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on the Plague comp at Ankonam

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I inspected the Arkonam Camp. The sheds all in good order, but the newer ones that have been lately erected require much more ventilation, & ~~the~~ the medical officer is requested to see that this matter is looked to. There is an accommodation in the hospital for 4 Europeans & 8 natives and in the suspect camp for 4 Europeans & 10 natives. The establishment consist of a male attendant on Rs 7/- a female attendant on Rs 6/- & a second male attendant on Rs 6/- & a second female attendant on Rs 5/ a cook on Rs 7. a watermain on Rs 6/- & 2 dholly bearers on Rs 5. & 2 ~~dholly~~ bearers on Rs 6/- & 1 female on Rs 5/- The dholly bearers are chiefly used as peons. There is a dhobie on Rs 8., a peon on Rs 6, The medical officer in charge has under him 4 Hospital Assistants & one asstt Surgeon and one nurse. The

medical officer agreed with me that one Hospital Asstt might be reduced & in his place a clerk employed on Rs 15/- and it was requested that this measurement may be carried out. The books in the camp appear to be correctly kept. At the Ry station I found the following practice as regards inspection of tickets.

In cases of persons booking through from plague infected districts with their tickets marked with plague mark & booking through to stations beyond Arkonam no pass-port is given. But in cases of persons who re-book for stations beyond arkonam who have come from infected areas pass-ports are given at arkonam when such persons can be detected- Persons coming from non-infected areas such as Berrars are not given pass-ports unless they have broken journey in suspicious stations. It was suggested that on re-booking tickets from persons who have come from Plague infected

The Surgeon General will

which is very seldom

at way stations in Camp

plague infected areas of small stations of the plague might be entered in red ink over the ticket itself. I will write to the Agent of the Ry Coy on the matter. Govt has now ordered that steps should be taken about re-booking from Arkonam to Madras via Chingleput and medical officer at Arkonam is particularly requested to look after this matter. The Madras Ry Co. has put up an excellent shed on the Arkonam platform filled with mangalore tiles. It is exactly the kind of shed which is required at Jalarpet; I came on to Madras by the evening train.

to have out the person & punch the ticket

In the event of plague breaking out at Arkonam the Plague Medical Officer should proceed there at once and take such steps as may be necessary to prevent the spread of the disease. He should also keep in touch with the Medical Officer at Conjeeveram

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