

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(1898)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 112

DATED 8-10-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Inspection Shed at Kuppam, N. Arcot.

*Requesting the Collector to report on the erection
of an ——— and sending him a copy of the report
on a plague case at Vastanapalli, Salem Dt.*

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From

The collector of
Salem

Resolution.

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Copy to Collector N. arech -
Probably a shed at Kuffam would
be a good thing - dry body arriving
at Kuffam with person on
in any way suspicious could be
detained there in necessary time.
If the C.M. agrees he can have
the shed erected in anticipation
of Sanchez. However, now he
has to Jomugum. Inspection circle
cases can be better watched.
than formerly was the case. The
C.M. is requested to report what
he thinks will be done -

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SUBJECT.

Reporting on a plague
case at Vartanapalli
in the Kistmagiri taluk
& about the necessity
for opening an inspection
station on the Kuffam
side.

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4th October 1898.

FROM

Robert B. Glegg Esq.,

COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,

Salem,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF

Fort Saint George,

Madras.

SIR,

In continuation of my telegram of yesterday, I have the honor to report that the man Venkata Ramana who died at Vartanapally on the evening of the 1st October undoubtedly died from plague.

It is reported that he had swelling of the glands of the neck and right groin and that there was a discharge of blood from his nose.

2. The deceased was holder of a passport no. 2 issued at Kuppam and he came in by the ghat road leading from Kuppam to Krishnagiri. It is said that he was kept outside the village from the moment of his arrival and at any rate it is certain that he was segregated in

an isolated shed as soon as he showed symptoms of fever. On the 2nd the body was cremated by his relations, and the shed

and his clothes were also burnt. Four persons who attended on him were disinfected. They were bathed in a solution of carbolic acid and their clothes soaked in perchloride of mercury solution; at the same time they have been segregated in a shed outside the village under a guard. The Tahsildar further reports that the excreta and vomited matters etc were scraped out and buried deep. The deceased's house was also disinfected with solution of perchloride of mercury as per chance he may have gone there.

Shoes have been
burnt

3. The Sub-Collector arrived there yesterday the third, and was that arrangements for isolation and disinfection are complete. The District Medical Officer left Salem last night and will arrive today. I have called for full details from the Sub-Collector. Up to the time of writing no further case has been reported and I hope that it will end with this case.

4. I also received a report on the 29th September from the Tahsildar of Krishnagiri that one Guruvan arrived at Kuppam

North Arcot from Bangalore suffering from high fever and in that state came on to Madanakuppam, a village 2 miles from Vartanapalli and five miles from Krishnagiri. The Dy. Tahsildar of Kuppam appears to have intimated this fact to the Krishnagiri Tahsildar alleging that the man left Kuppam for Vartanapalli notwithstanding the remonstrances of the Police!! On the 26th the Circle Sanitary Inspector was sent out and reported on 27th at 3 P.M. that the man was suffering from high fever and was delirious. The village munsiff had taken care to keep him in an isolated shed and not allow him into the village. The Civil Apothecary went out and reported his death on the morning of the 29th alleging that it was a case of fever and not even a suspected case of plague.

5. Another man Chinappan arrived from Bangalore by the same route on the 29th at a village called Desupalli near Vartanapalli suffering from fever.

which subsided on the 30th when he complained
of a cough and coldness and subsequently
died the same day. He was a weak old
man of 60 years. The apothecary examined
his corpse but found no glandular
swellings. His diagnosis is that death
was due from exhaustion resulting from
malarial fever. The corpse was buried six
feet deep.

I mention these two cases as showing
the necessity for an inspection station for
detention of such travellers at Kuppam, N.
Arcot. to prevent them getting into Krishnagiri.
I along by the ghat road from there to Krishnagiri
via Korivayanapalli a village 2 miles on
our side from the N. Arcot boundary. It
is suggested if this is not feasible we
should open a station at the village of
Korivayanapalli. I am not acquainted
with the Kangundi Zemindari of N. Arcot.
but I should think it better to stop such
travellers before they get into Salem district.
I have wired to the Collector of N. Arcot
suggesting an inspection station on the

Kuppam side.

7. The above cases are undoubtedly suspicious
in spite of the apothecary's certificate. The
Sub. Collector went yesterday to both these
villages also and I have wired for
further particulars ^{as to} what has been done.
If anything further occurs I shall go
there at once.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

your most obedient servant

Robert M. Black
ag Collector
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