Bernardo Calvo and Mr. Frederic Chatfield. This denunciation is made in accordance with the provisions of Article XV. of the same Treaty.

I avail, &c.,
(Sd.) RICARDO PACHECO.

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Great Britain and Ireland.

Foreign Office, December 5, 1896.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,—I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 26th ultimo of your note of the 4th of November denouncing Articles V., VI., and VII. of the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation concluded between Great Britain and the Republic of Costa Rica on the 27th November, 1849.

Her Majesty's Government note that this denunciation is made in conformity with the provisions of Article XV. of that Treaty. They therefore accept it, and have announced in the *London Gazette* that Articles V., VI. and VII., of the Treaty will cease and determiné on the 26th of November 1897.

Her Majesty's Government are happy to think that all the other Articles referring to Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation will, under the terms of the above-mentioned Article, remain in force, and in order to strengthen the relations of amity, to which they attach much value, they will be prepared to negotiate alternative Articles in place of those now denounced.

They will therefore be glad to be informed of the nature of the alternative Articles which the Government of Costa Rica may desire to suggest.

I have, &c.,
(Sd.) ———

Senor Ricardo Pacheco,
&c., &c.

[Extract from the *London Gazette* of Tuesday, December 8, 1896.]

Foreign Office, December 7, 1896.

THE Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs received on the 26th ultimo from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Costa Rican Republic a note dated the 4th ultimo, denouncing Articles V., VI., and VII. of the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation between Great Britain and the Republic of Costa Rica concluded on the 27th November, 1849.

This notice of denunciation, which is in conformity with the provisions of Article XV. of that Treaty, has been accepted by Her Majesty's Government, and Articles V., VI. and VII., of the Treaty will cease and determine accordingly on the 26th November, 1897.

All the other Articles of the Treaty will remain in force.

MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTAL NOTICES.

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5 ...	1 of 1874	3 of 1875	1 0
6 ...	4 of 1875	3 of 1876	1 0
7 ...	4 of 1876	4 of 1877	1 0
8 ...	5 of 1877	8 of 1877	0 50
9 ...	9 of 1877	23 of 1877	1 0
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3 ...	8 of 1887	2 of 1888	0 40
4 ...	3 of 1888	15 of 1889	2 70

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Application for any publication in the above List should be made to the *Government Recordkeeper*, at the Colonial Secretary's Office, Colombo, and should be accompanied by payment in advance.

Payment should be made by Post Office Order, Government Draft, or uncrossed Cheque on a Colombo Bank. *Stamps will not be accepted in payment.*

J. J. THORBURN,
Acting Government Recordkeeper.

February, 1897.

THE CEYLON GOVERNMENT GAZETTE is published every *Friday* at the Government Printing Office, Colombo.

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Single copies, when available, 25 cents each.

Charges for approved Advertisements, payable in advance.

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G. J. A. SKEEN,
Government Printer.

THE "KEW BULLETIN" of miscellaneous information is issued as an occasional publication from the Royal Gardens at Kew.

It contains notes on the economic products of plants which have been made the subject of particular study and investigation at Kew, and it is intended to be a means of communication to persons interested in Botanical subjects and products in India and the Colonies.

The "Bulletin" is published in London by Messrs. Eyre & Spottiswoode, East Harding street, Fleet street, E. C., and 32, Abingdon street, S.W., and it may be obtained directly from them or through any Bookseller.

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1893 ...	3 0 ...	3 4½ ...	3 6½
1894 ...	3 0 ...	3 4½ ...	3 7½
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The Annual Volumes for 1887 to 1890 are out of print, and cannot now be supplied.

The Index to the first five volumes, being Appendix IV. 1891, may be had separately, price *2d.*

The Bulletin is also sold by John Menzies & Co., of Edinburgh and Glasgow, and Hodges, Figgis & Co., Limited, of Dublin.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, October, 1896.

Return of Immigrants and Emigrants at the Port of Colombo during the week ended February 3, 1897.

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Infants.	Total.
Immigrants (coolies) ...	661 ...	151 ...	118 ...	37 ...	967
Emigrants (all classes) ...	1,325 ...	277 ...	42 ...	15 ...	1,659

J. DONNAN,
Master Attendant

Statement showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account Trust Funds, Scots' Kirk, Kandy, for the year 1896.

RECEIPTS.		Amount.	EXPENDITURE.		Amount.
		Rs c.			Rs. c.
Balance brought forward on January 1, 1896		—	Servants' wages for December, 1895	...	12 50
On account of pew rents recovered during the year ...	...	107 25	Do. January, 1896	...	12 50
Session grant ...	...	81 25	Do. February	...	12 50
Value of wood sold on kirk premises ...	...	3 0	Do. March	...	12 50
			Do. April	...	12 50
			Do. May	...	12 50
			Do. June	...	12 50
			Do. July	...	12 50
			Do. August	...	12 50
			Do. September	...	12 50
			Do. October	...	12 50
			Do. November	...	12 50
			On account overdraft in 1895 credited to Endowment Fund ...	...	17 21
			Hire for weaving church pews ...	...	2 36
			Hire of mason for repairs to church	...	1 50
			Commission to collector	...	5 11
			Sundries ...	...	0 35
					176 53
			Balance on December 31, 1896 ...	...	14 97
					Rs. 191 50
					Rs. 191 50

We have audited the above account and found it correct.

H. A. O. SPELDEWINDE, }
CHARLES A. C. EBERT, } Auditors.

C. A. JANSEN,
Treasurer to the Trustees, Scots' Kirk, Kandy.

Kandy, January 12, 1897.

