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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 654-P

DATED 8-7-98.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Alleged case of Plague near Srikurpet

Recording the letter from the S.G of Regr stating that it was the sub Regr of Srikurpet who gave the incorrect information to the Hindu & that he has been fined and transferred to another station where he will get less Emoluments.

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Judicial (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1898.

Put up the Hindu Public Suits Manual & all papers noted which

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CHIEF SECRETARY
-4 JUL. 1898
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From The Inspector General of Registration, Madras.

Read Cas. 683 & 909 P.

Order No. 654 Proc. dt. 3-7-98 Secy

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No. 3930

Dated 2 July 1898.

To The D.J. of Registration Pto.

Received 4-7-1898.

Registered 4-7-1898.

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Note The Sub Registrar of Sulurpet who reported to the Hindu that without proper enquiry plague had appeared in Kadaloor village, Nellore Dt, has been fined Rs 10, and transferred to a station where he will get less emoluments

Secy 7/7/98

Despd 6-7-1898

SUBJECT.

Submitting that it was the Subregistrar of Sulurpet who gave the incorrect information to the "Hindu" and that he has been fined Rs 10 and transferred from that station on this account.

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REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

G.No. 3930

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From,

The Honourable P.Rajaratna Mudaliyar,
Dewan Bahadur,
Inspector General of Registration,
Madras.

To

J.H.A.Tremenhere Esquire
Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Ootacamund.

Dated Madras , 2nd July 1898.

Sir,

In reply to memorandum No.21P dated 14th May, 1898, I have the honour to report that it was the Subregistrar of Sulur-pet that gave the incorrect information to the "Hindu" regarding the appearance of plague in a village near that station.

2. In reply to a reference made by me, the Subregistrar explains that on the 25th of March last he was "informed by one B. Venkatacharyar's respectable man and an agent drawing Rs 50 a month under a contractor of Bezwada-Madras Railway, that two people died of plague in Kadulur village", and that his (the contractor's) "coolies, being afraid of the appearance of plague, came to him and related the occurrence with tears in their eyes": on that receipt of this information, he (the Subregistrar) "wrote to the Head Gumastah of the Deputy Tahsildar who was then absent at Nellore to attend the District Board meeting, to ascertain the truth of the occurrence of the plague and adopt the necessary measures for preventing its spread" and to "inform the Hospital Assistant and Deputy Tahsildar of it". The Subregistrar further states that on the same evening "the Munsiff of Kadulur who was sent for appeared before the Head Gumasta and told him that a swelling appeared in the neck and that

two

two people died of it", and that having been present when this information was given, he and the Head Gumasta thought that "they were cases of plague", and believing that the disease might have been imported by some one of the Bombay men who might have come on business with the Bombay servants and contractors employed in the construction of the Bezwada Madras Railway near the village, he wrote to the "Hindu" with the sole object of making the appearance of the disease "known to people so that they may take necessary precautions and avoid coming to this place".

3. I have sent for the note addressed by the Sub-registrar to the Head Gumasta and have satisfied myself that the statement given above is substantially correct. Having promptly communicated the information given to him, to the Head Gumasta, the Subregistrar ought to have left it to the medical officer at the station (the Hospital Assistant) to find out whether the deaths referred to were really due to plague, and ought to have refrained from sending sensational letters to the newspapers. If he wished, the Subregistrar might have addressed the the Divisional officer or the Collector or the Head of his own department, more especially as he must have known that the cases did not occur amongst the Bombay men that were working under the Railway contractors, but occurred amongst a few pariahs of the village. I have fined the Subregistrar Rs ten and transferred him to a station where he will draw smaller commission than at present. The Subregistrar is a well behaved young man who has borne a good character hitherto.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

your most obedient servant.

Inspr. Genl. of Regn.

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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 6830

Plague

Subject Hindu to Lodge

From

The Revenue Department.

Order Ref No 21 Pdy 14-5-1898

The Inspector General of Registration is requested to report ~~how the action of the Sub Registrar~~ whether it was the Sub-Registrar who gave the false information to the Hindu and if so, how his conduct has been dealt with.

No. 1904, Mis.

Dated 2nd May 1898

Received 7-5-1898

Registered 7-5-1898

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SUBJECT.

Recording Board's Proceedings forwarding to the Inspector-Genl: of Registration letter from the Collector of Nellore submitting the report about the alleged plague cases near Sulurpett in the Dt.

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Copy of a letter from C.T.Saldanha Esq., Assistant Surgeon,Nellore, to the Dt: Medical and Sanitary Officer Nellore,d/3rd April 1898:-

Agreeably to your requisition No:837,d/30th March 1898, I proceeded to the village in question on the 31st idem in company with the Dy: Magistrate of Sulurpett and the village officials. The village of Kathalur is situated on an open dry land and consists of 30 or 40 pariah huts. I visited every hut and inspected all the occupants present and found all in very good health except a few children suffering from slight bronchitis.

2. The 2 deaths that occurred in the village lately within a few days of each other are the ones referred to in the report of the Sulurpett Hospital Assistant. From careful enquiy of the relations of the deceased, it seems very probable that one died from erysipelas and the other from carbuncle. A third man suffered from mumps but was almost quite well and doing his usual work.

3. It was the Sub-Registrar of Sulurpett that reported to the " Hindu " about " plague " in the Kathalur village apparently on no other ground than the fact that 3 persons took ill and 2 died within a few days of each other. This officer took no trouble to consult the Local Medical Officer and the Magisterial Officer before writing to a respectable public journal on a subject of such serious import,and his action in doing so can be only characterized as foolish and indiscreet, for which he ought to be taken to task by the proper authorities.

(True Copy.)

S. S. Robertson

For Ag. Secretary to the Govt: of Madras,Rev: Dept:

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

~~READ the following paper:—~~

~~Read~~ the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, etc., No: 2505, Mis, d/11th April 1898 on the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, No: 443/Emg: d/4th April 1898:—

Copy attached.

In forwarding herewith a copy of the Assistant Surgeon's letter of the 2nd instant in continuation of my telegram d/3rd March 1898, I have the honour to report that the conduct of the Sulurpett Sub-Registrar in sending the report he did to the "Hindu" may be brought to the notice of the Inspector General of Registration in view to his being punished.

Resolution:—

Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Registration for such action as he deems necessary.

Order thereon, No: 1904, Mis, dated the 3rd May 1898.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

J. S. Roberts

For Ag. Secretary to Government.

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