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G.O., No. 1000 P

DATED 3-9-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague in Hoover, Salem Dt.

According to the report of the Colr. of Salem on the two suspected cases of —, informing him that steps would be taken to post an additional officer to Salem & requesting him to report whether the two persons who came from Bangalore took out passports at Salem & whether their arrival in Hoover is reported.

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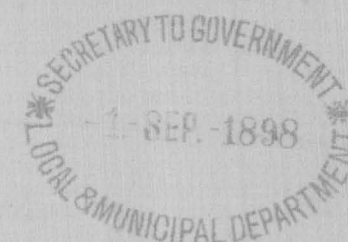
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From The Acting Collector
Salem

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2. Steps will be taken to push an addl officer to Salem to help the Collr in the organization of plague preventive measures.

3. The Collr should report whether the persons who came from Bangalore took up passports on entering the Salem & whether their arrival in Home

was reported as required by Municipal Regulation 1 (para 2 of the Madras Plague Regulations & rules).

To the Collr of Salem P.S.O.

note. The Collr's scheme for opening observation circles has just been received. Orders will be immediately taken for reports to be sent to the Collr to Salem.

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Subm. thing report regarding the two suspected cases of Plague in Hosur Town.

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Plague

SALEM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

30th August 1898.

Camp Horur

Esq., J. C. S.

ag COLLECTOR OF

Salem,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Local and Municipal

DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to report regarding two suspected cases of plague in Horur town.

2. I arrived here on the 25th August to attend to the organization of Road Frontier Inspection Station.

3. On the 26th I was informed that a man who had arrived a day or two previously from Bangalore had fever and slight swelling in the neck. He was removed to a building in a tope about a mile from Horur and has there been detained and kept under observation ever since. I, the Sub-Collector Mr. Spencer and the Civil apothecary went to see him that evening. The apothecary has visited him daily since and reported him to be improving. Seven other members of the family who came with him were placed under observation.

Observation and examined by the apothecary daily, but no sickness was reported to me amongst them. This morning it leaked out that a brother of this man died about the 19th August in Bangalore of fever after two days' illness near the City Railway Station. I cannot say if this information is correct, but I have wired to the Resident, Bangalore about it.

4. The District Medical Officer arrived shortly after I received this information this morning. He went out immediately to see the isolated sick man, and afterwards we together went to the house where the remaining seven arrivals were located in the Hoar Town. One of the seven, a boy of ten, was found to be suffering from fever with apparently slight swellings in his arm pits. The District Medical Officer pronounced both cases to be suspicious. The boy was sent out to the same building as the other sick man outside the town. The rest of the family

family and all the inmates of the houses which this family from Bangalore had frequented were segregated in a D.P. building away from habitations with a watch over them; a guard has been placed over the infected houses and the houses sealed. To-morrow morning they will be disinfected under the direction of the District Medical Officer. The persons segregated ^{are} ~~and~~ also guarded and will be disinfected as well as their clothes; a hospital assistant has been posted to inspect twice a day in company with some non-official gentlemen ^{and} the Union Chairman all the houses of the locality where the suspected cases were taken from, with a view to detecting any further cases of fever.

31.8.98.

5. The above report was too late for the post yesterday. This morning the District Medical Officer saw the two suspects or inmates of the

ol. patients. The man is reported to have high fever and the swelling to have increased. His condition is worse. The boy has high fever, but on examination, is reported to have no glandular swellings. His condition is about the same. Both cases are extremely suspicious, but the District Medical Officer cannot definitely say they are cases of plague. The houses and their contents have been disinfected under the personal supervision of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer. The segregated persons are also being disinfected as well as their clothes and belongings.

6. We have selected two other lungalows at a distance from the Village for segregation and observation purposes, if any more cases crop up. Up to 3.30 P.M. no further suspicious cases have been reported.

7. A site has been selected for a temporary plague hospital which will be erected as soon as possible. It is however difficult

Telegram 4/1-9-90
In the patients in this
letter this morning.
District case doctor
diagnoses certain
plague. Boy with
yet developed
glandular swelling.

to get hutting materials. Meanwhile if any more suspected cases arise, they will be placed in the local Fund Hospital in-patient ward, which has been ordered to be vacated.

8. I have received no reply as yet from the Resident in Mysore regarding the antecedents of the suspected patients. I am trying to concentrate an ambulance staff under the rules as quickly as possible at Hosur. Yesterday I wired to Government for the assistance of 25 Sepoys for cordon and guard purposes to join the ambulance staff. I have also wired to the Surgeon-General for Hospital assistants and nurses, and to the Sanitary Commissioner for a Sanitary Inspector. I consider that Hosur will for the present be a suitable place to concentrate them, as it is likely that if any cases of the plague arise it will be in either Hosur or Krishnagiri taluqs. I understand

Disinfectant

a good many people have left Bangalore
for their Villages in these taluqs. In case
they have to move about, it will be very
difficult to find accommodation for
the ambulance staff at a moment's
notice, and I would suggest the
supply of tents for their use.

9. In case any sporadic cases arise
I shall require a special Gazetted Officer
either to conduct Plague Operations or to
relieve the Sub-Collector of his ordinary
work.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Ramesh Chandra

Ag Collector

Since writing the above the Resident in
Mysore has wired that the brother of the two
patients died of plague on 19th August in an
infected area in Bangalore. It seems then
the whole family ran away and arrived
here about the 24th in their relatives' houses.
The ~~other~~ patient was isolated on the 26th and
the boy yesterday. All contacts were segregated
yesterday. It is practically certain that there
are genuine plague cases. M.C.

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