

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No.

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DATED

26-7-1898

[Despatch Abstract.]

Destruction of rats Requesting the Collector
of President Municipal Commission,
Madras to see that the dead bodies
of rats killed in Madras as a precaution
against plague are invariably
destroyed by fire without delay.

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To The President, Wash. D.C.
City of the Hon. Mr. May 1. The President, Washington D.C.

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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

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From M. R. Ry. P. Rajaratnam
Mudaliyar Sevan Bhole
Madras.

Order

No.

Dated 21-7-1898

Received 23.7.1898.

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Enclosures

Spare copies.

SUBJECT.

Thanking for the translation of the plague rules & stating that rats are beginning to be killed in large number in the town and that care should be taken to bury them sufficiently deep.

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Registration Department.

Madras,

21st JUN 1896
 RECEIVED
 23 JUN 1896
 MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Dear Sir

Thanks for the translations

of the same rules & used
me for days by. Shall
be through them as soon
as I have finished my
administrative report.

Also see
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Madras Mail 22nd July

Plague Precautions in Madras.

ON THE 7TH INSTANT WE PUBLISHED A paragraph to the effect that the Municipality had notified through the Police that any one killing and producing a rat, bandicoot or mouse, at the central Police Station of any Division, would be given a reward of half an anna for each rat or bandicoot, and a quarter of an anna for each mouse. The offer of the reward has had the good effect of inaugurating a crusade against the rodents in question, and numbers of rats, bandicoots and mice are daily presented by their slayers and paid for by the Police. In order to prevent fraud, each animal presented and paid for is mutilated by having its tail cut off, but we are surprised to learn from reliable sources that the bodies of the victims are then cast into Municipal dustbins or thrown down by the road side, to be carried away in the Municipal conservancy carts and deposited on the sewage farms. This most dangerous procedure has been adopted, we believe, simply because no definite rules have been issued to the Police regarding the disposal of the corpses. There is only one efficient means of disposing of them, and that is by fire, and we trust that no time will be lost in arranging for the immediate and total destruction of the bodies of vermin for which the reward has been paid. The Harbour Trust rules in this connection are eminently practical and sound. The bodies of all vermin killed within its jurisdiction are incinerated, having previously been anointed with kerosene oil. To allow the bodies to resolve into their natural elements on heaps of festering sewage is to court the disaster which the measure was devised to prevent, and we cannot conceive how the obvious precaution we have indicated has hitherto been overlooked.