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(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

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„ President, District Board, Kistna.
„ Judicial Department.
„ Surgeon-General.
„ Sanitary Commissioner.
„ Public Department.
„ Marine Department.
„ Public Works Department.
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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 22nd Feby. 1897, No. 261 M

Current No. 997 M of 1897, dated 5th March 97 from the San. Commr.
Current No. of 189 , dated from the

PS

Order. No. 569 M. dd 16-3-97

To Public & Rev Dept & Judicial Dpt. for counterinitials or remarks

S.H.
15/3/97

15/3/97. 16/3/97

Paras 1 & 4 are not based on orders, but follow the procedure adopted in other cases.

Now to H.E. for approval

I am not quite sure that the hutting accommodn. need be on the same scale as at Guntakal & Arkonam; but it is difficult to suggest any less extent. It is unlikely that the "European" huts will be wanted, still a case might occur, & I am not sufficiently acquainted with Bezwada to know whether there are old bungalows or the like which if available would be preferable. S.H. 15/3/97

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Conduct this inspection, at the same time

The deputation to Bezwada of a separate Commd. medl. officer would not then be necessary.

4 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 Bezwada 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~~ make the necessary ~~European~~ arrangements ~~Inspector~~ ~~officer~~ of Police ~~with the requisite staff~~

This is not needed, I think, as there is a stationary Sub Magte at Bezwada

No doubt he has already a Europn Police man at Bezwada – The cases are quite different from those of [illegible]

for maintaining order
and enforcing the regulation.

(From orders)

V.R.
12/3/97

10/3/97

15/3/97

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16/3/97

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To
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" Prt. Dt. Bd. Kistna ✓
~~" Prot. M.C. Madras~~ ✓
" Jud. Dept. ✓
" Surg: Genl. ✓
" Sanl. Comr. ✓
" Public Dept. ✓
" Marine Dept. ✓
" P.W.D. ✓
" Rev. Dept. ✓
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D.O. No 35 and
C. No. 997 M of 97

G.O. 261 M
22-2-97

(1) H.M.
(2) H.E. the Governor

I don't see the good of asking the Collr. for a report. He can only repeat what Dr. King says — He had better be told to get up some sheds at Bezwada & the Surg: Genl. should be ordered to send a Commd. Medl. officer there — also one Hosp: Asst. & one female medl. practitioner. Dr. Vickers has probably returned from Kumbakonam by this time & he might make his Hd. Quarters at Bezwada for the present, ~~the Asst~~ and carry on the routine duties of D.M.&S.O., the Asst. Surgeon being left at Masulipatam. This will be the cheapest plan — Of course the inspection work in the district will be stopped, but that can't be helped.

H.S.
10/3/97

Show H.E.

Tegue.
A.S.H.
11.3.97

FOR ORDERS.

In his letter No.362 dated 11th February 1897 the Sanitary Commissioner suggested that a commissioned medical officer should be stationed at Bezwada for the inspection of passengers from Bombay and Hyderabad. But in G.O. No.261 M, dated 22nd February 1897 thereon, the Government said that as adequate arrangements had been made for the inspection of Railway passengers at Hotgi, Kalyan and Londa and provision had been made for similar inspection at Bangalore Perambur and Guntakal, any further observation at Bezwada was necessary.

2. In his D.O. of the 26th February 1897 No.35, Dr. King requests a re-consideration of the Government order above referred to on the grounds (1) that the natuarl route to the Northern Districts of this Presidency from Bombay, Hyderabad and Nagpore is via Wadi by the Nizam's State Railway (2) that there are many passengers from Bombay and Hyderabad at Bezwada (3) that Hyderabad is just the place to form a splendid focus for the ~~ex~~importation of the plague into this Presidency (4) that when the plague is once imported into that city it will stick to it as it does to Bombay (5) that if the Government has an observation station only at Guntakal, it leaves this Presiden open

open to attack from the rear (6) that the Nizam's Government now watches Wadi in the interests of the Hyderabad City and (7) that we cannot expect an impartial observation from any subordinates placed on duty at Wadi. Dr. King therefore strongly deprecates the abandonment of Bezwada as an observation station and suggests that before deciding this question the Government should at least call for the opinion of the Collector of Kistna as to the nature of the passenger traffic through Bezwada.