SALES OF UNSERVICABLE ARTICLES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned unserviceable articles belonging to this Department will be put up for sale by public auction at 1 P.M. on Saturday, February 13, 1897:—

2 admirals	1 speaking tube
6 driving belts	1 stone for grinding ink
3 cases, compositors'	6 screens
8 iron chases	1 sawbench knife
2 chisels	1 brass gauge
5 engravings	1 ladle
1 electro ornament	1 saucepan
10 files	1 spanner
1 assortment of tools	1 shovel
1 hook	3 tables
1 inkstand	1 letter tray
1 knife	1 tub
1 padlock	1 soap dish
1 plane iron	20 jobbers, &c.
1 copying press	1 moulding pan
1 pulley	Quantity of metal dross
45 metal quoins	Do. old iron
2 forme racks	Do. tin cans
1 roller frame	Do. tin-lined cases
2 roller stocks and frames	Do. jars
1 rule and lead cutter	Do. rope, leather,
2 pairs scissors	* &c.

H. C. COTTLE,
for Government Printer.

Government Printer's Office,
Colombo, February 3, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 10th instant, at 3 P.M., will be sold by public auction at the General Post Office premises the following unserviceable articles belonging to the Post and Telegraph Department:—

2 hand hammers	1 block
1 gimlet	6 tar brushes
5 cutting pliers	5 scoops or diggers
1 round nose	8 cattles
1 dynamometer	1 grindstone handle
11 augers	1 measuring chain
1 brace	2 shovels
2 bits for braces	2 hurricane lanterns
1 adze	1 punching machine
3 axes, filling	4 inkstands
7 mamoties	3 spears with bells
8 files	4 table lamps
2 box openers	3 candle stands
1 klumtee	1 letter scale
1 wire fork	2 chairs
4 wrenches for brackets	1 sign board
1 spanner, screw	1 iron safe
2 fire ladles	1 safe stand
7 hammers, wrench	15 letter baskets
1 B. J. vice	

By order,
F. W. VANE,
Assistant Postmaster-General.

Postmaster-General's Office,
Colombo, February 3, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following unserviceable articles belonging to the Police Department will be sold by public auction at the Police Barracks, Maradana, at 2 P.M. on Monday, February 15, 1897:—

1 board for broad sheet	1 iron chain for lamp
3 boards, notice, small	2 lanterns, hand, English
2 blocks, cap	2 lamps, kerosine, hanging
48 buckets, galvanized	3 lanterns, hand, common
2 burners, tin	4 pegs, accoutrement
3 brushes, paint and whitewashing	1 pulley
1 brush, blacking	1 spade for fire engine.
1 can, iron	1 saw with leather case
1 dictionary	2 trestles for tables
1 file case with pigeon-holes	20 tin file backs
1 hand cart, iron	2 trays, office
4 inkstands, pewter	1 tin box for charge sheet
	1 tub, urine

J. S. DE SARAJ,
for Superintendent of Police.

MATERIALS of old workshops, a chimney, and a water tank belonging to the Government and standing at the Galle Buck yard will be sold by public auction on Saturday, the 13th instant, at 2.30 P.M., at the spot,

A. R. DAWSON,
Government Agent.

Government Agent's Office,
Colombo, February 2, 1897.

ආණ්ඩුවට අසීනි කොටුවේ ගල්වොක්ක සහ ඉඩමේ පිහිටි ස්වෝච්ඡායක සහ ඊට අඩුයු යොධ නැතිවලින් ලීදඩු, උච්ඡායක සහ සාදන මේ මස 13 වෙනි දින දෙකහමාරේ කනියමට එම සාහේද්වලට වෙන්දේසියේ විකුණනවා ඇත.

ඒ. ආර්. ඩේසන්,
ආණ්ඩුවේ ඒජන්ත මහත.

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இந்த மாதம் யூன் தேதியாகிய சனிக்கிழமை பதல் உடுமணிக்கு "கோல்பக" என்னுமிடத்தில் அவ்விடத்தில் கட்டுவோகைகளின் பணிய சாமான்களாகிய மரம், லுடி, கல்லு முதலிய சாமான்கள் பிரசித்த வெந்நீசினால் விற்றபணவுபண்ணப்படும்.

ஏ. ஆர். டெர்சன்,
கொவற்னமேந்து ஏசன்று.

கொழும்பு கச்சேரி,
கடிக்கள ம ஆண்டு மார்ச்சு 2 ந் உ.

NOTICES CALLING FOR TENDERS.

SEALED Tenders (in duplicate), marked on the envelopes "Tender for Victualling the Negombo Jail," will be received up to noon on Monday, February 22, 1897, from persons willing to contract for victualling the Negombo jail from March 16, 1897, up to December 31, 1897.

2. The tenders should be submitted in duplicate, the original being forwarded to the Inspector-General of Prisons and the duplicate direct to the Hon. the Auditor-General, both being required to be forwarded at the same time.

3. The tenders are to be made upon forms which will be supplied upon application to the office of the above-named jail and the Inspector-General of Prisons, and no tender will be considered unless it is furnished on the recognized form.

4. A deposit of Rs. 100, which must be made at the Treasury or Kachcheri, will be required before any form of tender is issued; and should any person fail (within a fortnight after he has been written to or notified to the address given by him of the acceptance of his tender), or decline to enter into the contract and bond after he has tendered, or fail to furnish approved security, such deposit will be forfeited to the Crown. All other deposits will be returned upon signature of a contract.

5. When required, samples must be deposited. Sufficient securities will be required to join in a bond for the due fulfilment of the contract.

6. The amount of the bond, and all other necessary information, can be ascertained upon application at the offices specified.

7. The Government reserves to itself the right, without question, of rejecting any or all tenders, and the right of accepting any portion of a tender.

