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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Recording report of the Collr. of
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From

The Surgeon General
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Stating that the collector
of Salem wired on the
12th September 1898
that the Village Munsiff
picked up solitary
traveller near Krishnagiri
who was conveyed to
Krishnagiri Hospital and
died there and Dr. Thomas
diagnosed the symptoms
to be that of plague.

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292 Salem collector wired
begins twelfth noon village
Munsiff picked up solitary
traveller speechless on trap
road near Krishnagiri conveyed
in bandy Krishnagiri hospital
died same night following
morning body clothes bedding
Excreta burnt sub. collector
doctor Thomas arrived Krishnagiri
fifteenth morning disinfected
hospital according rule Thomas
diagnoses symptoms plague he
directed careful examination
disinfection places where deceased
possibly halted endeavouring

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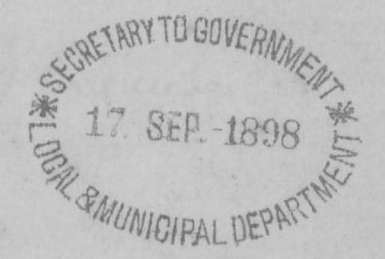
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Information with reference to
his remarks at 4 on Chas 1837 P. below.

From The collector
of Salen

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note - Separate action has been
taken on H.M.'s notes B.C. &
Chas 1837 P.

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Submitting report re-
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case in Hosur

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Salem Collector's Office,
16 September 1898.

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From

Robert A. Flegg Esquire
G. STOKES Esq.,

ag Collr. & Dist. Magte. of Salem.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Local and Municipal Department,

Ootacamund. Madras.

SIR,

In Continuation of my telegram of today, I have the honor to report on a fatal case of plague in the Krishnagiri hospital.

2. The village messias of Mullaappadi on his way to Krishnagiri found a man lying speechless under an avenue tree, age 25 and probably of palli caste. He placed him in a passing bullock Cart and conveyed him to the Krishnagiri hospital at about 10. m on the 12th instant.

The man was placed in the Caskway

The apothecary examined him and found he was in a semi-comatose state with dazed look on his face, answered questions incoherently, that his temperature was 102° , tongue coated white, and pulse small and quick, 120 per minute. About 6 p.m. the apothecary found an almond shaped swelling in the left groin which was painful on pressure: at midnight he died. Next morning the apothecary and the Tahsildar had the body burnt with bedding, mattress, pillow and cloths. The Excreta was also burnt. He was carried to a cremation ground selected by the Apothecary by 10 hrs on the same mattress on which he died.

3. On the 13th Evening I received a wire about this being a suspected

Suspected case of plague from the Tahsildar of Krishnagiri and the Sub Collector. I ordered by wire the Sub Collector and the additional medical officer, Dr. Thomas, to proceed forthwith to Krishnagiri. They arrived on the 15th morning. Dr. Thomas diagnosed these symptoms to be undoubted plague.

4. The Sub Collector reports that the Hospital ward was perfectly disinfected. The floor is of brick covered with Churam; the churam was scraped up and the floor and walls were sprinkled with perchloride of mercury one in five hundred dissolved in hydrochloric acid according to the latest Government order. The disinfectant was poured ^{on the spot} where the Excreta and Spittle were found and then the whole

Whole floor and walls to a height of 2 ft. were covered with a fresh washing of Chuna. Unfortunately the bullock-cart in which the man was brought could not be found to disinfect it and burn the straw in it. The tother and the village munsiff, I have ordered to be disinfectes and observed.

5. As the man was unable to speak his identity could not be traced, but it is supposed he came from Timpattur side. The Sub Director has been directed to have all the villages carefully examined where he could ~~have~~ possibly have halted, especially Kuttinai Kanapalli within the limits of which he was found, and Mullaappadi whose village munsiff brought him to hospital. I am somewhat

Suspicious about the truth of the village munsiff's version. If the places where he halted can be found they will be disinfected. Endeavours will also be made to trace where he has come from.

6. If any further suspicious case is reported I will go myself to the place, meanwhile the plague observation staff recently appointed will be directed to keep a sharp look out in the villages around Krishnagiri.

I have the honor to be,
Sir

Your most obedient servant,

Ramachandran
For the Director.

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

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Krishnagiri has a telegraph office. How is it that this case, which occurred on the 12th was not reported until 16th?

From

The collector of Salem

Order

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What do you think of the idea which has just struck me of offering rewards for early report of plague cases? I am thinking of cases found by Ch. & reported straight with promptly (as this case apparently was) say Rs 10 for first case, Rs 5 for second case, and Rs 2 for subsequent cases up to 10, for each village.

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This case must have slipped past the observation of the employed at Salem House - I think we had better carry out Mr. Stokes' proposal to establish road inspection stations on the Krishnagiri & Royakotta ghats. If you the P.C. agree, wire orders to Ch.

SUBJECT.

Reporting on a suspected case near Krishnagiri in the Salem District.

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Twelfth noon village munsiff picked up solitary traveller speechless on tirupatur road near Krishnagiri conveyed in bandy Krishnagiri hospital died same night following morning body clothes bedding excreta burnt Sub. Collector doctor Thomas arrived Krishnagiri fifteenth morning disinfected hospital according rule Thomas diagnoses symptoms plague have directed careful examination disinfection places where deceased possibly halted endeavouring trace identity if anything further reported shall go myself. Jm

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