

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Scattered Small Hospitals in Madras.

Submitting to Govt. ^{an Officer on} the advantages of
having ——— and on the efforts made in
starting them.

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Note for Govt
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Mr King met me at my rooms & we had considerable talk about plague matters. Mr King's idea is that there should be a central Committee in Madras for caste hospital & two large hospitals should be built one in the North of Madras & one in the South. He points out that the proposed system of scattered small hospitals will be exceedingly expensive & really impossible to run for any length of time. Col Moore on the other hand is much opposed to the idea of central Committee thinking that such Committee will only lead to waste of time. It also seems clear that the present separate divisional committees are really not anxious to join to carry out any central system of hospitals ^{and} it seems to me that the important thing, at first,

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at all events is to have scattered
hospitals with few beds in
each ready for occupation.
I am inclined to agree with
Sir George Moore. The real
difficulty of the whole business
is of course want of cash.
For I do not think that a
Central Committee will be
able to raise as much
money as Local Committees
which carry considerable
interest in different divisions.

I am therefore urging the
separate Committees to carry
out their proposals to the
utmost of their capabilities
without delay. I met Sir
George Moore this morning at
the Royapetla hospital & we
saw the house opposite the
Royapetla hospital which the
Committee of which Mr.
Horton & Lakshmana Chari
are secretaries ^{have taken up}. This Committee
is providing for the 6th & 7th divisions.

This house that we saw opposite
the Royapetla hospital ^{has already} been seen & ^{approved} provided by the King,

² and Col. Moore is insisting
it shall be got ready at once
for a few patients. This Committee
has also marked down a site
near the Ice House close to the
existing Municipal depot, where
sheds can be erected if necessary,
but for immediate purposes
it will be sufficient if the
Royapetla house is equipped and
I hope this will be done in the
next day or two. For the 8th
division the Committee of
which Kesiga Chari & P. Subha
Aiyar are leading members
are taking up a house called
"Palms" in the Cathedral
road, and the Land which
runs from that house down
to the Barclay bridge. Col.
Moore & I visited the place
this morning & he tells me that
that Committee is ready to
equip that hospital at once.
I hope that it will be done
within next day or two. On
Thursday last I visited with
Sir George Moore site between
the cemetery road & the

Madras Ry in No 1. division and another site at Tirumakur High Road No 103. Thiagaraya Chelli met us there & he promised that as soon as he knew ^{clear} ~~the~~ equipments for 5 bed hospitals, he would at once provide hospitals at these two places under the Committee which is working in that division. I have supplied Col. Moore with ^{limited} ~~private~~ copies of her King's statement & the requirements of hospitals of 5 beds, so that all the Committees know what is wanted. I hope, therefore, that in a few days, ^{things} ~~will~~ will have progressed as regards private hospitals. I visited this morning, also the Isolation Hospital in Krishnampet. I am sorry to find that no actual steps have been taken yet ^{towards} ~~the~~ providing of the Gosha sheds there as Col. King & I had ordered when we last visited the place. The plans & estimates are, I believe,

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ready, but the contractor has difficulties in getting the material. The overseen at the hospital has promised that he ^{will} ~~would~~ do all he ^{can} ~~could~~ in the next few days to get the work done. On Saturday I was unable to do any ~~day~~ out-door work as I had been inoculated the day before. I am sorry to say that today the Collr of Trichi telegraphs of a suspicious case probably plague in Trichinopoly. I have wired for full details & will go there if necessary. There have been complaints that the supervision at Talapet is not sufficiently ^{by day} ~~close~~ and ^{then are, ugly} ~~that actual~~ rumours ^{lower} ~~are~~ that the plague staff there are ~~not~~ in the habit of taking bribes & allowing people to avoid detention. I have brought the matter to Mr. Clegg's attention & asked him to especially to visit Talapet & look into it. The Ry authorities are

Complaining that the plague
staff at Talarpet is still
lining inside the fly limits.
I have asked Mr Clegg to see
to these at once & also to
insist on the fly building
the shed at Talarpet which
the Govt want there. What is
wanted there is ^{the same} kind
of shed ^{as} that exists at
Arcotnam, & I hope the
Colly will insist on its
being built.

I am in great difficulties
from want of a typewriter
as my clerk can only have
the use of Type writers in
the office when they are
disengaged. There do not seem
to be very efficient ones.
There is a Type writer
now to be got for Rs 400.
from Spaul's Typewriting
Co Madras. Will the Govt
permit me to purchase
a Type writer at once? It
will be great ^{convenience.}
~~without that~~, as Supdt of Govt
Stationery states that he

Will write also to the
Railway Dept about the
matters.

4 ^{them} is out of ~~that~~ at present.
Therefore we must buy one
at least ⁱⁿ the local market

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