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G.O., No. 518 M., 13th March 1897.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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Enclosure.

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2. On receipt of the Government order I directed the District Board Engineer to retain the huts already constructed and to take immediate steps to complete the construction of the remaining number of huts at the same site originally proposed in conformity with G.O., No. 315 M., dated 26th February 1897, and in consultation with the Medical officer. This I did on the strength of the Government telegram, dated 27th February 1897, wherein I was told that the present site might be retained in consideration of its distance from the Military ground by 300 yards and in view of the fact that the trooping season was practically over.

3. As the Medical officer now informs me that the Sanitary Commissioner has condemned the present site and chosen another, I beg I may be informed by wire if I may give orders to construct huts at the new site.

4. I beg also to bring to your notice the insufficiency of the amount (Rs. 500) placed at my disposal to meet the charges of the construction of sheds as well as the hospital equipments and its establishment, and request that a separate amount may be sanctioned for the latter. The maginally-noted establishment has been entertained at present by the Medical officer at Guntakal, but I have requested him to inform me if the establishment may not be reduced until exigencies actually arise for the employment of more hands.

	RS.
Two peons on Rs. 6 each	12
,, watermen on Rs. 6 each	12
One sweeper on Rs. 5	5
,, toty on Rs. 4	4
Total ..	33

Enclosure.

From the Medical officer on special plague duty, Guntakal, to the Collector of Anantapur, No. 18, dated 5th March 1897.

In continuation of my telegram, yesterday, I have the honour to report that the Sanitary Commissioner visited Guntakal yesterday and inspected the plague hutting arrangements. He condemned the site chosen near the rest camp and chose another. He consulted the District Board Engineer and they carefully went over the different proposals for hutting arrangements. The latter stated the lowest approximate estimate considered necessary by the Madras Government in their order No. 315 M., dated 26th February 1897, was Rs. 9,500. The Rs. 500 placed at our disposal is consequently much too small. I accordingly wired to you asking if you could supply the following tents at Rs. 500, or if not, at what cost : six marquees, six European soldiers' tents and six sepoy pals. The above tents are required for detaining plague patients, for observation huts, and for the accommodation of the establishment.

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(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Anantapur.
" " of Kurnool.
" Surgeon-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Public Department.
" Financial Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Deputy Adjutant-General.

Exd. C. M. Thumbuswamy.

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No 988 M of 1897, dated 5th March 97 from the Collector of Anantapur
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P.S.

Order. No. 518 M. d/13-3-97

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" follows"

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(Initialled 13/3/97)

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Appd. 18/3/97

3. The Collector's orders referred to in the last para of his letter of the 6th instant as to establishment are affirmed. [The cots required for the hospitals can be obtained from Cuddapah where it is understood they are made of excellent bamboos costing 12 annas a piece or less.]

Put this in a D.O.

4. Separate orders will be issued on the Collector's letter of the 10th instant regarding the additional funds applied for by him. Meanwhile ~~the Collector is requested to report in detail what he has done since the receipt of G.O. No. 181 M dated 28th Feb. 1897~~

We have virtually asked him this in G.O. calling for explanation

(From Orders)

V.R.
12/3/97

10/3/97

Appd. in Ro 13/3/97

To the Collector of Anantapur P.H. 988 990 + 1007 M. & O
L 989 M.
.. .. .. Kurnool L.O
.. Surgeon Genl. L.O
.. Sanr. Comr. L.O
.. Public Dept. P.O
.. Fin. Dept. L.O
.. Rev. Dept. P.O
.. Deputy Adjutant General P.O

13/3/97

Sec:

When writing yesterday about getting cots from the Commt. for Guntakal I quite forgot that I heard the other day from Mr. Price that in Cuddapah they make excellent bamboo cots at 12 annas a piece or less – They might get these.

Dr. King has been in to see me & tells me that as yet they have done nothing at Guntakal but build one hut about 25' x 10' or 12' which has cost some Rs 250. The District Engr. (L. B.?) has been worked instead of the Tahr. or the Village Munff, on the principle of using a steam Engine to kill a fly; & apparently no steps at all have been taken to get materials from the Ken-wood jungles, where they are abundant & to be got for the cost of cutting (plus the seigniorage of course) – I think the Collr. should be called on to report in detail exactly what he has done. It should not be forgotten that this is the same man who indented on the Bd. for baskets (!), chatties (!!) & yard sticks (!!!) for famine works.

