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# Local & Munl. (~~190~~ ) Department.

# Plague.

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Ordering the publication of a notifn. appointing Arkonam to be an ——.

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## LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

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## G.O., No. 319 M., 27th February 1897.

## FEBRUARY.

### Bubonic Plague.

Ordering the publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of a notification appointing the railway station at Arkonam junction in the North Arcot district to be an inspection station under the Epidemic Diseases Act; requesting the President, District Board, North Arcot, to take steps to provide hospital and segregation huts at Arkonam and the Surgeon-General to depute a commissioned medical officer with the requisite staff to that station; directing that arrangements should be made for the attendance of a Tahsildar or Deputy Tahsildar to assist the medical officer in conducting the examination of passengers there; and requesting the Inspector-General of Police in the Judicial Department to detail a European Inspector of Police with sufficient staff for maintaining order and enforcing the regulations under the Epidemic Diseases Act.

## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

Telegrams from the Deputy Tahsildar, Arkonam, dated 20th and 23rd February 1897.

ORDER—No. 319 M., dated 27th February 1897.

The following notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* :—

### NOTIFICATION.

The Governor in Council hereby appoints the railway station at Arkonam junction in the North Arcot district to be an inspection station under No. 14 of the regulations prescribed under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, for district municipalities and towns and villages.

2. The President of the North Arcot District Board is requested to take steps at once to provide hospital and segregation huts at Arkonam in survey Nos. 14 and 12 of the Ammanur village to the south of the railway station which has been selected as the most convenient site for the purpose, being near the railway station, having a good and sufficient water-supply, and with some old buildings which can apparently be made useful. To start with, it seems sufficient if there are provided one male and one female hospital hut for Europeans and Eurasians to accommodate, say, two persons in each; one male and one female hospital hut for natives to accommodate, say, four persons in each; with the same number of segregation huts. These huts should preferably be in the plot of land farthest from the railway quarters; while the old buildings may furnish accommodation for the medical staff and stores. But these are points which the Collector will best be able to determine when he inspects the ground. The nature of the accommodation to be provided may be on lines similar to that approved in the case of Guntakal—*vide* G.O., No. 315 M., dated 26th February 1897.

3. The Surgeon-General will be requested to depute at once a commissioned medical officer and an apothecary and a female apothecary with a sufficient number of hospital assistants to Arkonam for the inspection of railway passengers from plague-stricken tracts.

Arrangements should be made for the attendance of a Tahsildar or Deputy Tahsildar with second-class magisterial powers to assist the medical officer in conducting the examination of passengers at Arkonam and to try breaches of the regulations under the Epidemic Diseases Act, while the Inspector-General of Police will be requested in the Judicial Department to detail a European Inspector of Police with the requisite staff for maintaining order and enforcing the regulation.

(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Collector of North Arcot, } with copy of G.O., No. 315 M.,
" President, District Board, North Arcot, } dated 26th February 1897.
" President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
" Judicial Department.
" Surgeon-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Public Department.
" Marine Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.
Gazette.

Exd. Md. Pahilvan.

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# Local & Munl. (1897 ) Department.

D. O. No. 24

*D. O.*

**From** The President, Municipal Commission, Madras

No.

**Dated** 17-2-1897

**Received** 18-2-1897

**Registered** 18-2-1897

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## SUBJECT.

Enclosing letter from the Health Officer Madras Municipality stating that Arkonam would be a better place for medical inspection than Perambur.

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D.O. No 24

17th Feby 1897

My dear Forbes

I enclose the H.O's reply to my letter forwarding your D.O of yesterday's date.

He agrees with me that Arkonam would be a better place for medical inspection than Perambur.

There you catch everyone who may get to Arkonam by the East Coast or S.I. Railways

The conveniences for medical inspection are much greater then than at Perambur

The Com$^{t}$ Medical Officer and his staff could be easily accommodated there and Madras itself would be safe guarded

We would still keep on our present staff at Perambur to take the addresses of the passengers and I would ask Bagshawe for a Police staff to assist us in detaining any who had no fixed abode.

I do not think that with thorough medical inspection at Trivellore and Arkonam any one could escape detection

If however it is decided that Perambur shall be the inspecting station, we ought certainly to have a Com$^{t}$ Medical Officer and a female doctor there.

I have an apothecary ready to be posted there if necessary

West & Sibthorpe agree with me as to Arkonam -

there. I am going to Perambore tomorrow morning to look for a convenient place for quarantining any persons who have no fixed place of residence to go to.

I saw Simpson this morning & he told me he thought they could let me have two special assistants to help me in house visitation & the abatement of nuisance in general, though there have naturally been considerable calls on the Department.

Yours sincerely

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I think it would be well to have a conference on the subject.

Yrs sincerely
Geo. W. Moore

G. S. Forbes Esq
Secy to Govt.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
Municipal Office,

Madras, 17th Feby 1897.

