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Plague at Teppalai

Recording report of the Collector of
N. Arcot on the cause of —

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C. No. 19080.

Telegram.

From

The Collector of North Arcot.

To

The Plague Commissioner.

Dated 20th September 1898.

" Muthialureddi arrived Veppalai six miles north of Tiruvallam from Bangalore fourteenth September suffering fever died eighteenth District Surgeon saw corpse ninteenth diagnosed Plague corpse burnt family segregated house disinfected kiln method District Surgeon remains in charge."

Copy submitted to Government for information.

M. Sammick

Plague Commissioner.

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The collector of
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from plague at Veppalai

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NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Camp Sirupati, dated 20th September 1898

Plague

Ref No. 130 P. of 1898.

From

J. K. Balten Esquire
Collector & District Magistrate,

North Arcot.

To

The Plague Commissioner
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Sir,

I have the honor to confirm the following telegram despatched last night:—

"Muthialu Reddi arrived Veppalai"
"six miles north of Siruvallam from"
"Bangalore fourteenth September suffering"
"fever died eighteenth District Surgeon"
"saw corpse nineteenth diagnosed"
"plague corpse burnt family segregated"
"house disinfected kiln method District"
"Surgeon remains in charge."

2. On the afternoon of the fifteenth instant the Tahsildar of Chittoor received a report from the Moujar of Veppalai, (20 miles from Chittoor, near Melpadi and about six miles north of Siruvallam railway station) that one Muthialu Reddi a ryot of the

the village had arrived from Bangalore at 6 P. M. on the 14th suffering from fever. The Mowzas saw Muthialu Reddi before he actually got into the village, and kept him segregated in a shed outside the village. The Subsildas communicated this information by wire to me at Sirupati and to the District Surgeon at Vellore. He also sent the Deputy Subsildas (Stationary Magistrate) of Chittoor to the spot as he was too ill to go himself. The Mowzas of Melpadi (2 miles from Veppalai) had simultaneously reported that Govinda Reddi and Chinna Shagi had arrived at Peria-keechakuppam hamlet of his village ten days previously and had since got fever.

3. The District Surgeon accompanied by the Assistant Surgeon, Vellore, at once proceeded to the above villages and saw the above mentioned three persons on the 16th. In answer to a telegram from me asking for particulars the District Surgeon telegraphed to me on the afternoon of the

the 16th that the cases were not plague, but probably malarial. I received reports confirming the telegram on the 17th. It appears that on the 14th Muthialu Reddi left the train at Katpadi and walked to Veppalai (about 16 miles by road, or about 10 to 12 miles across country). The other two had walked to Melpadi all the way from Bangalore. I met the District Surgeon at Pakala on the 18th and he accompanied me to Sirupati. Having seen the three persons he considered that they were merely suffering from malaria, and had allowed them to take up their residence in their respective villages subject to being kept under observation. As regards Govinda Reddi and Chinna Shagi the disease was no doubt malaria, as the plague incubation period has already elapsed without serious symptoms appearing. They are however being still kept under observation. But regarding Muthialu Reddi I got late on the night of the 18th a telegram from the Chittoor Subsildas that

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Moniz reported that at 6 A.M. that day Muthialu Reddi had a slight swelling in the neck, and simultaneously I received a second telegram that the Moniz subsequently reported that Muthialu Reddi died at 3 P.M. that day.

4. The District Surgeon left Sirupati on the night of the 18th for Veppalai. Yesterday evening (the 19th) I received the following telegram from him:—

"Low corpse diagnosed plague"
"disinfected burnt segregated family"
"disinfected house kiln method"
"erecting sheds."

I have asked him to send me a full report which I will communicate to you at once. Meanwhile the District Surgeon will remain in charge of operations, and has the Deputy Sahibdar to assist him. A police guard has also been ordered to go to the place to assist in maintaining segregation, and the Divisional officer (who I believe is in Pungam or Puhuaner) has been asked to go to the

the place. I am also taking steps to try and trace the route by which Muthialu Reddi went from Katpadi to Veppalai, and any houses he stopped at will be disinfected. Rewards will also be issued for the destruction of rats at Veppalai. I am also endeavouring to ascertain by what train he went from Bangalore to Katpadi, so that the carriages may be disinfected. As my presence is desirable at Sirupati during the festival and as the District Surgeon was with me both at Jangalapalli (Zelayanallore) and Sirumattur and knows exactly what steps to take I have not thought it necessary to go to Veppalai myself.

5. If Muthialu Reddi really died of plague, the case shows the difficulty in diagnosing plague, as two days before the death the case was diagnosed as malaria.

I have the honor to be
Yours Most obedient servant

J. H. Hutton
Ag collector

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The Collector of
North Arcot.

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