3. In reply to Government memorandum No.118 dated 4th February 1897 requesting the Chairmen of all Municipal Councils to report what arrangements the Councils have made with reference to G.O.No. 111 L, dated 19th January 1897, in which they were required to undertake the method of observation suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner, the Chairman of the municipal council of Bezwada has reported that he appointed the observation staff from 1st February 1897 to inspect the trains coming from Bombay, that the Local Apothecary also inspects the trains along with these people, that a hospital assistant is also posted at the Railway station to inspect the passengers coming down from Bombay and that the requisite medicines as per G.O.No.1985 M., dated 18th November 1896 have been secured and kept in readiness. He has also forwarded a copy of the letter from the civil apothecary in which that officer reports that for the past three months the Nizam's Railway train from Bombay is inspected every day for plague cases, that the passengers ar-

tracts are kept under observation for a period of ten days, and that up to date no plague cases have been imported into Bezwada. He also states that there is a temporary shed not far from the Railway Station for the isolation of any passengers from plague stricken tracts that the disinfectants &c. required by the Sanitary Commissioner to be kept for combating cholera are kept in readiness, that he supervises the work of the observation staff and the Hospital Assistant and that extra attention has been paid to the cleaning of streets & lanes.

P.R. H.M.
4/3/97

We may ask the Collector to report as desired by the San. C. as to the nature & ~~extent~~ of the passenger traffic thro' Bezwada — whether much of it is from infected areas; & also as to the value of the observation arrangements now in force there, as reported in replying to ~~G.O.~~ Govt. Memdm. 4/2/97

Wadi is no doubt a weak point as however good in themselves Dr Law arrangements may be, the staff employed to carry them out cannot be much depended on.

9/3/7

Local & Munl. (1897). Department.

CURRENT No. 997 M.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
6 MAR 1897
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

From

The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

Order

No. 566/S

Dated 5th March 1897
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SUBJECT.

Forwards for information telegram received from the Medl Officer Hyderabad Division regarding detection of a case of plague from train at the Wadi station.

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No 586/S LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 997 M.

Forwarded to Government for information with reference to G.O. dated 26th February 1897.

W G King:
Surgn:-Lt-Col:
Sanitary Commissioner

Camp
Tadpatri
5.3.97

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MADRAS RAILWAY LICENSED TELEGRAPHS.

Class. DP

Local No.

To (Station) Tadpatri m

From (Station) Hyderabad Dn

No.	Words	Code. Hour.	Code. Minute.
36	25	[illegible]	

Instructions by sender.

State whether "Deferred," "Ordinary" or "Urgent,"

To Sanitary Commissioner

From Lawrie

1 one	2 Case	3 Plague	4 taken
5	6	7	8
9 from	10 train	11 wadi	12 died
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24
25	26		
27	28		

Sender's signature

Date

Received from Gooty

At 15 Hrs. 17 Mts.

By [illegible]

Date 11-3-97

Sent to

At Hrs. Mts.

By

[L. & M. 4-8-96.]

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

D. O. No. 35

~~D. O.~~ For orders

Office — Put up a separate note on what has been done at Bezwada — was any special staff on duty. The general rules of the Pre for trains I suppose were & are being enforced

[illegible] 1/3/97

From

The Sanitary Commissioner,
Madras.

No.

Dated 26-2-1897

Received 1-3-1897

Registered 1-3-1897

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SUBJECT.

Requesting that G.O.261 M, dated 22nd February 1897 abandoning Bezwada as Govt. observation station in connection with the plague may be reconsidered in the circumstances stated.

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D. No. ______
Office of Sanitary Commissioner for Madras,
Fort St. George 189

D.O. No 35

Camp Owk -
26th Feb 1897.

Dear Mr Forbes ,

I trust Government will not think me troublesome if I ask that G. O. No 261 M dated 22nd Feb ,be reconsidered as to the abandonment of Bezwada as a Government observation station. I have,as my former correspondence on this subject will show,always regarded this station as of great importance . I have frequently passed through Bezwada,and have always found passengers representing mixtures from Bombay and Hyderabad . Hyderabad notwithstanding Dr Lawrie 's protests , I should think was just the place to form a splendid focus for importation into this Presidency . Once imported there,it will stick to the city just as it has to Bombay ,and although I believe the "outside of the platter" is now much cleaner than formerly,this only means that street conservancy is well looked after . However,laying

…when the S.G. differs from him! declines in Bombay.

