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Plague Commissioner.

Sanctioning the appointment of a —, issuing notifications defining his powers, and giving instructions in regard to the disposal of business by him.

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Draft rules for the conduct of work by the Plague Commissioner outside the City of Madras.

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His Excellency the Governor in Council for some time past has had under consideration the appointment of a special officer for the supervision of all operations in the Presidency dealing with plague. The time has now arrived when the appointment of such an officer appears to be imperatively necessary. In spite of all precautions, Plague has (now) taken a firm hold of the districts of the Bombay Presidency adjoining Madras, and has begun to spread in certain villages in the Bellary and Anantapur Districts. It is very important (now) that all the precautionary and remedial measures ordered to be undertaken in the rules regarding plague which have been issued, shall be energetically adopted and that immediately under Government there shall be an officer in sole charge who will be able on the spot to advise and assist Collectors in their labours. The Government therefore considers that the appointment of a Plague Commissioner is necessary. ~~A notification will therefore issue appointing Mr. as Plague Commissioner, and~~

2. the following rules are issued as instructions to all officers regarding their position towards ~~that officer~~ the Plague Comr.

(1) The Plague Commissioner shall have power and authority through the Collectors of Districts to put in operation and carry into effect the rules already issued by Government in regard to plague

and

~~Mr Hammick has been selected for the appointment and the notification appended to this order defines his powers~~

and all rules which may be subsequently made by it.

(2) The Plague Commissioner may appoint special officers, either by name or virtue of their office, to carry out under his ~~the~~ general directions ~~of Government~~, any ~~his~~ measures ordered by Govt to be taken for the suppression or prevention of plague. Provided that in all cases of officers whose salary exceeds Rs 200 per mense[m] the previous sanction of Govt to the [illegible] Government shall be obtained for their appointment, and that in all cases the Plague Commissioner shall report periodically the particulars of all appointments that he may have made.

(3) All correspondence about plague at present addressed to Government shall ordinarily in future be addressed to the Plague Commissioner, provided that when in exceptional cases any head of a Department considers it necessary to address Government directly, a copy of the communication shall be immediately sent to the Plague Commissioner.

(4) The Plague Commissioner, except in the case of Gazetted officers, may transfer any officer appointed by him or by ~~the~~ a Collector as a plague officer from any local area to any other local area.

(5) The Plague Commissioner will control all expenditure connected with plague operations and is empowered to incur such expenditure as may appear necessary, subject to the approval of Government. He

will

will have power to call for such returns and information as regards expenditure on plague operations as may seem to him to be necessary and all returns from Collectors and other Departments regarding plague expenditure shall be sent to Govern ment through the Plague Commissioner.

(6) The Chairmen of Mufassal Municipal Councils and all other public officers dealing with plague (including Collectors acting under sec. 36 Madras District M[illegible] nicipalities [illegible] subject to the [illegible]-ges Act, shall to the utmost o their power carry into effect any measu which may be ordered by the Plague Commissioner having in view the suppression or prevention of plague.

(7) The Sanitary Commissioner and the officers in his department, shall give every possible assistance to the Plague Commissioner in the conduct of his duties lending him their assistance and advice to the utmost of their power, and carrying out his orders.

To
- The Plague Comsr. 6
- All Collectors (44) (A-J. K.) ✓
- The President Mil Mudy. 6
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Draft Notification appointing the Plague Commissioner for the City Madras.

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With reference to Notification No. Clause His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that the responsibility for all plague operations in the City of Madras shall continue to vest in the President of the Municipal Commission, subject to the control of Government exercised through the Plague Commissioner as representing Government, and that he shall take such measures as Government through the Plague Commissioner may order him to take in this behalf.

Draft Notification appointing a Plague Commissioner.