8. Persons whose tenders are accepted by Government will be required to bear the expenses of having the security bonds prepared for the due performance of their contract, which bonds will be subject to the approval of the Attorney-General, but may be drawn by the tenderers' own lawyers.

9. When bonds have been drawn by the tenderers' own lawyers, the name or stamp of the Proctor who drafted the bond should be affixed to the document.

10. Every alteration should bear the initials of the tenderers, and all tenders containing alterations not bearing the tenderers' initials will be treated as informal and rejected.

11. Every tenderer should write his address on his tender, giving the name of the street and the number of the house he lives in.

L. F. KNOLLYS,
Acting Inspector-General of Prisons.

Prisons Office,
Colombo, January 30, 1897.

[Notices received after the closing of Parts II. to V.]

THE following telegram received from the Government of Bombay is published for general information:—

The Political Resident, Persian Gulf, telegraphs: "The Sultan of Muskat has imposed quarantine on arrivals from Bombay and Karachchi."

By His Excellency the Governor's command.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 3, 1897

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

RETURN OF RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1896.

PROVINCE.	STATION.	Height above Mean Sea Level, in Feet.	Total Rainfall during the Month, in Inches.	Greatest Quantity in any 24 Hours, in Inches.	Date on which the Greatest Quantity Fell.	No. of Days on which Rainfall was Registered	Direction of Wind.	REMARKS.	
Western	Negombo	6	13.15	5.20	5-6	13	N.E.	Mr. Smith	
	Kalutara	36	9.48	1.75	20-21	19	N.E.	Mr. Silva	
	Labugama	375	30.65	4.49	21-22	25	Variable	Mr. Samarakone	
Central	Henaratgodā	33	15.62	4.81	6-7	19	N.E.	Mr. Silva	
	Nawalapitiya	2,000	22.97	7.40	15-16	20	Variable	Bertram & Co.	
	Katugastota	1,500	19.45	8.60	15-16	19	W.	Mr. Johnson	
	New Valley (Dikoya)	3,708	15.93	3.52	15-16	18	N.E.	Mr. Waddell	
	Helboda (Pussellawa)	3,300	21.03	6.10	14-15	23	Variable	Mr. Gosset	
	Yarrow Estate	3,400	16.83	4.24	14-15	21	Variable	Mr. Shelley	
	Peradeniya	1,540	19.37	6.58	15-16	25	N.E.	Mr. Macmillan	
	Duckwari	3,300	30.90	12.32	15-16	23	N.E.	Mr. Spence	
	Caledonia	4,273	13.65	2.63	15-16	23	Variable	Mr. Goork	
	Pussellawa	3,000	18.04	6.10	15-16	17	N.E.	Mr. Crabbe	
	Hakgala	5,581	25.40	4.54	15-16	29	Variable	Mr. Nook	
	S. Wanarajah Estate	3,700	14.99	3.32	14-15	20	Variable	Mr. White	
	St. Andrews (Maskeliya)	4,200	12.07	3.57	14-15	23	Variable	Mr. Taylor	
	Dalguise Est. (Shannon)	4,510	15.22	5.50	14-15	14	Variable	Mr. Theobald	
Northern	Padupola	1,636	12.92	1.62	6-7	15	N.E.	Mr. Waddell	
	Mylapitiya	1,707	7.92	2.50	14-15	20	Variable	Mr. Christie	
	Aluta	800	14.62	2.00	8-9	23	Variable	Mr. Theobald	
	Mullaittivu	12	35.38	7.20	21-22	22	N.E.	Mr. Sanmukam	
	Jaffna	8	27.34	3.66	5-6	25	N.E.	Mr. Grant	
	Mankulam (N. Road)	167	37.50	6.50	20-21	27	N.E.	Mr. Walker	
	Elephant Pass	7	17.49	3.67	21-22	17	N.	Mr. Ludovici	
	Vangalachettykulam	179	7.76	0.88	28-29	26	N.E.	Mr. Auwardt	
	Point Pedro	24	31.13	3.31	21-22	22	N.E.	Mr. Pararashasingha	
	Jaffna College	9	21.72	3.11	21-22	23	N.E.	Mr. Howland	
	Kayts	8	28.40	4.00	17-18	23	Variable	Mr. Katuruweepullai	
	Kankesanturai	10	21.33	2.88	9-10	18	N.E.	Mr. Evarts	
	Pallai	24	21.89	2.45	21-22	18	N.	Mr. Ludovici	
	Murikandy (N.-C. Road)	7	53.29	8.00	21-22	25	S.E.	Mr. Ludovici	
	Nedunkeni	122	35.08	5.40	2-3	25	N.E.	Mr. Sanmukam	
	Chavakachcheri	16	30.94	5.70	21-22	22	Variable	Mr. Ludovici	
	Udupiddi	35	28.52	2.82	6-7	23	N.E.	Mr. Hastings	
	Marichchukaddi	14	18.00	2.50	20-21	23	N.E.	Mr. Viramuttu	
	Southern	Ella Vella	262	13.11	3.60	6-7	22	E.	Mr. Kretser
		Kehanadura	150	10.17	2.90	6-7	15	S.W.	Mr. Kretser
		Denagama	286	13.30	3.30	6-7	13	N.W.	Mr. Kretser
		Udukiriwila	235	11.48	1.80	7-8	15	S.W.	Mr. Lourensz
		Kirama	260	14.19	4.85	6-7	16	N.E.	Mr. Ismail
		Hali-ela	200	11.15	2.70	9-10	17	N.E.	Mr. Kretser
		Tissamaharama	75	8.28	4.75	25-26	11	N.E.	Mr. Lucas
		Matara	15	9.34	3.00	5-6	15	N.E.	Mr. Kretser
		Dandeniya	157	7.83	2.23	6-7	17	N.E.	Mr. Kretser
Urbokka		890	17.93	2.64	8-9	20	N.E.	Mr. Kretser	
Etagala		121	9.05	4.30	25-26	7	N.E.	Mr. Lucas	
Tangalla		94	5.47	1.91	5-6	13	E.	Mr. Steen	
Mamadola		56	11.53	2.90	16-17	22	N.E.	Mr. Ebert	
Eastern		Irrakkamam	42	36.10	6.75	14-15	25	Variable	Mr. Ward
		Devilana	136	22.84	4.03	2-3	24	W.	Mr. Grigson
		Sagamata	40	32.60	12.20	14-15	20	Variable	Mr. Ward
		Ambare	65	38.54	10.05	14-15	22	N.	Mr. Ward
	Kanthalai	150	40.55	7.00	2-3	17	W.	Mr. Carte	
	Allai	95	30.81	4.25	20-21	21	N.E.	Mr. Carte	
	Rukam	120	57.84	9.45	20-21	22	S.W.	Mr. Grigson	
	Periyakulam	20	29.00	4.34	2-3	23	Variable	Mr. Carte	
	Chadaiyantala	57	20.04	2.20	30 Nov.-1	24	Variable	Mr. Ward	
	Kalmunai	12	30.26	4.53	30 Nov.-1	21	N.E.	Mr. Ward	
	Rotawewa	30	38.74	10.25	15-16	20	N.	Mr. Ward	
	Lahugala	70	35.41	5.32	14-15	17	N.	Mr. Ward	
	Naulla	30	16.20	5.10	16-17	11	Variable	Mr. Edge	
	Andankulam	41	34.02	3.89	2-3	25	Variable	Mr. Carte	
	Manalpuddy	21	34.10	4.90	13-14	15	N.	Mr. Grigson	
North-Western	Magalawewa	176	13.95	3.20	14-15	17	N.E.	Mr. MacBride	
	Maha Uswewa tank	160	25.31	3.02	23-24	21	N.E.	Mr. Driberg	
	Tenepitiya	9	14.32	3.10	6-7	18	N.E.	Mr. Simmons	
North-Central	Kalawewa	268	14.68	3.07	15-16	25	N.E.	Mr. Weinman	
	Maradankadawala	443	16.70	2.20	5-6	23	N.E.	Mr. Weinman	
	Mihintale	354	28.34	2.00	4-5	28	N.E.	Mr. Goodman	
	Horowapotana	217	25.42	4.45	1-2	20	N.	Mr. Goodman	
	Madawachchiya	285	30.88	4.20	30-31	22	N.E.	Mr. Goodman	
Uva	Topare	200	23.92	2.52	30 Nov.-1	25	N.E.	Mr. Jayewardane	
	Bandarawela	3,800	22.23	4.60	15-16	26	N.W.	Mr. Tocke	
	Haldummulla	3,160	27.51	6.70	15-16	19	N.E.	Mr. Emerson	
	Kumbukkan	446	25.17	5.42	14-15	21	N.E.	Mr. Emerson	
	Hambagamuwa	390	12.41	2.80	26-27	16	N.E.	Mr. Manchanaike	
Sabaragamuwa	Koslānda	—	23.85	4.07	15-16	20	N.E.	Mr. Emerson	
	Ambanpitiya	729	17.86	4.55	14-15	20	N.E.	Mr. Fletcher	
	Pelmadulla	408	14.71	2.26	14-15	22	Variable	Mr. Jeffery	
	Kolonna korale (Hulanda-oya)	203	17.41	4.55	16-17	18	N.E.	Mr. Caspersz	
	Avisawella	105	24.18	3.20	14-15	20	N.E.	Mr. Powell	