I think it will be sufficient

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aside the special question of the infection of Hyderabad, I think it is important to remember that the natural route to our northern Districts from Bombay, Hyderabad, and Nagpore, is Via Wadi by the Nizam's State Railway. If therefore Government only has an observation station at Guntakul, it leaves the Presidency open to attack from the rear. By the same post as brought me the G. O. in question came a D. O. from Mr Atkinson pointing out the importance of Bezwada, and suggesting that the more advanced station of Gangineni would be even more suitable. Hyderabad of course now watches Wadi in the interest of the Hyderabad City; but I feel strongly from what I know of Mogulli arrangements that we should be trusting to a broken reed to expect impartial observation from any subordinates placed there on duty. What I would therefore respectfully suggest to Government before deciding on this course is that at least it should call for the opinion of the Collector of the Kistna District as to the nature of the passenger traffic through Bezwada.

Yours faithfully,

L. & M.
4-8-96.

Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

D. O. No. 12

H. M.

D. O. No 12

For orders

Bezwada is quite as likely a place to be attacked by bubonic plague as any other in this Pres?, as there is a fair amount of traffic from Bombay. The Surg.-Genl. however objects to sending the D. M. & S. O. there, as he thinks a Civil apothecary can do all that is necessary. Bezwada is almost as important as Masulipatam, & it does not seem reasonable to object to the D. M. & S. O. being stationed there temporarily under the existing circumstances, & the Surg.-Genl. gives no strong reasons against it.

WWD
19. 10. 96

Dr King says he leaves it to the S. General to decide ~~[illegible]~~ but appeals to Govt — when the S. G. differs from him!

I think it will be sufficient

From The Sanitary Commr Madras.

No.

Dated 15/10.
Received 16/10
Registered 19/10.
Enclosures 3 D.O.
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SUBJECT.

Stating that the Surgeon General may be requested by wire to allow the Dt Medl. & Sany. Officer Kistna to make Bezwada his head quarters temporarily till the Bubonic Plague declines in Bombay.

to inform the S.G. that the correspondence has been forwarded to Govt. who presume he is so satisfied with the profl. qualifications of the Civil apothecary at Bezwada that he considers the presence of the Dt. Med. Officer to be unnecessary. If however he is doubtful on the point he will no doubt think it advisable to depute the Dt. M. Officer to remain at Bezwada as proposed.

ALA 19.10.96

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(1) No. 6 of 23-10-96 21/10/96

Dear Dr. King,

C.S. In reply to your letter of 15th Inst. I am to say that I have informed ~~the~~ S. G. that Govt. will leave the matter ~~to~~ be decided by him as he thinks best ~~his hands~~.

ALA 22.10.96

Despd. 23/10/96

After perusal of the correspondence forwarded by the San. Commr. the Govt. presumes that the Sur.-Genl. is so satisfied with the professional qualifications of the Civil apothecary at Bezwada that he considers the presence of the Dt. Medical Officer to be unnecessary there. If however he is doubtful on the point, he will no doubt think it advisable to depute the Dt. Medical Officer to remain at Bezwada as proposed

(From orders)

WWS
22.10.96

No. 7 of 23-10-96

D.O. to Surg. Genl.

(2)

My Dear Sibthorpe,

Dr. King has forwarded some D.O. correspondence which passed between Bateman ~~& himself~~ with reference to the posting of the D. M. & S. O. at Bezwada, in view to detecting cases of bubonic plague. From this it is presumed that you are so satisfied with the professional qualifications of the Civil apothecary at Bezwada that you consider the presence of the Dt. Medical Officer to be unnecessary there. If however you are doubtful on the subject you will no doubt think it advisable to depute Vickers to remain at Bezwada as proposed.

(From orders)

WWS
22.10.96

ALA 22.10.96

Despd. 23/10/96

972—1-10-96.

No.

