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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

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G.O., No. 1356 P

DATED 22-10-28

[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague at Madanakkuppam

Recording letter from the Plague Commission
submitting report from the Jolly of Salem
regarding the case of ——— in the
tuberculosis.

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CURRENT No. 2231 P.

From Plague Commission

Order 1356 P of 22-10-98

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Govt for information the letter from the Collector of Salem reporting on a second case of plague in the Madanahuppalam Village Krishnaagiri Taluk.

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Board of Revenue.

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General Register No. 342.

From The Acting Collector
Salem

Rep No. $\frac{300}{P.C.}$

Resolution.

Submitted to Government for
information.

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10th October 1898.

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Reporting on a second
Case of plague in the
Madan & Kuppam village
Krishnagiri Taluk.

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No. 300 Plague SALEM COLL. 8
P.C. 10th October 1898.
FROM Robert B. Elegg Esq., J.B.S.
ag COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
Salem,

To Plague
THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF Fresh St. George
Madras.

SIR,

In continuation of my telegram of the
8th October and report No. 300 of 6th October
P.C.

I have the honor to report as follows:—

2. In para 3 of the Sub-Collector's report embodied
in the above the death of one Guruvam on the 29th
September at Madanakuppam is described and
regarded as suspicious. On the afternoon of the
5th October his mother Muniakkal had an attack
of fever. She was at once segregated by the
Village munsiff in a moveable shed outside
the village. Intimation reached the Taluq ^{office} on
the 6th at 1 P.M. The local Civil apothecary
proceeded at once to the village, examined her
and found her temperature to be 100° F. The
Circle Sanitary Inspector was also present. ^{She}
^{died}

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The Corpse was examined by the Additional Medical Officer Dr Thomas. There were no glandular swellings. The woman herself arrived from Bangalore on the 7th September. She was duly passported and observed for ten days by the village Munsiff, but no signs of sickness appeared. Her son Guruswan, ~~who~~ already reported, arrived with fever on the 25th September from Bangalore and died on the 29th. It is said she did nothing but take him food. Dr Thomas considers that she must either have caught the infection from her son or have brought it with her originally in her clothing. He does not consider it a case of true indigenous plague. Considering the history of these cases I think it safe to consider both cases as genuine plague.

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8. Up to the time of writing no further cases occurred. Dr Thomas is here and the ambulance staff now at 40 sur will be kept in readiness. I shall remain here a day or two in case any further developments should appear.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

Robert H. Bliss

ag Collector
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