Public Works Department,
Colombo, January 25, 1897.H. WARD,
for Director of Public Works

SUPPLEMENT
TO
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PART I.

No. 5,457—FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1897.

VITAL STATISTICS OF COLOMBO.

REPORT ON THE HEALTH OF THE TOWN OF COLOMBO DURING THE FOURTH
QUARTER OF 1896.

THE health of the town of Colombo during the quarter ended December 31, 1896, has been unsatisfactory owing to the epidemic of cholera which broke out in the third week of November.

The number of deaths registered in the town was 1,291. Adding 32 deaths of town residents which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta, and were registered by an extra-urban registrar, there were in all 1,323 registered deaths, equivalent to a rate of 38.1 per 1,000 per annum, *i.e.*, about 10 per cent. in excess of the average rate (34.6) for the corresponding period in 1893-95, and 85 per cent. in excess of the rate (20.6) for the period 1887-92, when the registration of deaths was defective.

The births registered in the quarter numbered 768, equivalent to an annual rate of 22.1 per 1,000, a fall of 7 per cent. below the average for the corresponding period in 1893-95 (23.7).

As usual, the death-rate exceeded the birth-rate, which is believed to be due to the presence of hospitals and jails and to defective registration of births.

The subjoined Table A gives the births and deaths and their rates per 1,000 of each nationality living in the Colombo Municipality in the fourth quarter of 1896, and the average rates for the fourth quarters in the two periods 1887-92 and 1893-95:—

TABLE A.—Births and Deaths and their Rates in the Fourth Quarter for the different Races in the Town of Colombo.

