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Note The question of sheds does not arise in this paper. Orders requested as to whether the recent G.O. directing the recovery of the cost of inspection sheds from Ry should be cancelled.

Separate note required.
H.T.

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SUBJECT.

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My belief is that they would help more readily if all these matters were treated in a straightforward businesslike manner, as bills accepted in ordering cases of the Civil (plague) Authorities, whether for sheds or for telegraphing or what-not.

Pks.
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L & M. Dept.

H.M.

I think H.M. would like to see Mr. Strong's note before orders issue fixing rates of product.

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Para 3 of G.O. No 1105 P. dt 17-9-12.

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22nd. Reached Jolarpet at noon.

The Collector Mr Clegg met me and with him and Dr Best the Medical officer I had much conversation about plague matters. I went over the camp which is ready finished - The steam disinfecting machinery is working well.

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