

DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 772.

CIRCULAR. ⁽¹⁾

DOWNING STREET,
1st March, 1906.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose three copies of a pamphlet* on the "Prevention of Yellow Fever" which has been prepared at my request by Professor RUBERT BOYCE, M.B., F.R.S., Professor of Pathology in the University of Liverpool, in the light of recent experience gained at New Orleans and in British Honduras.

2. I am anxious that this pamphlet should be circulated as widely as possible in the Colony under your Government, and I shall be glad if you will inform me how many copies will be required for the purpose.

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The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

MINUTE OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL MEDICAL OFFICER
ON YELLOW FEVER.

Yellow Fever has not hitherto been met with in this Colony.

The climatic conditions are favourable.

The *Stegomyia fasciata* has not been found here but the *Stegomyia scutellaris*, which is merely a variety of the same species, is wide spread throughout the Colony. Arguing from the analogy of Malaria, which may be conveyed by any variety of Anopheles, we may assume that if Yellow Fever was introduced here it would spread readily.

The anti-malarial measures which are now being taken by the Government tend also to reduce the number of mosquitoes generally (including the *Stegomyia*) and so reduce the liability of the spread of Yellow Fever, should it be introduced.

I believe we have at present no line of steamers trading direct to Yellow Fever infected ports.

As Sir PATRICK MANSON has pointed out, the opening of the Panama Canal will almost certainly lead to the introduction of the infection of Yellow Fever into Asia, and it behoves us therefore to keep down the number of mosquitoes as much as possible, so that when this great work is completed we shall not be caught unawares.

FRANCIS W. CLARK,
Principal Civil Medical Officer.

24th April, 1906.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 773.—His Excellency the Governor-in-Council has been pleased to depute ARTHUR EDGAR WRIGHT, Assistant Engineer, to act on behalf of the Building Authority in all cases referred to in Sections 205-207 of The Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, (Ordinance No. 1 of 1903), during the absence on leave of THOMAS LUFF PERKINS, Executive Engineer, or until further notice, with effect from the 17th instant.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
14th September, 1906.

* Copies of the pamphlet may be obtained on application at the Office of the Sanitary Department.