Nationality.	Population at the Census of 1891.	Births.			Deaths.			Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.			Death-rate per Mille per Annum.		
		Average of the Fourth Quarters, 1887-92.	Average of the Fourth Quarters, 1893-95.	Fourth Quarter, 1896.	Average of the Fourth Quarters, 1887-92.	Average of the Fourth Quarters, 1893-95.	Fourth Quarter, 1896.	Average of the Fourth Quarters, 1887-92.	Average of the Fourth Quarters, 1893-95.	Fourth Quarter, 1896.	Average of the Fourth Quarters, 1887-92.	Average of the Fourth Quarters, 1893-95.	Fourth Quarter, 1896.
ALL RACES	127,836	562	802	768	655	1,172	1,323*	17.7	23.7	22.1	20.6	34.6	38.1
Europeans, including Military	2,239	10	15	16	9	19	15	17.7	26.6	28.4	15.6	34.5	26.6
Burghers	10,674	34	39	46	23	75	75	12.8	14.5	17.1	8.8	27.9	27.9
Sinhalese	59,962	233	284	354	245	538	579	15.9	18.8	23.4	16.6	35.6	38.3
Tamils	24,372	31	42	74	112	250	233	5.1	6.8	12.0	18.2	40.7	46.1
Moors	24,428	230	371	242	231	227	295	37.4	60.3	39.3	37.7	36.9	47.9
Malays	3,437	17	40	31	22	36	45	20.3	46.2	35.8	25.4	41.7	51.9
Others	2,724	7	11	5	13	27	31	10.9	16.0	7.3	20.8	39.3	45.2

* Thirty-two of these deaths occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital (outside the town).

The birth- and the death-rates given in the above table for the Europeans, Malays, and the races classed together as "Others" are not accurate, and are liable to constant fluctuation, owing chiefly to their population being too small for purposes of rate calculation. Excluding the rates for these sections of the population, the lowest birth-rate was among the Tamils (which is probably due to the population being a floating one, chiefly of male adults). The lowest death-rate was among the Burghers (27.9) and the highest among the Moors (47.9, an increase of 30 per cent. on their average rate for the fourth quarter of the three previous years). All the races except Europeans (whose rate has fallen to 26.6 from an average of 34.5) show enhanced rates, the Mohammedans showing the largest increase, as they usually do in times of epidemic.

The number of births and deaths of the different races in the different wards in the town, their rates per 1,000, being the principal zymotic causes of death, &c., are shown in the following Table B :—

TABLE B.—Births, Deaths, their rates, and principal causes of Deaths, in the Fourth Quarter, 1896, in the different Wards of the Town of Colombo.

Name of Ward.	Population at Census, 1891.	Births.										Deaths.													Annual rate per 1,000.	Deaths of Children under one year.																																																															
		Total Births.			Class.							Total Deaths.			Class.																																																																										
		Persons.	Males.	Females.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	Causes of Death.																																																																			
																				Cholera.										Smallpox.										Measles.										Fever.										Anchyllostomiasis.										Diarrhoea and Dysentery.										Violence.									
Colombo Town ...	127836	768	398	370	16	46	354	74	242	31	5	1323	705	618	15	75	579	283	295	45	31	69	1	2	133	4	151	12	2	1	4	22	1	38	1	320																																																					
Fort & Galle Face	2541	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	9	1	5	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	1																																																				
Pettah ...	7961	11	5	6	2	2	3	4	—	—	—	38	24	14	4	13	9	6	1	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	18	9																																																			
St. Sebastian ...	7943	48	25	23	4	9	3	31	—	—	—	80	35	45	3	17	8	48	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	18																																																			
St. Paul's ...	16322	52	24	28	3	14	28	6	—	—	—	152	76	76	9	31	77	34	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	43																																																			
Kotahena ...	27935	210	103	07	—	7	138	16	48	1	—	217	100	07	1	14	140	29	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	29	71																																																			
New Bazaar ...	14501	89	54	35	—	3	12	3	71	—	—	128	59	69	—	8	49	21	44	4	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	44																																																			
Maradana :																																																																																									
Hospitals & Jails	23562	83	44	39	1	3	76	2	1	—	—	212	130	82	3	8	144	44	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8																																																			
Exclusive of above		112	57	55	4	7	34	6	48	11	2	199	101	98	2	18	88	27	52	6	6	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	58																																																			
Slave Island ...	13622	65	34	31	4	6	11	—	27	17	—	193	108	85	1	5	46	40	60	33	8	38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	43																																																			
Kollupitiya ...	13449	98	52	46	7	11	58	13	6	2	1	94	53	41	3	6	51	25	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26																																																			

The Cholera Epidemic.

The period under review was signalized by an outbreak of cholera in the second half of November last, the first appearance of the disease since January, 1895, when 8 deaths occurred and the disease was soon suppressed. The origin of the present epidemic has been traced to a party of Mohammedan pilgrims returning to Ceylon from the festival at Nagore in Southern India. As usual among that community the early cases were concealed, and the Medical and Sanitary authorities were deceived into the belief that the cases which were discovered were cases of diarrhoea, and they were so registered. The first death registered as from cholera occurred on November 27 at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta, to which the patient was removed from the Slave Island Ward. But the first actual death was of one of the pilgrims in the Pettah on the 23rd.

Sixty-nine deaths were in all registered in the quarter as due to cholera, and 18 deaths occurred which were registered in the following quarter, making a total of 87 deaths, a number which is probably below the mark. Of these 38 occurred in the town and the remaining 49 were town patients who died in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta, outside the town.

The 87 deaths were distributed as follows among the various nationalities :—43 Mohammedans, 23 Sinhalese, 16 Tamils, 3 Europeans, and 2 Burghers. The Mohammedans, who constitute less than a fourth of the population, thus contributed half the deaths. The 87 cases were distributed as follows among the wards :—51 in Slave Island, 11 in Maradana, 8 in Kollupitiya, 7 in Pettah, 5 in St. Paul's, 2 in St. Sebastian, and 1 each in New Bazaar, Kotahena, and Fort. All the cases outside Slave Island were traced in their origin to that ward.

