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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

READ—the following paper:—

From R. B. CLEGG, Esq., Acting Collector and District Magistrate, Salem,  
to the Plague Commissioner, dated 11th November 1898, Ref. No. 677-P.C.

With reference to G.O., No. 1145-P., dated 22nd September 1898, directing me to open, if necessary, road inspection stations on Shulagiri and Royakota ghâts, I have the honour to state that trial stations were opened at both the ghâts for a week with a view to see if persons without passports from infected areas were passing that way. The revenue inspectors of Kilamangalam and Krishnagiri firkas were deputed to the work. The former was stationed at Kurubarapalli, and the latter at a place north of the travellers' bungalow at Royakota. At Kurubarapalli the trial inspection was made from the 8th to 14th October and at Royakota from 28th September to 4th October. Only on the Shulagiri ghât, there was one case of evasion by a batch of fourteen persons travelling from Nanjangodu in the Mysore Province without passports detected. They have since been ordered to be prosecuted.

2. There is, of course, difficulty in distinguishing Hosûr villagers from travellers from the Mysore Province and we have to depend upon the statements of the travellers themselves. The Sub-Collector thinks that this checking can be done by the station-house officers of Kurubarapalli and Royakota and that no separate establishment will be necessary. He, however, suggests that in the event of indigenous plague making its appearance in the Hosûr taluk, we should withdraw our line of defence to the ghâts between the Baramahal and the low country and establish three frontier inspection stations on the roads leading from Vepanipalli, Royakota and Shulagiri into the Krishnagiri taluk instead of the seven stations that now exist, since this experimental affairs have been getting worse in Bangalore and nearer our frontier. Besides, this experimental inspection was not a medical inspection.

3. I think a medical inspection of all travellers through Royakota and Kurubarapalli will be very useful. The nature of the country where the roads cross the ghâts affords great facility for the inspection of all travellers without risk of evasion. The Hosûr frontier is one easily evaded and I think now the time has come for a further inspection to check at these ghâts. There may be passported travellers alright at the frontier stations who have, by the time, they reach the ghâts, developed symptoms of plague and experience has shown that several such cases are coming through. To detain such persons as well as persons from the Mysore Province who have evaded getting passports as well as other suspicious persons, these stations will now be advantageous. I have accordingly ordered that these stations should be started at Kurubarapalli at the foot of the Shulagiri ghât and at Royakota and that sheds be erected similar to those put up at the frontier stations. At Royakota the hospital assistant in charge of the local dispensary has been ordered as a temporary measure to take charge of the station and to attend to the dispensary work as far as possible. As for Kurubarapalli, the services of a hospital assistant have been procured through the Surgeon-General. The guard at each station will consist for the present of one police constable and two salt peons as at the frontier stations and the Sub-Collector has been asked to appoint the necessary menials. One conservancy maistry on Rs. 7, a totti on

Rs. 6, and a waterman on Rs. 6, will be necessary. I request that you will be good enough to approve of my action and accord your sanction for the entertainment of the establishment mentioned above.

PROCEEDINGS—No. 661, dated 14th November 1898.

The Collector's action is approved and the establishment asked for sanctioned.

*H. M. C. Clegg*  
for Plague Commissioner.

To the Collector of Salem (A-L).

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department.

" " Sanitary Commissioner.

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