I find that Dr. King has been backing up the cement floor idea – I gave him my opinion –

Please let this go to H.E. with the other papers about the Collr's inefficiency

11/3/97

To H.E. the Govr. C.B. 11/31

Yes, at once.
A.G.H.
12.3.97

CSHM ✓
(2) A.S. the Governor

876 M. – 880 M. 988 M. – 989 M. – 990 M. – 1007 M.
[illegible] 36

H.M.

Please see telegram from the Collr. of Anantapur (Curnt 988 M); and his letter (Curnt no. 1007 M) below: also his letter of 5th March (Ct no. 990 M.)

The telegram ~~of~~ was scarcely intelligible before the receipt of the letter. The former ran "The Med. Offr. Guntakal requests supply following tents R500 or asks their cost &c"

What apparently the Med. Officer supposed was that he was limited to R500, & that the equipment of tents he named might possibly be procured at that cost. If so he apparently intended that they shd take the place of huts

The Collr. in his letter of 5th (no 990 M) however proposes that they shall be used until the huts are ready. As this will apparently take some time the telegram drafted on a docket of no 988 M. may issue, unless the Collr. can assure us that

If he thought this he must be a perfect fool. There is no other word for it.

H.S.
9/3/97

the hut materials are now all ready & the huts will be erected in a few days. In any case three marquees are enough.

Meantime the question of the camp site is again raised; & now he comes backed by the San. Comsr. who has condemned the site first selected & which the Collr. was ordered to stick to. The San. Comsr. gives few reasons if I remember aright – (the paper is in O. with H.E.)

No further progress has been made with construction tho materials are being collected & in the telegram of 25th Febry (Ct 876 A) the materials for "other two huts" were all ready. By this time the materials for all the huts may ~~be~~ be presumed to be now collected.

Perhaps in the face of the San. Comsr's condemnation we may allow the new site to be occupied & the materials erected there.

As to cost, the San. Comsr says that huts at Guntakal cost six times what they do in Tanjore & Dr Macrae ^x^ reports the lowest estimate of the cost of what the Govt. ordered as R 9500.

Establishment was of course not included in the R 500 & the Collr may be told that his orders on that point are approved – see end of his letter of 6th (Ct 1007)

S. B. 8/3/7

K. M.

Before sending on this to H.E. I resubmit it to K.M. Dr King has just been here & has explained to me that the reason of his condemning the site was the close proximity

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BS

Stuff & nonsense – Stick to the selected site

BS

x letter of 5th enclosed with Collector's of 6th (Ct 1007)

Nonsense

BS

BS
9/3/97

It is really hopeless to carry on with such a Collr. & such a medl. officer – I think that the Collr should be relieved at once by some competent officer & that the S. G. should be told to proceed immediately to Guntakal & himself see to the way the doctor is going on –

Send the papers to H.E. urgently

BS
9/3/97

Of course the proximity of the village alters the case. But why was not this reported before by the Collr.? Under the circs, the site selected by Dr. King may be of a hamlet of the village, into which the plague wd. inevitably extend if there were cases in our camp. He has selected

He tells me that almost nothing has been done. The hut first built was not at all capacious & of flimsy material.

The standing military camp close by has several tents which the Comst. wd. condemn & which he thinks might be got very cheap. And there are also iron cots in them, which if used cd be easily disinfected. The Comsr. has however already refused the Collector the use of cots &c: & probably the regulations require a certain equipment to be kept standing in case of emergency so there is probably little use in again applying to them for cots.

He also suggests that ~~the~~ definite instructions shd issue as to the sanitary requirements

construction.

adopted.

As to the price of materials, I find it difficult

a site half a mile off on a good road

I believe, in the absence of detailed info., that materials brought by rail from the Kurnool jungles, ~~through~~ which the rail passes, can be somewhat more costly than in Tanjore – But personally don't know what the Colr. has been doing – thought to be called on report.