This ward shows a death-rate in the quarter from all causes of 56.2 per thousand, followed by St. Sebastian 40.0, and St. Paul's 37.2. Pettah has the lowest death-rate (18.9), due no doubt to its population being mainly a floating one of male adults.

In regard to the cholera in Slave Island Ward, the Registrar of Deaths, Dr. Gunawardana, writes :—

The first death from cholera was registered on December 2. About two or three deaths occurred shortly before from what was then thought to be acute diarrhoea. In this connection I may mention that at the very outset and in the absence of direct proofs it is not always that the medical faculty can without hesitation pronounce such cases to be true cholera. However the origin of the infection was later on traced to a Malay woman, who had returned from Nagore festival to Colombo and died of cholera in the Pettah, a few days previous to the occurrence of these cases. So the infection no doubt found its way to Slave Island from this source. The principal localities in which cholera was prevailing in Slave Island were those insanitary places, such as Church Yard lane, Chapel lane, Ditch lane, Ferry lane, Kew lane, Ingram street, &c. The difficulty to stamp out the epidemic for such a length of time is I believe due partly to the insanitary state of the dwelling-houses and drains in these localities, and partly to the negligence of the precautionary measures on the part of the Moors and Malays who for the most part occupy these houses. Most of these lanes are long and narrow. These should be widened and cross lanes opened for free circulation of air. The drains one and all here require improvement. The smell emanating from many of these is extremely offensive. Cracks and holes are observable throughout these drains, and these retain the dregs which ought to be carried away with the current of water. These drains should be plastered over all throughout and daily flushed. The scavenging of the lanes is not quite satisfactory. It is not unusual to find heaps of filth, &c., lying in these places even after the scavengers are said to have done their day's duty. Some of the lanes do not seem to be provided with a sufficient number of latrines. I believe it is one of the reasons why nuisance is so often found committed in the vicinity of these places. If the above suggestions which I have touched upon be carried out, I believe the health of this part of the ward will be greatly improved, and epidemics will in future be short-lived.

There is reason to hope that the epidemic has now ceased. The last death from this cause occurred on the 22nd instant, making the 120th death, and no case has been since reported up to date, i.e., for eight days. I understand that a scheme is now in contemplation by which the rookeries and plague spots of the Slave Island Ward will be removed. The epidemic cannot be considered an unmixed evil, as it has brought into prominence the insanitary condition of the town and the necessity for measures for its improvement. Even Kollupitiya Ward, usually considered the healthiest in the town, showed in the third quarter of 1896 almost the same death-rate as Slave Island, though better in this quarter. The advantages which the Kollupitiya Ward enjoys of proximity to the sea and of being inhabited

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chiefly by the well-to-do classes in spacious gardens are apparently counterbalanced and nullified by the absence of any system of drainage, the burial of night soil from the bungalows in the porous earth, and the presence of filthy grass gardens and cooly huts which are little better than open cesspits.

Until the improved system of registration under the Ordinance 20 of 1891 (for passing which in spite of considerable opposition the Island is indebted to His Excellency Sir Arthur Havelock) was brought into operation, Colombo was considered a very healthy city, with a death-rate of about 21.3, which rose under the improved system to 33.9 in 1893 and to 34.3 in 1894. The government of Sir Arthur Havelock then felt justified in pressing the insanitary state of the town on the serious attention of the Municipality, with the result that an eminent Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Mansergh, was brought out from England to report on the question. He and his staff have been for some time at work, and his report will be a momentous one to the future of Colombo, which, when its breakwater and graving dock are completed, is likely to be one of the first ports and cities in the East, and whose sanitary condition is of considerable importance to the rest of the world.

One point which is worth remembering in regard to these epidemics is that cholera, now as in past years, has not been introduced into the town by immigrant coolies, who, though about 91,000 of them pass through the town yearly, are kept under excellent supervision by the Medical Department. It is mainly the Mohammedan traders or pilgrims who are responsible for the introduction of epidemics. Having introduced the disease, they conceal it until it becomes a virulent epidemic and concealment becomes impossible. While under the improved system of registration in force since 1893 the death-rates of all other communities have increased two and three-fold, the Mohammedan rate alone has decreased. The increase in the former rates is a measure of the improvement effected in the registration of deaths in the town. The decrease in the Mohammedan rate is not due to improvement in the sanitary condition and habits of the community, which in this, as in past epidemics, has contributed the largest number of victims and out of all proportion to its population. The Mohammedans, being liable to epidemics and in the habit of secluding their females, greatly dislike the present system of registration, under which the true cause of death cannot be concealed, and which might subject them to domiciliary visits. They were the bitterest opponents to the introduction of the improved system, and having failed they evade it as far as possible. For such evasion there are facilities owing to the existence of extra-urban cemeteries under no responsible management, and in which bodies may be buried without the knowledge of any responsible person.

One lesson to be learnt then from the epidemic is that special watch has to be kept over Mohammedans, both residents and arrivals from India, in order to provide against the introduction of infectious disease. At the same time a watch should be kept over all persons, arriving from India.

Another point is that the present system of registration, though vastly superior to the one it displaced, is not sufficient to prevent concealment of the true cause of death. Owing to the large extent of each registrar's jurisdiction it is not possible for him to inspect, as he should, every dead body in regard to which the cause of death is not certified by a competent doctor, and designing persons have taken advantage of the registrar's inability. If every such body was inspected by him before burial, an epidemic would be nipped in the bud. In order to secure this I think the number of registrars should be increased in the town. No precautions can be dispensed with to prevent the recrudescence of cholera, or the introduction of the bubonic plague now devastating Bombay.

