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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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I have the honour to remind Government that, in the event of bubonic plague appearing in any part of the mofussil, there will be found no staff to effect executive sanitary duties, which are of prime importance, beyond the medical subordinates in charge of dispensaries scattered throughout the district. On a "scare" occurring in the Godavari district that plague had broken out, one of the first acts of the President, District Board, was naturally to wire to this office for certificated sanitary inspectors, and I have no doubt on these men getting there also, they would have found their services very much hampered by there not being a single toty available. I found, notwithstanding my best efforts, that much delay occurred in bringing them together.

2. At the present moment, a large staff of sanitary inspectors and toties has been got together at much trouble for service in the town of Kumbakonam during the Mahamagham festival.

3. The town of Madras certainly cannot be regarded as overstocked with sanitary inspectors for house-to-house visitation nor with toties for effecting conservancy work.

4. Combining the above ideas, I would venture to ask Government permission to engage four certificated sanitary inspectors and twelve toties as a reserve for special plague duty for a period of two months from date of appointment. Instead of these men remaining idle, their services might be offered to the Madras Municipality if it were willing to make a contribution to their pay, on the understanding they are liable to be recalled for service in any district I may name at a moment's notice from this office. On joining a district for plague duty their pay would fall to the body employing them. The salaries suggested are, for certificated sanitary inspectors Rs. 45 *plus* Rs. 15, and for toties Rs. 9; these are the least sums likely to be attractive. Whilst not employed on plague duty, their pay might be Rs. 35 *plus* Rs. 15 and Rs. 7, respectively.

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(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Sanitary Commissioner,
" Surgeon-General.
" Public Works Department.
" Collector of Anantapur.
" " of North Arcot.
" " of Coimbatore.

Exd. A, F. Eccleston.

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From

The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

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SUBJECT.

Order

*Dr. King's suggestion
seems to be a good one and may
be adopted.*

*I.A.
18/2/97*

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*I see no pressing
necessity for engaging a reserve
staff of toties. And the proposal as
to the reserve cert. sanit. insps.
seems also doubtful. The Madras City
W^d not consent to keep these men
on the condition of their services being
taken from them at any moment.
If addl. insps. are really required
that City it can afford to entertain
them on its own terms.*

*On the whole, if the men can be
picked up now, they can with little difficulty, I think,
be procured when their services are wanted.*

*Requesting Government to accord
sanction for the entertainment
of four certificated sanitary
inspectors and twelve toties as
a reserve for special plague duty
for a period of 2 months from
date of appointment.*

*Why not suggest
some of the
high men
of the
19/2/97*

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at Guntakal & Arconam? These places can't be flushed of the ant that will be needed for camp duties. The San. Comr. might be told to place himself in communication with the Med. officers at those places - i.e., Guntakal for certain & at Arconam if decided on.

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P.S. Order. The Govt. does not think it necessary to determine the reserve staff proposed by the Sanitary Commissioner's proposal.

can't be approved, but he should as Sanitary Inspector place himself in communication with the medical officers who have been deputed for to the charge of the plague camps at those places inspection duty at Guntakal, in view of assisting them in the staff of Sanitary Inspectors and to see the services of and to see that may be required for service there and also make similar arrangements as regards Arconam, as soon as it is decided to appoint this place as an inspection station.

(From orders)

V.R. 20/2/97

- The Sanitary Commr.
- Surgeon General
- P.W.O.
- CM of Amantapur
- CM of Arconam
- Comptroller

Issue in this today 11/3/97

Don't issue this till Arconam is actually settled who should be Monday at latest

No. 402 S

OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER, Camp Savelle Hall, Port St. George, 16 Feb. 1897. LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT. CURRENT No. 190 M. SURGEON LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS.

From

To

THE Secretary to Government Local & Municipal Deptt.

Enclosure.

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Sanitary Inspectors Rs 45 + Rs 15 and for Lohies Rs 9; these are the least sums likely to be attractive. Whilst not employed on ^{plague} duty, their pay might be Rs 35 + Rs 15 and Rs 7 respectively. I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most obedt Servt

W. H. Jones

Super. M. Col.

Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras

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