Office of Sanitary

Madras, 14th Oc

Dear Surgeon Col Batem

Your D.O of the 12th

It is of course for you to decide, but to my judgement a Civil Apothecary would in a diagnosis of this sort when much discretion is required, prove a poor substitute for the Commissioned Medical Officer. I have a week back arranged as to Adoni, and on the 13th supplemented this by Guntakal. My intention

was that at Raichore,
which I have already opened
mmunication with Government,
nd at Bezvada, a reliable
Commiſsioned medical officer
at each should be placed.

Yours truly,
Sd/ W.G. King.

(True copy)

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Nungam
12th

No. 137.

Dear Surg Lt Col King,

With reference to your D.O. dated the 8th Instt, I am of opinion that your proposal regarding the Civil Apothecary at Bezwada attending on trains seems to meet all requirement. Whenever necessary he might place himself in communication with the Distt Medical and Sanitary Officer by wire. Under the

therefore
suggest

Bezwada as proposed

esent circumstances oes not appear to me cessary that the Distt Medical and Sanitary Officer should temporarily make Bezwada his Headquarters.

Would it not be desirable to adopt similar precautions at Adoni or Guntakal.

Yours truly

Sd/ D. F. Bateman.

(True copy)

Bezwada as proposed

(From order,

972—1-10-96.

Office of Sanitary

No.

Camp Virdachellam

~~Madras~~,

Dear Surgn: Col: Bateman

I have arranged with the District Sanitary officer, Kistna for establishing a system of observation of passengers with reference to plague at Bezwada by directing the Civil Apothecary's attendance at trains. This however is an important point, and it would be most desirable that more skilled attention be available. I would therefore suggest

Bezwada as proposed

you directing
strict Sanitary
r, Kistna making
wada temporarily
is Head Quarters and till
the plague declines at
Bombay. He should desist from all tours in
the District. I have
informed Government
I have suggested this
to you.

Yrs faithfully
Sd/ W. G. King

True Copy.
W G King

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to you.

Yrs faithfully
Sd/ W. G. King

True Copy.

Urgent

972—1-10-96.

No. For madras

Monday

ASA 16.10.96

Office of Sanitary

Madras, 16. OCT. 189

CHIEF SEC

GOVERNMENT OF MADR

Dear Mr Arundel

I forward herewith correspondence which has passed between myself and the acting Surgeon General. In this, he refuses to allow the District Sanitary Officer, Kistna, to make his head quarters temporarily at Bezvada. It seems to me that the arrangement can produce no inconvenience of importance, and could be yielded to by the Surgeon General without detriment to his work. As a matter of fact only the other day

the

rangement was made tkinson during the — karam festival, when cholera imported by pilgrim

I consider it most desirable that both at Raichur, as suggested in my D.O to you dated 7th inst., and at Bezvada, at least there should be Commissioned Medical officers. This is a matter in — which a certain amount of discretion is required and I think the description of discretion can best be obtained by better educated men than Civil Apothecaries. It must be remembered that these points — are the great routes from Bombay to this Presidency, and should I receive and give credit to a telegram passengers had arrived it turn out subsequently the has been hurried and incorre much unnecessary alarm to a concerned and unnecessary expen and injury to trade might result. I think the least effort that might reasonably be demanded of the Medical Department is that this — important work should be delegated to Commissioned Medical officers. If Government is pleased to agree with me, I suggest that a telegraphic instruction be given to the Surgeon General accordingly.

As to the suggestion which now comes from the Surgeon General as to Adoni and Guntakul, I need

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Bezwada as proposed

(from orders)

(from orders

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say that I arranged
a
servation post at the
on the 7th instant, and that
pplementary post was made
Guntakal on the 13th inst.

Yours faithfully
[illegible] King.

P.S. As to the Surgeon-General's suggestion that the Civil Apothecary should wire to the Distt Medl and Sanitary Officer at Masulipatam, you know yourself the difficulties of communication even if that Officer were not out on tour; and moreover it is not a matter of treatment that is required; it is the rapid & accurate diagnosis of a disease that is but little known that is wanted in the interest of the general public, not of a single patient. This must be made on the spot by as skilled a person as is available. — WK

Bezwada as proposed
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