Other causes of Death.

Table C in the appendix gives in detail the various causes of death in the different wards of the town in the quarter.

One death from smallpox occurred at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta, of a patient removed from the Kotahena Ward. Measles caused the death of two persons and whooping cough of three.

Phthisis, bronchitis, and pneumonia were fatal to 221 persons (against an average of 148 in the corresponding period of the last three years), dysentery and diarrhoea to 151 (against an average of 208), infantile convulsions to 146 (against an average of 163), debility to 99 (against an average of 75), malarial fevers to 93 (against an average of 22), tetanus to 65 (against an average of 43), worms to 53 (against an average of 47), old age to 47 (against an average of 39), malarial cachexia to 44 (against an average of 28), parturition to 28 (against an average of 17), simple and ill-defined fever to 26 (against an average of 117), paralysis to 23 (against an average of 16), premature birth to 21 (against an average of 15), anæmia to 18 (against an average of 15), diseases of the circulatory system to 17 (against an average of 13), enteric fever to 14 (against an average of 21), liver diseases to 11 (against an average of 6). Other causes of death were atelectasis 23, tabes mesenterica 6, hernia 5, peritonitis 5, apoplexy 5, epilepsy 5, diabetes 4, anchylostomiasis 4, syphilis 4.

There were 12 deaths from accidents, of which 5 were due to drowning, 2 to burns, 2 to fall of heavy substance, 1 to fall from a tree, 1 to being run over by a train, 1 to being run over by a bicycle; 2 deaths resulted from homicide and 1 from suicide. Four persons were judicially executed.

Registrar-General's Office,
Colombo, January 30, 1897.

P. ARUNACHALAM,
Acting Registrar-General.

APPENDIX.

Table C.—Causes of Deaths registered in the Town of Colombo during the Fourth Quarter of 1896.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	WARDS.										NATIONALITIES.							
	Colombo Town.	Fort and Galle Face.	Pettah.	St. Sebastian.	St. Paul's.	Kotahena.	New Bazaar.	Maradana (Hospitals and Jails).	Maradana (exclusive of above).	Slave Island.	Kollupitiya.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.
ALL CAUSES ...	1323	10	38	80	152	217	128	212	199	193	94	15	75	579	283	295	45	31
I.—Specific, Febrile, or Zymotic Diseases ...	417	3	14	29	44	65	35	74	52	77	24	5	15	159	93	118	16	11
II.—Parasitic Diseases ...	56	—	—	6	8	13	3	5	4	15	2	—	4	24	12	14	1	1
III.—Dietetic Diseases ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
IV.—Constitutional Diseases ...	141	—	4	6	8	29	13	36	19	11	15	2	14	83	23	13	2	4
V.—Developmental Diseases ...	91	—	1	3	13	14	14	16	10	12	8	—	3	38	27	20	3	—
VI.—Local Diseases ...	487	3	18	35	69	85	46	54	79	62	36	6	27	221	100	105	18	10
VII.—Violence ...	19	2	—	—	—	3	2	6	1	2	3	1	2	9	6	—	1	—
VIII.—Ill-defined and not specified causes ...	112	2	1	1	10	8	15	21	34	14	6	1	10	45	22	25	4	5
I.																		
Miasmatic Diseases ...	46	1	—	2	—	4	5	9	8	12	5	—	4	25	4	9	1	3
Diarrhoeal do. ...	220	2	7	11	21	23	12	44	27	55	18	5	9	83	51	58	9	5
Malarial do. ...	137	—	7	12	23	37	18	20	13	6	1	—	2	47	37	45	4	2
Zoogenous do. ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Venereal do. ...	4	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—
Septic do. ...	9	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	2	—	4	2	1
II.—Parasitic Diseases ...	56	—	—	6	8	13	3	5	4	15	2	—	4	24	12	14	1	1
III.—Dietetic Diseases ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
IV.—Constitutional Diseases ...	141	—	4	6	8	29	13	36	19	11	15	2	14	83	23	13	2	4
V.—Developmental Diseases ...	91	—	1	3	13	14	14	16	10	12	8	—	3	38	27	20	3	—
VI.																		
Diseases of Nervous System ...	252	—	10	15	32	51	30	9	47	36	22	2	9	123	50	51	10	7
Do. Organs of special sense ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Do. Circulatory System ...	17	—	—	1	2	2	—	4	3	4	1	1	3	6	4	3	—	—
Do. Respiratory System ...	135	3	6	9	20	26	12	15	18	18	8	1	3	63	29	28	8	3
Do. Digestive System ...	41	—	2	4	7	3	3	11	6	1	4	2	8	15	8	8	—	—
Do. Lymphatic system and Ductless Glands ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Do. Urinary System ...	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—
Do. Reproductive System :—																		
(a) Organs of Generation ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Parturition ...	28	—	—	5	8	2	1	4	4	3	1	—	3	8	6	11	—	—
Do. Organs of Locomotion ...	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—
Do. Integumentary System ...	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	—	—
VII.																		
Accident or Negligence ...	12	2	—	—	—	3	2	—	1	2	2	1	2	4	4	—	1	—
Homicide ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Suicide ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Execution ...	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—
VIII.																		
Ill-defined and not specified causes ...	112	2	1	1	10	8	15	21	34	14	6	1	10	45	22	25	4	5
Miasmatic Diseases.																		
Smallpox ...	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Chickenpox ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Mumps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhus ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Simple and ill-defined Fever ...	26	1	—	2	—	2	4	2	7	6	2	—	3	8	3	8	1	3
Enteric Fever ...	14	—	—	—	—	1	—	7	—	5	1	—	1	13	—	—	—	—
Other Miasmatic diseases ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhoeal Diseases.																		
Cholera ...	69*	—	3	2	5	1	1	—	11	38	8	1	1	18	13	28	6	2
Diarrhoea ...	51	—	2	1	3	9	3	18	4	7	4	1	3	24	12	10	1	—
Dysentery ...	100	2	2	8	13	13	8	26	12	10	6	3	5	41	26	20	2	3