Whereas the Presidency of Madras is threatened with an outbreak of dangerous Epidemic Disease known as Plague and whereas the Governor in Council considers that the ordinary provisions of law for the time being in force are insufficient to prevent the spread of this disease, he is pleased to appoint and in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-section (1) of Section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act of 1897 and of the powers in this behalf conferred by the Governor General in Council under Section 2 Sub section (3) of the same Act, to appoint Mr. Murray Hammick to be Plague Commissioner for the purpose of carrying out, under the orders of Government, the measures to be taken to suppress and prevent the spread of ~~bubonic~~ Plague in the Presidency of Madras. Subject to ~~the~~ detailed instructions which will issue separately, all correspondence relating to plague will until further orders be addressed to the Plague Commissioner and all officers of Government will carry out his orders thereon.

A. Cadell

Considers/

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To Public for information & favour of orders, unless Public Gen wish to publish the above themselves.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Chief Secretariat, OOTACAMUND.

Dear Trenchard, 15-IV-1898.

The Hon'ble Member approves of the draft and wants it type written before Council tomorrow. I had to add the preamble to the rules at Bliss' order. But please alter it as you like. I had to write it in a hurry. I write to ask you to give orders to get it type written as I don't know whom to ask.

Yours truly
H Stanniek

[G. 25]
1,000—16-3-98.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

C. No.....

SUBJECT.

FOR ORDERS.

As regards the appointment of Plague Commissioner, I venture to submit for consideration whether it is advisable, in case such an appointment becomes necessary, to make the relations of the Plague Commissioner to the President of the Madras City Municipal Commission different to some extent from those which must exist between that officer and the Plague authorities in the Mofussil.

I notice that in Bombay in dealing with Mofussil Municipalities the Plague Committees were given absolute authority to temporarily rescind or suspend the rules & orders of the Municipal Councils, but as regards Bombay City in the Notification dated 12th August 1898, the Government carefully word the order so as to give the Municipal Commissioner the

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authority to carry out measures for the prevention & prevention of plague subject to the Control of Government, Exercised through the Plague Commissioner, the Notification directs the Commissioner to take such measures as Government through the Plague Commissioner may order.

In the mofussil all officers will without doubt, accord to the Plague Commissioner, if appointed, cordial assistance and work under him with readiness, but I cannot help fearing that in the Madras City there things may be different, if the President & the Commissioner discover that all their powers are to be used in subordination to the Plague Commissioner =

I have no reason myself to suspect any thing but cordial assistance from Col Moore, at the same time I can quite understand that he may feel himself and his Commission aggrieved at finding himself & them superseded -

= I venture to suggest therefore that the Notification regarding the appointment of a Plague Commissioner for Madras may be in the form explained and that at the time the Notification issue the Government intimate that no interference with the Executive will take place as long as work is efficiently done and the orders of Government readily carried out.

The difficulty will of course arise when expenditure becomes heavy, but as long as Col Moore is at the head of affairs, the provision of funds is not likely to be opposed -

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Draft. Notification appointing the Plague Commr. for the City of Madras.

with reference to Notification No Cf. ....

In exercise of the powers

Continue

H.E. the G. in C. is pleased to direct that the responsibility for all plague operations in the City of Madras shall ~~be undertaken by~~ to vest in the President of the Municipal Commission, subject to the ~~direct~~ Control of Government exercised through the Plague Commissioner as representing Government ~~& the Health Officers~~, and that he shall take such measures as Government through the Plague Commissioner may order him to take in this behalf -

~~It will be for the President of the Municipal Commission, subject to~~

the ... Plague Commissioner subordinate
to the ... to Plague Commissioner, &
in consultation with him to maintain
or reduce the existing organization,
& from time to time to increase
or otherwise ... as may seem
necessary -

The President of the Municipal
Commission will be responsible for
procuring the loyal co-operation of
all officers & departments subordinate
to him [whether ordinary or special]
in giving effect to any measure
approved by the Plague Commissioner.

The above Notification should
be accompanied by the following
Notification appointing the Plague
Commissioner.

