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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1447-P

DATED 10-11-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Public Buildings for Plague purposes.

Stating that the Govt. accepts the views expressed by the Plague Committee that the Collector was perfectly right in occupying the D. P. W. Office, under the approval of the D. M. & Sanitary Officer for plague purposes.

BACK PAPERS.

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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 21538

From The Plague Commission Madras

Order

No. 142

Dated 11-10-1898

Received 12-10-1898

Registered 12-10-1898

Enclosures 1 B. C. No 1883 P. 100

Spare copies.

SUBJECT.

Letter with remarks letter from the Collector of Salem resubmitting with remarks correspondence regarding the complaint of the S. P. W. regarding the utilization of the revenue office at Hosur for plague observation purposes.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
12 OCT. 1898
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Board of Revenue.

(1898) Department.

General Register No.

From

Resolution.

No.

Dated

Received

Registered

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Submitted to Government. In reply
from the Comr. was perfectly right
in occupying the D.P.W. Office, under
the approval of the D.P.W. & Sanitary Offr.
Plague is a matter which cannot
be trifled with and against which
measures can be delayed.

When the Comr. was wrong was
in not addressing the Executive on
Superior as soon as from the office
to events. Had he done so I do
not suppose the D.P.W. would have
taken any objection. He was also
in doubt as to the clearing
the bungalow through before he
placed the inmates in it.

I am issuing an order and will
Comr. that when compelled by the
circumstances to occupy a public building for
Plague purposes, to take such action as must be
taken for the purpose of
Control.

Resubmitting with remarks
the papers connected
with the Comr. in
of an order regarding the
utilization of the overseer's
office at Hosur for
plague observation
purposes.

8/8/98. W. Hammett

P. W. Current No: 8851

Aug 25. 10. 98

no 4736 C 31. 10. 98



The undersigned fully agrees with the opinion expressed in para 2 of the Plague Commissioner's endorsement - ment

The order which that officer is issuing will no doubt prevent similar complaints in future. It is requested that the same be communicated to this Dept. for information.

APK
25. 10. 98.

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Secy to Govt, P. W. D. u.o. to Lt. Col.

Circular no 444 to Lt. Col. Dept. u.o.
25/10/98

Order
L.O. no 444 P. W. D. 27. 10. 98

The for accept the view of the P.C.

H.T.

8. 11. 28

to P.C. u.o.

Kindly note the Deputation request.

H.T.

Received with a copy of Circular no 444 to Lt. Col. for communication to P.W. Dept.

10/11/98 M. M. M. M. M.

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No.

179 P. D. 3-10-98

From The P. W. Dept.

Order

Forwarded to the Collector of Salem for remarks, which should be submitted to the Plague Commissioner.

A. V. V. V. V. Secretary to Government

No. 4213.C

Dated 26-9-98

Received 29-9-98

Registered 30-9-98

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Transferring with remarks letter from the Superintending Engineer 4th Circle for forwarding correspondence relative to the occupation of the overseer's office at Hosur as a plague observation shed

BACK PAPERS.

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Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 7770

C. No. 1983

No. 4213C- d/26 Sept 98.

From The Supg. Engineer
H. J. Birch

Order sent.

Transferred to the
Local and Municipal Dept.

No. 498
W.

It is considered that
when a building in the
occupation of the Public
Works Dept. is required
for plague observation
purposes, the officer of
the P.W. Dept. in charge
of the building should
be communicated with
before possession of it
is taken. The Director's action
appears to have been extremely
high-handed. The building
has been sent to the
Sanitary Dept.

Dated 17th September 1898

Received 19-9-98
Registered
Enclosures 1.
Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Quarantine office at Hoosur.

It is our duty to correspond
relative to the occupation
of the — as a plague
observation shed.

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BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

From S Ramachandra Iyer,
Overseer D.P.W., Hosur.

To The Sub Divisional Officer,
Tripatore.

Dated 31- 8. 98.

N^o 563.

N^o 563.
Enclosure. / order of Collector.

Sir,
I beg to report that the Salem District
Collector and the District Medical Officer
came in to my Office Bungalow at Hosur
yesterday noon when I had been to Manjai
grounden tank for inspection and kept the
suspected persons of plague disease.

The watchman there and the vice President Mr. V. Nilakanta Mudaliar told that it is the place where the office held daily for which they said "Never mind". They left them there with Police guards.

I went and saw the Office at 4 P.M. It was filled with 23 persons and out of the gate police guards were sitting. I did not like to enter the place & I went and told the Collector that I have left the records, box, table, chairs &c. He after consulting the Medical Officer gave me a Chit, which is enclosed herein to remove the things at once. I told him I will have to report to my higher authorities. He

He said I may do so.

Under these circumstances I have removed the things to my house and dispensed with the services of the watchman.

I have ~~seen~~
Signed/ S Ramachandra Iyer
Overseer.

Enclosure.

Allow D P W. Overseer to remove records from observation shed. Initialed R.B.C.