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		Fort and Galle Face.	Pettah.	St. Sebastian.	St. Paul's.	Kotahena.	New Bazaar.	Maradana (Hospitals and Jails).	Maradana (exclusive of above).	Slave Island.	Kollupitiya.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.
<i>Malarial Diseases.</i>																		
Remittent Fever ...	90	—	4	7	20	27	14	1	12	4	1	—	2	36	19	28	3	2
Ague ...	3	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—
Malarial Cachexia ...	44	—	2	4	3	10	3	19	1	2	—	—	—	11	17	15	1	—
<i>Zoogenous Diseases.</i>																		
Hydrophobia ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
<i>Venereal Diseases.</i>																		
Syphilis ...	4	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—
<i>Septic Diseases.</i>																		
Erysipelas ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Pyæmia, Septicæmia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever ...	8	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	2	—	3	2	1
<i>Parasitic Diseses.</i>																		
Thrush ...	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Worms (animal) ...	50	—	—	4	8	13	3	1	4	15	2	—	4	21	11	12	1	1
Anchylostomiasis ...	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—
<i>Dietetic Diseases.</i>																		
Starvation, want of Breast milk ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Constitutional Diseases.</i>																		
Rheumatism ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Cancer ...	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—
Tabes Mesenterica ...	6	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	4	1	1	—	—
Tubercular Meningitis (hydrocephalus) ...	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	—
Phthisis ...	96	—	3	2	6	13	7	35	12	8	10	2	11	59	15	5	1	3
Anæmia, Chlorosis, Leucocythæmia ...	18	—	—	—	2	12	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	10	5	2	—	—
Diabetes Mellitus ...	4	—	—	—	2	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—
Leprosy ...	2	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Other and undefined Constitutional Diseases ...	7	—	—	3	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	—	1
<i>Developmental Diseases.</i>																		
Premature Birth ...	21	—	—	—	7	9	—	4	—	—	1	—	1	10	9	1	—	—
Atelectasis ...	23	—	—	3	—	—	9	—	6	2	3	—	—	7	6	10	—	—
Old Age ...	47	—	1	—	6	5	5	22	4	10	4	—	2	21	12	9	3	—
<i>Nervous System.</i>																		
Inflammation of Brain or its Membranes ...	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Softening of Brain ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	2	1	—	—	—
Apoplexy ...	5	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	1	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—
Paralysis ...	23	—	1	1	1	2	—	2	14	2	—	—	—	12	4	5	2	—
Epilepsy ...	5	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	2	1	2	—	—
Infantile Convulsions ...	146	—	2	8	28	47	10	—	6	28	17	1	6	77	32	22	5	3
Tetanus ...	65	—	7	5	—	1	20	3	26	3	—	—	1	25	11	21	3	4
Paraplegia, diseases of the Spinal Cord... Other and undefined diseases of Brain or Nervous System ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
<i>Circulatory System</i>																		
Pericarditis ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Angina pectoris, Syncope ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Embolism, Thrombosis... Varicose veins ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
4	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Heart or Circulatory System ...	9	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	2	3	—	—	3	3	2	1	—	—
<i>Respiratory System.</i>																		
Bronchitis ...	56	1	2	4	9	18	4	1	4	8	5	—	1	25	11	13	5	1
Asthma ...	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—
Pneumonia ...	69	1	4	5	10	6	8	11	14	7	3	1	2	33	16	13	3	1
Pleurisy ...	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Respiratory System ...	3	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1

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<i>Digestive System.</i>																		
Stomatitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dentition ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Quinay ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sore Throat ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dyspepsia ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hæmatemesis ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Melæna ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of Stomach ...	4	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Enteritis ...	5	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—
Ileus, Obstruction of Intestine ...	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Stricture or Strangulation of Intestine ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hernia ...	5	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—
Peritonitis ...	5	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ascites ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cirrhosis of Liver ...	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—
Other diseases of Liver ...	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	3	2	2	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Digestive System ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
<i>Diseases of Urinary System.</i>																		
Nephritis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bright's disease ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Uræmia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of Bladder ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Urinary System ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Diseases of Organs of Generation.</i>																		
Ovarian diseases ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of Uterus and Vagina ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of Testes, Penis, Scrotum, &c... ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Diseases of Parturition.</i>																		
Puerperal Convulsions ...	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined accidents of Child-birth ...	23	—	—	4	8	2	1	3	4	—	1	—	3	5	6	9	—	—
<i>Diseases of Organs of Locomotion.</i>																		
Caries, Necrosis ...	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Diseases of Integumentary System.</i>																		
Carbuncle ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phlegmon, Cellulitis ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ulcer, Bed sore ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Integumentary System ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Accident or Negligence.</i>																		
Fractures, Contusions ...	5	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burn, Scald ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Drowning ...	5	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Homicide.</i>																		
Murder, Manslaughter ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Suicide.</i>																		
Hanging ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Execution.</i>																		
Hanging ...	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Ill-defined and not specified Causes.</i>																		
General Dropsy ...	12	—	—	—	1	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Debility ...	99	1	1	1	9	5	13	21	33	11	4	1	9	39	18	24	4	—
Sudden deaths (causes unascertained) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other ill-defined and not specified causes	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—