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From

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

SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE

Collector, of
Kurnool.

Enclosure.

SIR,

With reference to my inspection of the arrangements made at Maddikera in respect to plague on the 18th & 22nd instant; I have the honor to point out that the equipment and personnel of the ambulance staff are not in accordance with the requirements of Regulations on the subject. It is most desirable that your said ambulance ^{staff} should be brought together with as little delay as possible and be correctly provided in accordance with the Regulations. Where an area is indigenously affected the establishment of a hospital necessarily follows and

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where this is the case difficult
ly must be experienced if the
equipment and stores be not
at hand.

2. With reference to the disin-
fecting operations in progress,
I consider far too little regard is
had to the desirability of ad-
mission of light and air freely
to the dwellings concerned. The
openings in the roofs should be
decidedly more complete than
those seen by me.

3. I advise that you encourage
the evacuation of houses in the
neighbourhood of the affected
block to the best of your power.
It may happen that a tempo-
rary lull in spread of the dis-
ease may give you hopes of
there being little necessity
for hastening the completion of
your camp arrangements. I would
however point out that the
chances are always in favor
of a disease which has thus
been allowed to obtain an
indigenous hold without a
report

report reaching you, still showing
signs of sudden appearance
in hitherto unsuspected parts
of the town. Consequently, not only
is it advisable to be prepared
for a new outbreak after the
lapse of some time, by having
all accommodation already
sanctioned by the Plague Com-
missioner actually ready,
but in no way to relax vigi-
lance as to daily and thorough
house-to-house inspection for
suspects.

In consequence of the conditions
mentioned in para 1, I found
the coolies engaged in disinfec-
tion instead of using shoes, which
would afford a fair grade of
protection, wearing sandals,
which, by provoking abrasions
and not affording the required
protection, might aggravate
the risk of infection by inoculation.
I need hardly impress you with
the necessity for maintaining
your disinfecting staff under
close observation, and seeing
that by disinfection of
the hands, feet and clothing
they

they be placed in a safe condi-
tion daily on leaving their work.

Thurs 10
By W. G. King. Th. Col. Pres.
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras

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W. G. King.

Th. Col. Pres.

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