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Recording letter from the Sanitary  
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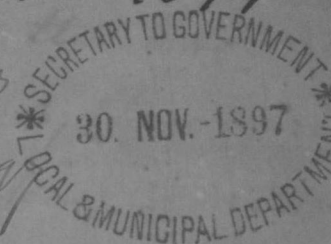
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SUBJECT.

Forwards certain  
Copies of Circulars  
and Telegrams for  
the information of  
Govt. regarding the  
prevention of plague  
entering this Presy.



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OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,  
Fort St. George, 13 October 1897

From

SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

All Chairmen Municipal Councils.  
All Presidents of District Boards.  
All District Sanitary Officers.

Enclosure.

SIR,

With reference to the marginally noted letters, I have the honour to invite your special attention to the desirability of requiring, on the part of your Subordinates, the very careful performance of their duty of inspection at Railway Stations, and acting on the information so gained. As time has passed, there is reason to believe that the system of observation at dwellings of arrivals from suspected localities has not been performed with the completeness and care desirable. It is essential that it be understood that any person presenting signs of fever arriving from infected localities should at once be examined by a Medical Officer, and be placed under a careful system of observation and segregation till a diagnosis is made. There is reason to believe that the disease may present certain modifications that might mislead those who demand that the classical symptoms

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Fort St. George, 19<sup>th</sup> October 1897.

From

SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

All District Sanitary officers.

Enclosure.

Sir,

Having regard to the approach of plague towards the borders of this Presidency, I have the honour to request you will kindly do your best to enlist the interest of all authorities with whom you are brought in contact as to the imperative necessity of watching for any increase of fever mortality in any part of your district. Where plague has effected an inroad and this fact has not been discovered in rural parts, it will be found that an increase of mortality under the head of "fevers" may force the truth upon notice.

I have etc.  
W. G. King.

Surgeon Lieut. Col.

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

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Surgeon Lieut. Col.

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

symptoms of plague be exhibited before a diagnosis be made. This should lead to increased attention as to detecting all cases suffering from fevers. I again call your attention to the importance of perfecting the system of observation as well as of holding the areas under your charge in as good sanitary condition as feasible, as the advance of plague towards the eastern borders of Bombay has rendered the invasion of Madras under existing meteorological conditions a much more likely eventuality than formerly.

I have etc.

W. G. King.

Surgeon Lieut. Col.

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

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Office of Sanitary Commissioner  
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From, Surgeon Lieut.-Col. W. G. King M.B., C.M., D.S.M.  
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras

To, All chairmen  
Municipal councils.

Sir, I have the honour to advise that all  
burial grounds in your municipality be  
carefully watched, so that the nature of  
deaths be clearly ascertained before burial.  
Where you have so many burial grounds  
that the expense of effectually watching  
them would be heavy, I advise your tem-  
porarily closing those that cannot be so  
watched. The exact ~~the~~ history of all fever  
cases should be especially carefully  
entered into, and where there is the slightest  
doubt of the nature of the complaint, the  
body should be examined by a medical  
officer.

2. I need not say that the advice above  
given is with reference to the advance of  
Plague towards this Presidency, and I would  
add that on rapid detection of cases that  
might otherwise in ignorance be passed  
as "fever", you will possess a powerful  
Sanitary aid against its spread.

I have etc.

/s/ W. G. King

Surgeon Lieut.-Col.

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras

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Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

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SOFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,  
Fort St. George, 16<sup>th</sup> October 1897.

From

SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

All chairmen municipal councils  
 All Presidents of District Boards.  
 All District Sanitary officers.  
 All Presidents of Taluk Boards.

Enclosure.

Sir,

With reference to the approach of plague almost to the borders of this Presidency, I have the honour to advise that you make it understood by all house holders in the area under your charge that the destruction of rats is a simple yet desirable Sanitary precaution, in that these may act as the vehicles of contagion during epidemics.

2. I need not remind you that rats are liable to plague, and that it is essential when these dead bodies are found under circumstances pointing to possible infection, these should be destroyed by burning.

3. All public authorities should keep the fact in mind that epidemics are at times preceded by great mortality amongst rats and should require when this is observed that reports be promptly submitted to them. The proof that this mortality has occurred

should

should be followed by a search for concealed or undiagnosed cases of plague.

4. All deaths by fever should be carefully enquired into by registration authorities with the object of ascertaining whether enlargement of glands had existed or other symptoms pointing to plague. Where doubt exists a medical officer should invariably be consulted.

I have etc

/Sd/ W. G. King.

Surg. Lieut. Col.

Sanitary Commissioner for  
Madras.

(True copy)

W. King

Surg. Lieut. Col.

Sanitary Commissioner  
for Madras.

Copy of Telegram dated 10 Nov.  
1897 sent by the Sanitary Comm.  
- since for Madras to the Collectors of  
Tamilnadu.

Bellary

Godavari

Kistna.

In reference plague Nizam's  
Dominions, advise warning  
all frontier villages and special  
by watch road traffic routes.

True copy

W. King

Surg. Lt. Col.

Sanitary Commissioner  
for Madras

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From

SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

To

THE

Secretary to Government  
Local & Municipal Dep<sup>t</sup>

Enclosure.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward  
the accompanying copies of Circulars and telegrams for the information of Government, with reference to measures advised for prevention of plague entering this Presidency.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

W. G. King.

Surgeon-Lieut. Col.

Sanitary Commissioner

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