N^o 2301.

True Copy. Submitted to the Executive Engineer Salem for information.

Signed/ T Ramanujam Pillai
Sub. M. Officer.

N^o 361 S.E.

Copy forwarded to the Superintending Engineer for information.

2 This has reference to the Overseer's shed at Hosur which has been converted into an observation shed for plague.

Signed. G B Lambert
Exe. Engineer Salem Division
9.9.98

True Copies

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Supg. Engineer, W Circle

No 498
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Supg. Engineer's Office, W Circle,
17th September 1898.

From

A. H. Garrett Esq.
Superintending Engineer, W Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W. Department.

Sir,

Enclosure
1 Copy of
correspondence.

I have the honor to forward copies of the marginally noted correspondence relative to the occupation of the Overseer's office at Hosur as a plague observation shed.

2. The Collector apparently has not thought it necessary to hold any communication on the subject with the Executive Engineer, but what I particularly wish to draw attention to is the fact of suspected cases being put in the office without first removing all the office furniture, instruments records &c.

3. If the Overseer had been away from head quarters at the time his office was requisitioned by the Collector and some real cases of plague were found amongst those suspected there would at least have been considerable delay before the

The Overseer got back his records
and it is more than probable that
their destruction would have been
necessary.

I have not been to Hosur
and possibly the Overseer's Office was the
only building available for an observation
shed but if there is any likelihood of
more offices being required in
connection with the plague orders
should I think be issued to have
all the office paraphernalia removed
before admitting suspected cases.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt servant.

Andrew?

Superinty. Engineer, W Circle.

Plague

SALEM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

No. 49

6th October 1898.

FROM

Robert B. Begg Esq.,
Collector and District Magistrate,
Salem,

TO

Plague
THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF
TAMIL NADU, 3rd St. Saint George,
Madras.

SIR,

With reference to the endorsement of the Local and municipal department no. 179P dated 3rd instant, I have the honor to make the following remark.

in file no. 1000 P. 2
3-9-98

The complaint of the Public Works Department refers to the circumstances reported in my letter no. 49 of 30th August 1898. to the Secretary to Government, Local and municipal department. On the 30th August it was definitely known that the isolated fever patient at Hoar was suffering from plague. In the afternoon the District medical and Sanitary Officer and myself went into the town and inspected the inmates of two houses where it was known the plague patient had frequented. We found his brother in a feverish and dazed

state which was extremely indicative of plague. In fact the St. Medical officer considered that he was also attacked. He was sent out of the village to join his brother. It was essentially necessary that all the inmates should be segregated without delay. The only suitable building we then could find was the D. P. W. overseer's bungalow, which was situated at a little distance from the town. Accordingly the segregated contacts were placed there under guard. The D. P. W. overseer was not in the town at the time and as far as I remember nobody present knew where he was. To write or wire to the overseer in charge or the Executive Engineer meant delay which was out of the question.

Regulation 4 of the original mupassal regulations requires 24 hours' notice in writing before occupation of a tenanted building. In plague matters the Collector is responsible for promptness in carrying

out the regulations and the spirit of the regulations is that he should receive every assistance from whatever department it is called for. It was never anticipated that a government department would in an emergency of this kind characterize my action after the event as "extremely highhanded" on the complaint of a subordinate overseer.

2. As for the overseer's records etc. not being removed they are not very voluminous and as far as my recollection goes they were in some corner of the building. Anyhow they were not so conspicuous as to attract either the attention of myself or the St. Medical officer to the necessity for their removal. When the overseer turned up afterwards he was told to remove them. The fears of the Superintending Engineer in para 3 are imaginary. If there had been anything suspicious about the segregated contacts

they

they would have been isolated and not
located in this bungalow. Everything
was done with the approval of the
Medical Officer who was on the spot.

3. As for the Superintending Engineer's
Complaint that I did not consider it
necessary to hold any communication with
the Executive Engineer on the subject, it was
impossible to do so beforehand and as
for doing so afterwards it was sufficient
to direct the overseer to report it, and
that he has done in the objectionable form
of a Complaint.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant,

Ramabalan
Collector

Recd
6.10.98.

Circular No. 4
General No. 110

8TH OCTOBER 1898.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

ORDER—Circular No. 4, dated 8th October 1898.
General No. 110

It may become necessary at any moment for Collectors or other Plague authorities
to occupy buildings belonging to other departments than the Revenue Department,
for plague purposes. In such cases it is requested that the earliest possible intimation
of such occupation be given to the authorities in charge of such buildings.

It must also be remembered that in all such cases, any moveable articles in the
building at all likely to retain infection should be first carefully removed and placed
under proper guardianship.

M. HAMMICK,
Plague Commissioner.

To all Collectors.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner,
MADRAS — 1898.

Circular No. 4
General No. 110, 8th October 1898.

OCTOBER.

Public Buildings for Plague purposes.

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ENCLOSURES TO C. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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