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[Despatch Abstract.]

Notes of a tour by the Plague Commissioner, Mysore  
Recording letter from the Collector  
of Bellary forwarding the remarks  
of the Medical Officer in charge of the  
Hospital Plague Inspection Station on  
the \_\_\_\_\_.

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From

The Collector of Bellary

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SUBJECT.

Submitting with remarks copy of letter from the Medical Officer Hospital inspection station submitting some explanatory remarks on the notes of a tour by the Plague Commissioners of Mysore.

Order

To the Collector of Bellary Rs. 10.

My dear Robertson

With reference to the "notes" on a tour of inspection made by the Mysore Plague Comrs and Senior Surgeon, copies of which were sent to me by Capt Erskine on the 27<sup>th</sup> May last, I send you a copy of the explanation furnished by the Medical Officer in charge of Hospital Inspection Station, ~~the~~ It is clear that the Mysore Officers wrote their remarks under a misapprehension, which requires to be removed. Yr. obedt

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Plague

Copy of letter No. 146 dated 29.6.98 from the Medical Officer in charge of Hospet inspection station to the Collector of Bellary.

With reference to your endorsement dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June 98 on the proceedings of Madras Government, No. 555-P dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 98, I have the honour to forward some explanatory remarks on the "notes of a tour by the Plague Commissioner of Mysore", in respect to the Hospet inspection, with a request that if there is no objection you will kindly forward them to Government for its information.

The examination alluded to by the Plague Commissioner is that of the Guntakal - Bellary - Hospet - Hubli train proceeding from the Madras Presidency

Bombaywards. This train coming as it does from entirely non-infected localities does not in reality require any examination at all. In order, however, to be entirely on the safe side, a carriage to carriage examination is made without requiring the passengers to quit their carriages thus saving considerable time and some amount of unnecessary trouble.

All 3<sup>rd</sup> class passengers are locked in their carriages before the train arrives at Hospet. After a careful scrutiny in the carriages as well as a medical examination of any that may appear to be sick or ailing, the passengers from Bellary &c for Hospet are allowed to alight and are again subjected to an examination as they pass through

the exit gate.

After this the passengers from Hospet are allowed to come upon the platform through the entrance gate and these again one by one are subjected to careful scrutiny and examination before being permitted to come upon the platform and enter a carriage.

This briefly is the method I have employed for the examination of passengers by the Bellary train which as before mentioned is from a non-infected locality. I think the Plague Commission could not have noticed much of this. In any case I fail to see what more can be necessary in regard to the examination of the Guntakal-Bellary-Hospet train as one from a non-infected area.

It is of course quite a different matter with the down train from Hubli and Bombay. Here every man is individually examined, the examination being most searching and complete, the carriages being severally roped in order and all the precautions in regard to passes &c carefully carried out.

Finally if they were not impressed by the examination, I fear it is more the fault of the train they came by than mine. If they came by the Hubli train from a plague infected locality perhaps they might have formed a better opinion of the work done here. It appears to me that they considered the examination in the light of one of a train from a plague infected locality which it was not.

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Submitted to Government (Local and Municipal Department) with reference to para 6 of Government Order No. 5555-P. Mis. The examinations are according to my experience conducted in the manner stated by Surgeon Captain Pereira. The Mysore Officers appear to have been mistaken, as pointed out in the last sentence of the letter.

*[Signature]*  
7th Acting Colonel

R.B.

1-7-98