My dear Col Moore,

Our present staff at Perambore is

1 Hospital Assistant
1 Special Sany Inspector
2 Overseers.

Isundasen, the Inspector of the Division, generally goes to meet the Bombay Mail & assist in going through it. The Hospital assistant is rather young & I think that if the chief inspection after Guntakul is there we ought to have either a Commd officer or a senior subordinate. A medical woman would be most useful, as she could examine any suspicious female passenger for buboes. So far as I know no police arrangements have been made.

Guntakul may be a better station for a thorough medical inspection, but I dont see how we can give up our inspection at Perambore as we have to get the addresses of the people who arrive here to stay; and if we are to make any use of Regulation 12 para 3, which covers one of the weakest points in our plague defences we ought to have our staff & some polic

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D.O. No 24

J. Field Cook.

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# Local & Munl. (1897 ) Department.

D. O. No. 26

*D. O.*

*From*
H. C. West Esq.

No.

*Dated* 19-2-1897
*Received* 19-2-1897
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SUBJECT.

Regarding site at Arkonam for erecting temporary sheds for plague stricken persons.

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D.O. No. 26.

MADRAS RAILWAY COMPANY

Pantheon Rd.
19th Feb. 1897

My dear Forbes

The old Military Camping ground (part only) is still available as a good site at Arkonam— but it has been handed over to the Civil people— Unfortunately it is

partly built over by us &
is badly off for
water. A far
better site is the
open ground on
the N.E of the station
about ½ mile from
it – This is on the
Village ~~or~~ town,
side of the station
& is used for our
Volunteer Camps.
& the water supply
is plentiful or

rather used to be. This
site is much more
accessible from the
station & I strongly
recommend it.

I am of opinion
temporary sheds should
be used for sheltering
both suspected + plague
stricken persons – so that
they can be burnt
afterwards.

Yours sincerely
Hugh West

I concur
[illegible]

Despd. 19.2.97

Telegram to the Deputy Tahsildar of Arkonam.

"Demi official. Please wire whet good camping ground at or near Arkonam Railway station and the extent roughly and whether good water available and also whether any old buildings on the grounds which could be made available for shelter or camp hospital

(Signed) G. S. Forbes.

Despd. 19/2/97

(Telegram)

To the Dy. Tahr. Arkonam

urgent

Demi official ~~A~~ continuation ~~of~~ ~~my~~ telegram this morning Mr West ~~tells me~~ states best site is halfmile northeast station used for volunteers camps please ~~report~~ ~~state~~ wire ~~[illegible]~~ if ~~water supply is~~ sufficient water supply is accessible ~~plentiful there as reported~~

19/2/97

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# Local & Munl. (1897 ) Department.

**CURRENT No.** 738 M

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*From*

The Deputy Tahsildar,
Arkonam.

*No.*

*Dated* 20-2-1897
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## SUBJECT.

Reporting about the camping ground at Arkonam.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT * 20 FEB 1897 * LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

32 Word Form.

Soldiers old west camp
two furlong length west
of Station preferable to
mr Wests former has
Buildings and wells close
by with large Compound
formerly sub magistrates Cutchery

F.C.I.

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SUBJECT.

Regarding camping ground at Arkonam.

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From (Person) Deputy Tahsildar

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT 23 FEB 1897

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT. CONF. ...

V.V.

789M

Mr West proposed 373
of Kavanur & proposed 2
Camping ground 14 sub
magistrates office 12 of
mmanur both sites bordering
Arkonam have large unoccupied
surroundings

32 W

F.C.1

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At Hr Mts. by H. Mts.

MADRAS FORT 23-2-97

Telegraph Master.

P.—No. 29 T—5-5-94—40,00,000.

C. No. 738 & 789 m & D.O. No. 24 & 26

KOr

The best site at Arkonam seems without doubt to be that mentioned in the Deputy Tahr's telegram - S. nos 14 & 12 to the South of the railway station (marked with blue chalk on the village maps placed below, which I procured from the Survey Office).

It has the great advantages of
(1) propinquity to the railway
(2) good & sufficient water &
(3) some old buildings
which can be made useful. It was the military old west camp.

Mr West's site is S. no $\frac{373}{2}$ to the north east of the station, about 3/4 mile perpendicularly north of the railway line from a point about 1/2 a mile east of the station. It is admittedly on low ground as the water trend on the map shows, there are no buildings on the site & the well water supply is not near

Mr West's only objection to the Dr Tabe's site is its being somewhat close to the station & the quarters But plague is according to the Surgn-Gen. with the Govt of India only slightly epidemic or contagious (*vide* Home Dept letter received yesterday & circulated).

Arrangements may therefore be at once made for erecting huts & sending a medical officer. Arkonam will be declared an inspection station under Regn 14 of the Provincial Regs & the Collr of N. Arcot may be wired to make the necessary arrangements - the scale may be pretty much as settled for Guntakal - *vide* file sent to H.M. today - His orders on that file will govern (so far) the Arkonam equipment.

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24/2/97

The S.G. has a medical officer ready to take charge

24/2/97

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

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& enforcing the regulations

(from orders)

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25/2/97

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