As to the sanitary arrangements of the huts, I don't see what are needed – any ordinary huts will & chappered utilised do.

I don't know that the Commt. has refused the Colr. cots – Formal application should, I think, be made for tents, cots & whatever else is wanted. Then if they refuse, we can wire India to order the supply.

10/3/97

I concur with the above Note.

A.G.H.
11.3.97

~~Lefe~~ of the hospital tents ~~left~~ in the matter of
That is the business
of the Surg. General, however he
states: he confirms what
has been reported as to
the great expense
of erecting at
Guntakal

[L. & M.
1,000—28-10-96.]

Local & Munl. (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 988 M.

For Orders V. a

Office.

What is the routine for making application for ~~these~~ such tents. Why was that not noted?

S.K. 6/3/97

From The Collr. of Anantapur.

No.

Dated 5/3/97

Received 6/3/97

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* Note three are enough as some huts will be immediately available

SUBJECT.

Making that the Medical officer at Guntakal requires tents &c at present & enquiring whether Govt. will arrange with the Military Deptt to lend them till huts are ready

C. Nos. 988 & 990 M

The following telegram will be despatched to the Deputy Adjutant General, Madras Command, Ootacamund:—

"Medical officer on plague duty Guntakal urgently requests supply following tents, ~~Six~~ Three* marquees, Six European Soldiers' tents, Six Sepoy palls, ~~[illegible]~~ for temporary use till huts are ready. ~~Please arrange to~~ The Govt. will be much obliged if the General-commanding will allow Commist. &c. to supply these ~~[illegible]~~ & will give orders for their being sent direct to Guntakal at once.

V.R.
8/3/97

S.K. 8/3/97

Copy to the Collector of Anantapur
" Medical officer in charge of Inspection camp at Guntakal.

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6 MAR. 1897
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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 989 M.

Complete file
urgent

NICIPAL DEPARTMENT

From

The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

No. 564/S

Dated 5th March 1897

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~~Order~~

R.H.

It is the duty of the Collector to make definite proposals if the preliminary allotment of R500 is insufficient to provide the accommodation sanctioned.

6/3/97

Quite so - I dare say materials may be dear at Guntakal, but why not rail them from the Kurnool Forests through which the S.M. Ry passes?

6/3/97

Let A.L. see this - It is close on a month since orders issued to him

SUBJECT.

Offering remarks with regard to his inspection of the Government Plague observation station at Guntakal junction.

The arrangements at Guntakal, when I saw them on the 22nd Feb. were incomplete and inadequate. The Collector should be told what to do, and should have a fairly free hand as to expense. He should be hurried up.

A.G.H. 8.3.97

AL 6/3/97

of these sheds & yet they are
not finished!
KS

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URGENT.

Camp Tadpatri
OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
~~Fort St. George,~~ 5 : 3 : 1897.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 989 M

From

SURGEON LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,
SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE

The Secretary to Government
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Your most obedient Servant

Surgeon Lt Col.

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

2,000—6-2-96.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
[illegible]-1897
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

From The Collector of Anantapur

Order.

Refore **No.** 631/5/3/97.

Dated 5th March 1897

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding the telegrams received from the medical officer in charge of Plague duty at Guntakal and requesting that he may be supplied with the necessary number of tents required by him.

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To (station)
Anantapur

From (Station)
Guntakal

To (Person)
Collector.

From (Person)
Surgeon Captain
J. L. Macrae

Can you
supply following
tents at
Rs 500 if
not at
what cost
6 marquees
6 European
Soldiers tents
Six sepoys
palls please
wire reply urgently

(True Copy)

D Venkata Sastri
5-3-97
For Ag Collector

CRD 5.3.97 1 PM 11/5/3

Plague - Urgent

Ref in L No 631
5-3-97.

Anantapur,
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
5th March 1897.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 990 M.

FROM

K. C. Manavedan Raja Esq., B.A.
Ag COLLECTOR OF
Anantapur

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Local and Municipal DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George, Madras.

SIR,

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
D Venkatachala
For Ag Collector

Recd 5.3.97 P.M.
6/3.

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

DEPARTMENT

Madras.

Dated
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ENCLOSURES.

SUBJECT.