Draft Notification appointing a
Plague Commissioner for Madras

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In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub Section (1) of Section 2 of the Epidemic diseases Act of 1897 & of the powers in this behalf conferred by the Governor General in Council under Section 2 Sub Section 3 of the same Act the Governor in Council

Subject to detailed instructions which will issue separately all correspondence relating to plague will until further orders be addressed to the Plague Commissioner & all officers of Govt will carry out his orders thereon

This is very unfortunate but that all the precautions ... under the measures ordered & the Plague which have been ... Plague Commissioner & all officers ... shall be under the ... Collectors in their districts

Note Rules not to be gazetted merely G.O.

B. As the Governor in Council (1) has for some time past had under consideration the appointment of a special officer for the supervision of all operations in the Presidency dealing with plague & the time has now arrived when the appointment of such an officer appears to be ... & necessary & ... in spite of all precautions taken by the ... districts of the Bombay Presidency adjoining Madras, and has begun to spread in certain villages in the Belgaum & Canara districts

to appoint

Draft ... appointed to be Plague Commissioner for the purpose of carrying out under the orders of Government the measures to be taken to suppress & prevent the spread of bubonic Plague in the Presidency of Madras -

As regards general rules for the conduct of work by the Plague Commissioner, following what I believe is the Hon: Sir Henry Blair's wish viz: that the rules should be as general as possible, I have drafted the following as suggestions on the subject -

(3)

Draft rules for the conduct of work by the Plague Commissioner outside the City of Madras -

The Plague Commissioner shall have power & authority through the Collectors of districts to put in operation & carry into effect the rules already issued by Government in regard to plague and all rules which may be subsequently

made by it.

(2) The Plague Commissioner ~~Collector, with his approval,~~ may appoint Special Officers, either by name or by virtue of their office to carry out ~~& perform~~ under the General directions of Government, any measures ~~that may be~~ ordered by it to be taken for the Suppression or prevention of the Spread of plague - Provided that in all cases of officers whose Salary exceeds Rs 200 per mensem the previous sanction of Government shall be obtained for their appointment & that in all cases the Plague Commissioner shall report ~~forthwith~~ per telegraph the particulars of all appointments that he ~~or the Collector~~ may have made -

(3) All correspondence from Collectors & Districts & from all other officers of Government concerning matters relating to Plague, which at present is addressed to Government shall in future be addressed to the Plague Commissioner, who will pass orders thereon, referring such matters as seem to him to require the orders of Government, to Government in the Local &

All correspondence about Plague at present addressed to Govt shall hereafter in future be addressed to the P. Commr; provided that when in exceptional cases any head of a dept considers it necessary to address Govt directly, a copy of the communication shall be immediately sent to the Plague Commr.

Will be great benefit if the P.C. to enquire all those after let them come through him i.e. with his countersignature) (and dist

G. T. D. -

(including Coll acting under s 36 Mad Dist Muncp Act

(4) The Plague Commissioner, except in the case of gazetted Officers, may transfer any officer appointed by him or by the Collector as a plague Officer from any local area to any other local area -

(5) The Plague Commissioner shall Control all expenditure connected with plague operations and is empowered to incur such expenditure as may appear necessary, subject to the approval of Government - He shall have power to call for such returns & information as regards expenditure or plague operations as may seem to him to be necessary & shall from Collectors and other departments regarding plague expenditure and all returns ~~report to Government monthly the~~ shall be sent particulars of all Plague Expenditure to Government through the Plague Commissioner - ~~with an estimate of proposed Expenditure, so far as is known, for the ensuing month.~~

(6) The Chairman of Municipal Councils & all Mufassal other public Officers dealing with plague shall to the utmost of their power carry into effect any measures which may be ordered by the Plague

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Communicate [illegible] to him the
happening on occasion of plague.

Provided that where any officer
considers it impossible to comply with
the directions or orders of the
Plague Commissioner, he may
address Government upon the
matter & seek for its orders.
Copies of all such communications
shall be sent at once to the
Plague Commissioner.

(7) The Sanitary Commissioner & the officers in his department, shall [illegible] every possible assistance to the Plague Commissioner in the conduct of his duties, tendering him their assistance & advice to the utmost of their power, & carrying out his orders.

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