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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

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G.O., No. 1452-P.

DATED 14-11-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague disturbance at

Recording with remarks, Proceed-
ing from the Plague committee submitting
letter from the Collector Salem re certain
at Idlamangalam in
Hosur Taluk.

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From The Plague Com-
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Order

Refon C. No. 969.

Dated 4-11-98

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for information
his Proceedings in connection
with plague disturbance at
in Hosur Taluk
Kalamangalam, reported
by the Coler of Salem.

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Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner.

Read the following:-

Letter from the Collector of Salem Ref.No.541/P.C.,dated 2nd November 1898.

"On the 21st ultimo a mob collected at Kelamangalam Hosur Taluk, under a mistaken notion that the Plague supervisor Mr.B.M.Salisbury threw poison into the wells, and attempted to attack him with stones and clubs. He fled with his wife and took refuge in the Police station. I enclose an extract from the Supervisor's diary which contains his account of the incident for your information. I have called for a report from the Sub-Collector and have asked him to try the the offenders himself."

Ref. On. C. N^o.969, dated 4th November 1898.

Submitted to Government for information. The Sub-Collector's report is awaited.

M. M. M.

Plague Commissioner.

To Government Local & Municipal Department.

Copy to the Collector of Salem.

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 2. The results of the inquiry should be reported
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To Mr. C. (24)
 Mr. C. Salem (to)
 7.11.98

Let Mr. C. are
 Mr.

Copy of communication from the Sanitary Commissioner
No.2518/S, dated 31st October 1898.

"With reference to your endorsement No.240, dated 19th October 1898, I have the honour to state that, irrespective of the various pros and cons that could be raised on the special liability of clothing to convey infection, I think that the large number of men employed, namely, about 850 demands special measures of care as to protection from infection.

2. If plague enters Madras, I consider it would be desirable that Medical inspection of all concerned with the, practically, large factory be conducted daily. For this purpose, the cheapest plan would probably be to make a contract with a native qualified practitioner. In this contract, it should be laid down that not only should daily inspection be conducted on assembly of the employees in the morning, but that in the case of absentees on the plea of illness, the nature of the disease be certified to."

(True Copy)

M. M. M.
Plague Commissioner

H.S.
7.11.98

Copy of the Extract from the Diary of the Plague Supervisor,
Kelamangalam.

At about 4-30 in the evening on going out to look for my peons I found the villagers had risen in a body and with clubs and stones advanced towards me saying that I had thrown poison into their wells. They beat my peons Arunachellum No.19 and Raju whom I saw crying out that the mob had illused him and he advised me to go away quickly to the Station House. On seeing stones flying across I took refuge with my wife into the Station House, whither the mob followed me pelting stones and whistling and screaming. There were over 200 persons following me out of whom I can identify 10 clearly. They demanded the constables to deliver me up to them and made a rush three times towards where I was standing but stopped outside the station hedge. They were bent upon breaking my head open and had I budged an inch out of the Police station, I have no doubt that they would have taken my life. They were frenzied and would not allow me to talk. They demanded that I should be sent out. A little later on one man Chevadiah came in, whom I asked what all this rowdiness meant. He said in a most impertinent manner that I had instructed my horsekeeper to throw some poison into the wells. I told him very calmly that if such was his belief this was not the proper method of arriving at the truth-by murdering me-and then finding out. I told him to fetch the village Munsiff & my horsekeeper before me and we could coolly enquire into the matter. He replied that what I said was all rubbish and that he would not fetch either the village Munsiff or the horsekeeper boy who had confessed that I had given him the powder (poison) to throw into their wells and that no justice would be done if he brought my horsekeeper. Another villager, Dhoby Thimman, came close up to the hedge with a lathee in his hand and a crowd behind him of which he was the spokesman and demanded that I should be sent outside by the constables. On one occasion the mob nearly broke

into the stationhouse. The constables here were round me and ordered them back. Shortly after my peon No.19 Arunachellum came running into the station crying that he had been beaten and was in terror of his life. I sent an express off to the Sub-Collector for aid by him. The Revenue Inspector Mr. Subramaniayer came in afterwards and informed me that he had been pelted with stones and had to fly for his life. Hearing the crowd had attacked me he came to see how I was faring & got assaulted on his way to me. His lantern was broken & he appeared to apprehend serious trouble for me unless speedy help arrived. Afterwards he went away and I retired into the station house after ^{posting} the constables outside and some men at my bungalow.

22-10-98.

Kelamangalam Police Station-House.

The Station House Officer with 5 constables with rifles and ammunition complete arrived here at 2 a.m. post haste from Hosur. After informing him of the occurrence he posted the men outside and I retired. No further disturbance from the villagers occurred. Next morning the Hosur Inspector arrived and instituted enquiries. He went away informing me that after consulting the Sub-Collector who was expected at Denkanikota he would take necessary steps. The villagers were quiet after the Inspector's enquiries. The Inspector informed me that he intended examining the wells supposed to be poisoned before leaving. I am informed that the two wells contain red water from which the Inspector drank some water just to satisfy the people, it was not poisoned. I made a statement before the Station House Officer on the morning after the Inspector's departure which has been forwarded to the Tahsildar at Hosur. I am still at the Police station as I was advised by the Police Inspector to take up my quarters here for the present. Till the leading men of this riot are severely punished I am afraid Plague Inspection or supervision will be next to useless. No plague circle Inspector has yet arrived at Kelamangalam. I beg to request somebody will be sent soon. Warrants are being issued

to the accused. I beg to request that this case be tried before the Sub-Collector of Hosur..

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Plague Commissioner.

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