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 1007 M

Register & return at once for considn with the telgm

submitted accordingly
8/3/97

From The Collector of Anantapur

Reg. No. 631 of 97.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT
8 MAR 1897
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Order

Please complete the file at once with the San. Commr's No 564/5 d 5/3/97 Curr. No 989 M. - which is clearly essential for the file 8/3/97

Dated 6.3.97.

Received 8-3-1897

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Requesting orders by wire for the construction of plague sheds at the new site proposed by the Sanitary Commissioner.

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5th March 189

From

Surgeon Captain J. L. Macrae. M.B. H.
2 ms
on special plague duty

To

The Collector,

Anantapur

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I have &c

(Signed) J L Macrae M.B.C.M. I.M.S

On special plague duty

(True copy)

D. Venkata Sastri 7-3-97

For Acting Collector

CRD 7-3-97 3PM

No. R.C $\frac{631}{6/3/97}$ Anantapur DISTRICT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Dated 6th March 1897.

FROM

K. C. Manavedan Raja Esq., B.A.,

Ag COLLECTOR OF THE Anantapur DISTRICT,

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT. CURRENT No. 1007 M

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Local & Municipal DEPARTMENT,

Fort St. George, Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of letter No 18 dated 5th March 1897 received from the medical officer on special plague duty at Guntakal and to state that both the medical officer and the District Board Engineer have been informed today of the mistake made by them regarding the amount sanctioned by Government in its order No $\frac{315^m}{26/2/97}$ (Local and Municipal Department) for the construction of huts.

On receipt of the Government Order I directed the District Board Engineer to retain the huts already constructed, and to take immediate steps to complete the construction of the remaining number of huts at the same site originally roposed in conformity with G. O. No $\frac{315\ M}{26\text{-}2\text{-}97}$ and in consultation with the medical fficer. This, I did on the strength of the vernment telegram dated 27th Feb 97, herein I was told that the present ite might be retained in consideration its distance from the military — round by 300 yards and in view of the fact that the trooping season was practically over.

As the medical officer now — informs me that the Sanitary Commissioner has condemned the present site and chosen another, I beg I may be informed by wire if I may give — orders to construct huts at the new site.

I beg also to bring to your notice the insufficiency of the amount (Rs 500) placed at my disposal to meet the charges of the construction of sheds as well as the hospital equipments and its establishment, and request that a separate amount may be sanctioned for the latter. The marginally ted establishment ⊗ has been enter- l at present by the medical at Guntakal, but I have request- to inform me if the establishment may

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	Rs
2 Peons on Rs 6 each	12
2 Watermen on Rs 6 each	12
1 Sweeper on Rs 5	5
1 Toty on Rs 4	
	Rs 3

not be reduced until exigencies actu-ly arise for the employment of mo hands.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
Ag. Collector

BM
7/3/7

BB
7/3/97

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF THE

DISTRICT,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

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ENCLOSURE.

SUBJECT.

For which I am much obliged. H.E. evidently takes much the same view as I expressed (in more forcible language) yesterday

H.S.

H.E.

Please see H.E.'s no[illegible] [illegible] also

We are issuing orders about the huts at Guntakal & meantime I telegd. to the Collector this morning that the S.G.'s excessive proposals were not approved & asking him what he had done already, adding that R 500 wd. be allowed as it seemed a sufficient sum for present requirements

The site on which the shed (or sheds) has already been built may be retained

H.S.

The railway reg[illegible]tions [illegible] the railway carriag[illegible] [illegible] be locked until the ~~[illegible]~~ passengers? carriages are examd.

× vide Hyderabad rules

H.S.

. In some cases the examt

may be done well enough in the carriage itself Eg. a 1st class carriage with one or two passengers with evidently a clean bill of health. In other cases it may be more convenient to take them out. At Kalyan the preliminary exam: is, I believe, done in the carriage, & only suspicious cases removed for further exam: This point may be left to the doctors. Certainly the preliminary exam: in the carriage saves a vast deal of confusion & trouble.

Regn 14 ~~rule~~ does not compel the Med. Officer to remove a man from the carriage – the Regn runs "may".

