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[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague at Kurnool.

Recording Copies of letters from the Collector of Kurnool to the Plague Commissioner reporting on certain suspected cases, suspected to have been caused by plague.

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From The Collector of
Kurnool

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SUBJECT.

Submitting copy of a report to
to Plague Commissioner
regarding the death of a
pregnant woman who came
from Bangalore under circum-
stances showing it to be a
suspected case of plague.

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ENCLOSURES

Ch. St.
Kurnool Magistrate's Office,
DATED KURNOOL 3-12-1898

FROM *Mahmud Raza Khan Esq.*
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF
KURNOOL,

TO
THE *Plague Commissioner*
Madras

SIR,
I have the honor to state
that a party of 5 ~~was~~ arrived
here by rail from Bangalore on the
30th ulto. They were observed for two
days and found by Dr. Power all
healthy. On the third day one of them
was said to be suffering from fever.
Dr. Power and I went at once to his
house and noticed that his temper-
ature was about 102°. Dr. Power
told me after examining him that it
was a case of pneumonia and not
one of plague. But as the train
had arrived from an infected locality

I considered it desirable to
segregate him in the Municipality
outside the Town and this was done
in my presence and of Dr. Power.
The man died yesterday. Dr. Patch
also who inspected and examined
him during his illness told me that
it was not a case of plague but that he
died of acute pneumonia brought
about by excessive drinking. My personal
inquiry showed that the night previous
to his getting fever he was fully drunk
and slept on some place quite exposed
to cold winds.

2. Although the case has been certified
by the medical officer not to be one of
plague yet as the death took place
among the animals from an infected place
I have thought it advisable to report
it for your information.

3. Lastly, I must add that although
malarious fever is very prevalent here
now, yet the Kurnas are specially

specially malnourished and wearing
long miserable beads get themselves
fully drunk daily and are often found
lying rolling in the streets in the
cold and unhealthy nights. My
Karaman Duffadar also died
yesterday of acute pneumonia brought
about by his excessive drinking.

Thane etc

/s/ Ibrahim Dargshan

Collector

/ True copy

M. B. Balu

Collector

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Correspondence Department.

FROM

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF
KURNOOL.

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SUBJECT.

Dis No. 4599 of 1898. General Kurnool COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
7th December 1898.

FROM

Mahamad Ratal Khan Esq.,

COLLECTOR OF

Kurnool

TO

Plague Commission
THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF

Madras.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. B 3.12.98.
I have the honour to state that a woman
belonging to the party of five Wadders,
(residents of Kurnool) from Bangalore,
was segregated in the Municipal Plague
Shed outside the Kurnool town along with
the deceased referred to in my letter quoted
above as she had expressed her desire
to attend on him ^{in doing her housework}. She was being daily
observed by myself and Doctor Power,
and was all right till the night of the
5th instant. Doctor Patch and I
visited her yesterday morning and
found her suffering from abortion;
she had passed some clots of blood
and there was ^{some} haemorrhage; she
complained of pain in the lower part

of the abdomen and she had fever also.
The clots were removed and she was
irrigated with disinfectant and lotion; her
abdomen was fomented and she was
given diaphoretic and sedative
mixtures. Doctor Patch did not
consider her to be seriously ill at
that time and it was hoped that
she would recover with proper
treatment, but during the course
of the day her temperature went up
to 106° and I took again Doctor
Patch in the afternoon to the shed
and inspected the patient. She was
flushed, somewhat delirious and
complained of burning all over her
body; her pulse was very rapid,
and her breathing short and somewhat
laboured; the symptoms appeared
to Doctor Patch to be too grave to be
an ordinary case of abortion and
he informed me that it was a
suspected case of plague. I accordingly
wired last night to you, the
Government,

the Surgeon General and the Sanitary
Commissioner. We learnt that after we
left the shed, she became violent and
her delirium was more pronounced and
that later on she became quite unconscious,
her breathing became more laboured and
jerky towards the end and she quietly
died. An apothecary, two Hospital
Assistants and a nurse were in
attendance as arranged. The patient
had nourishment with Cow's milk,
arrow root soup and broth and was
given Stimulant mixtures as prescribed
by Doctor Patch.
2. Throughout her illness, every
precaution was taken to prevent
the spread of infection. The floor of
the room was sprinkled with perchlo-
ride lotion; all her excreta were
received in Chutnies containing
lotion and afterwards covered with
Carbolic Saw-dust and burnt. All the
attendants were careful to wash
themselves with antiseptic lotion,
whenever they attended her. After her
death, all the bedding and clothing

used by her as also the Charpai (cot) were
burnt. The shed also was disinfected
in the usual manner. The body was
wrapped in a cloth soaked in per-chlo-
-ride lotion immediately after death
and was burnt.

3. Doctor Patch says that he thought
at first that this was an ordinary case
of abortion, but on account of the persistent
high temperature, head symptoms and
the character of the breathing later on
and the serious condition of the woman
in the evening, he was led to suspect
it to be a case of plague.

4. The Municipal Council, has
on my advice, entertained the requisite
Sanitary Establishment for the prevention
of plague; this Staff as well as the
ambulance Staff now being trained
here have been deputed to attend to
the necessary arrangements at the
plague shed.

5. The remaining three persons
who composed the party of five visitors
(residents of Karnool) from Bangalore

have been thoroughly disinfected and
all are ^{all} healthy and had no contact
with the deceased; they have been
isolated in their own houses and are
being carefully observed every day.

6. An aunt of the deceased woman
(a resident of Karnool) who attended
the patient during her illness has been
segregated in the Municipal Shed; she
is healthy and carefully looked after.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) Mohammad Razak Khan

Collector.

(True Copy)

M. Razak Khan

7¹²/₉ Collector

Comptroller
7.12.98

To the Secretary to Government,
Local & Municipal Department
with a copy of letter No B dated 3-12-98.
to the Plague Commissioner.

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