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Public DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 295

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THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E. (1)
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SUBJECT.

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FOR ORDERS.

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The essential point however is to set the Guntakal arrangements going — I should wire to the S.G. to return at once — Mr Forbes & he can then prepare the necessary draft of regulations in consultation

G.S.
7/2/97.

Wired if Public has not

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As to whether the Surgn Genl should be called upon to provide a Commd Medical Officer with sufficient staff to proceed to Raichur for plague duty.

The S.G. in his telegram suggested Guntakal and in some ways this would be better as it would enable the one medical staff to catch persons coming from Goa as well as Bombay. On the other hand the further away from our border that the opportunity of stopping and quarantining people is afforded, the better. Guntakal cannot however be left unguarded as soon as possible but that there is strict examination at Raichur they will try to slip through by the S.M. Railway.

Should not the S.G. be ~~[illegible]~~ called upon to remain in Madras for the present?

6.2.97.

ordered by the Secretary to be communicated as the S.G. is expected at Madras on the 11th February 11/2/97

Agree. Raichur is not in our territory" so we cannot act under Notn 4.2.97 [illegible] except [illegible] 7/2/97

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