25/2/97

The S.G. should nevertheless be told to make Dr. Macrae sit up & be strict. His exam: will otherwise be quite useless

HS
25/2/97

This note was handed to me by Mr. Mammoodoo Rajah the Collector of Sholapur.

I spoke to Dr. Macrae about the sheds for the segregation of plague patients or suspected plague patients. He told me that he had condemned the site of the ~~store~~ shed which he had previously approved. This shed is, I should say, about 500 yards from the Railw[illegible]mises, and to windward of it. [illegible]ould say the site would be without serious objection, were it not [illegible]t it is not far from the Military [illegible]t Camp. If the Military Rest Camp is not going to be used (and the reason for moving troops is, I think, past), this objection would fall through.

Dr. ~~Macrae~~ told me that it is now proposed to build, on another site, a

large

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In November last, I had a communication from the Sanitary Commissioner about the erection of two sheds for plague patients. A site was selected in consultation with the ~~late~~ District Surgeon and an Estimate for ~~it~~ a little over 200 R was prepared. Before the work was put in hand, Dr Macrae was appointed 'Special Officer', and in consultation with him, another Estimate was prepared for a little over 700 Rs There was no time to get it sanctioned at a meeting of the District Boa

Board, but it was sanctioned by me in anticipation ~~and~~ work was put in hand and one shed completed day before yesterday, another letter from the Surgeon General was received which requires the erection of a large number of sheds and all costly. Having no funds at the disposal of the District Board, the District Board Engineer was directed to draw a rough estimate of an approximate cost of erecting the sheds. According to him, the approximate cost would be about 00 Rs. Immediately

a receipt, I have wired to the Govt. in the Financial Deptt. to place funds at my disposal. After despatching this telegram I received at about 7 P.M. yesterday a letter from Dr. Macrae in which he says the present site is not suitable, being too near the rest camp and asking me to direct the District Board Engineer to meet him tomorrow to select a fresh site. The shed already ~~at~~ erected is therefore of no use.

I have written the above, with refer to the latter pa

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large number of sheds, to cost about Rs. 15000. He told me that it would take months to complete this scheme, as the sheds for First Class passengers were to be partly of masonry. All this seems unpractical and unsatisfactory.

Dr. Macrae's examination of passengers from Bombay seemed to me perfunctory, and not in accordance with Reg. 14 of the Regulations notified in the Gazette of the 15th Feb. I arrived from Adoni at Guntakal at 8 p.m. on the 21st Inst., by a train which brought passengers from Bombay. I got out of the train at once, and after a minute or two on the platform, I went into the Refreshment Room. Some of the Bombay passengers were already seated there! I went for Dr. Macrae and asked him to describe his manner of examining passengers from Bombay. He said that with regard to First and Second Class passengers, he looked at them before they left their carriages. I asked him if did not make them alight before examining them. He said he did not, and that he did not think it necessary to do so. I could not at the time get access to a copy of the Regulations, but I remembered them sufficiently well to say to Dr. Macrae that I feared he was not obeying them.

This note is to be sent without delay to the Hon. Member in charge of L. and M., — for his information and for such action as he may think proper to propose.

A.G.H.
25.2.97

part of His Excellency's programme for today. The site selected having to be abandoned, there - nothing for His Excellency to inspect at the spot. The shed can be seen from the platform. There is no made road up to the shed; but if it is proposed to see the place, the cart track can be cleaned up. But as I have said above, under the instructions of the Medical Officer, the site and the shed are not to be utilised for plague purposes.

Ag Collector
22. 2. 97.

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To (Person) The Private Secretary

From (Person) Secy. to Govt.
L. & M. Depts.

Nothing has been issued from this department beyond the instructions contained in Regulation 14 of the Mofussil Regulations notified in Gazette of 15th. Railway Dept. has, however, under cons. Rules regarding train detentions etc., and Surgeon-General, it is believed, is in correspondence with Medl. Offr. at Guntakal on medical points. I telegraphed to Bombay 23rd, asking what their arrangements at Kalyan were about train service and number of medical subordinates employed.

J.B.

24/2/97.

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Recd. from LN.
At Hrs. Mts. by

Sent to LN.
At Hrs. Mts. by

Telegraph Master.

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plague duty at Guntakal and to request that you wil
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Ag Collector
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Local and Municipal Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMEN

Read the following:-

Telegram from the Collector of Anantapur, dated 5"
1897.

Medical Officer Guntakal requests supply followin
Rupees 500 or asks their cost 6 marquees 6 European sol
tents 6 sepoy palls. Can Government arrange with Milita
-partment to lend till huts ready.

From the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, No. 564/S,
5" March 1897.

I have ~~tne~~ the honour to inform you that I Yesterday
-spected the Government "plague observation stations" at
-takal junction, with the object of ascertaining the metho
of inspection of passengers employed.

2. I regret to have to state that arrangements for segre
gation and observation practically do not exist.

3. I went over the subject of accommodation carefully wi
the Local Fund Engineer and the Medical officer on the spo
taking into account the nature and extent of accommodatio
approved by Government - after having consulted the Surge
General with the Government. This condition of affairs is
believe, due to the fact that at the high prices at prese
prevailing locally, it is impossible to secure the requisi
material within the sum of Rs 500. For example, I found that
shed made at Kumbakonam would cost about six times less th
at Guntakal.

4. I would respectfully urge the necessity for an early
-cision as to the completion of this station.

From the Collector of Anantapur, Ref. on Cur. No. 651,
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2	Peons	on ₨ 6 each.		₨12
2	Washermen	on ₨ 6 each.		₨ 12
1	Sweeper	,, 5	,,	,, 5
1	Toty	,, 4		,, 4
				₨ 33

(Enclosure)

From the Medical officer, on special plague duty, Guntakal to the Collector of Anantapur, No. 18, dated 5" March 1897.

In continuation of my telegram yesterday I have the honour to report that the Sanitary Commissioner visited Guntakal yesterday and inspected the plague hutting arrangements. He condemned the site chosen near the rest camp and chose another. He consulted the District Board Engineer and they carefully went over the different proposals for hutting arrangements. The latter stated the lowest approximate estimate as considered necessary by the Madras Government in their order No. 315 M/d-26-2-97, was ₨ 9500. The ₨ 500/ placed at our disposal is consequently much too small. I accordingly wired to you asking if you could supply the following tents at ₨ 500 or if not at what cost, six marquees, six European soldiers' tents and six sepoy palls. The above tents are required for detaining plague patients, for observation huts, and for the accommodation of the establishment.

ORDER

ed 13th March 1897.

te selected by the Sanitary Commissioner is approv- t is understood that the site originally selected is inadmissible on account of the proximity of an inhabited hamlet. This fact has only now come to the knowledge of Government, and the Collector will explain both how this objection was not detected in the first instance and why it was not subsequently reported when the Collector wrote intimating that the Sanitary Commissioner had condemned the site. The construction of huts on the new ground should be completed without delay. If there is any difficulty in procuring the materials locally they can be readily obtained by rail from the Kurnool jungles through which the railway passes. The Medical officer at Guntakal wi be held responsible for the sanitary arrangements of the hu The following telegram will be despatched to the Collector

"Your letter No.631 of 6th instant. Sits selected b Sanitary Commissioner approved. Construct huts immediatel Order follows".

2. Until the huts are ready arrangements will be made the supply of six European soldires tents and six se with three marquees which Government considers will be suffi cient to meet immediate requirements. The following telegr will be despatched to the Deputy Adjutant General, Madras mand. "Three marquees Six European soldires tents and s pals urgently required for plague inspection Camp estab at Guntakal station. The Government will be much obliged Lieutenant General Commanding will allow Commissariat to ply these tents to be used till huts are ready and if so give orders for despatch direct to Guntakal at once; p ly some of the description required can be obtained from t Military rest camp at Guntakal.

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3. The Collector's orders referred to in the last para of his letter of the 6th instant as to establishment are approved.

4. Separate orders will be issued on the Collector's letter of the 10th instant regarding the additional funds applied for by him.

(True Extract)

Secretary to Government.

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To

The Collector of Anantapur.
,, ,, ,, Kurnool. L & O
,, Surgeon General. L & O
,, Sanitary Commissioner. P & O
,, Public Department. P & O
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