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PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

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„ the Revenue Department.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Government {1897} of Madras.

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G.O., No. 274 M., 23rd February 1897.

FEBRUARY.

Bubonic Plague.

Drawing, with remarks, the attention of all Collectors, Presidents of District Boards and Chairmen of Municipal Councils, and the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, to the necessity of taking special precaution to prevent the danger of infection of — by means of rats found in grain bags arriving from infected places.

Circular

Read G.O. No 494 P. dy 18-2-97

and Replies of the Collectors to it.

In the opinion of the Plague Commissioner, ~~for the abolition of~~ the isolation or destruction of rats in ports or dwellings is neither necessary nor advisable. ~~It should be confined to~~ —

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To The Sanitary Commr
" Surgeon General
" Health Officer (Mr. J)
Copy to the Secy to Govt, P.W.D. the Dept
" Marine Dept
" Controller of Customs for Railways

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Ed. P. Sethuram.

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

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From The Local and Municipal Department

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No. 1412 Misc

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner, Madras, circular no. 5/Sl. no. 191 of 14th Octr. '98.

G.O.
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13/11/98

Order No. 1412 P. Mis. of 7th Novr. 1898.

Recorded.

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for Secretary to Govt.

To

The Plague Commissioner.

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Parl Paper
92 P. Plague
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File separately destruction of rats.

NOTE FOR THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER

Submitted for perusal. It does not seem necessary to kill rats except

(a) at infected places & the surrounding area up to a radius of 10 miles (vide para 10 of G.O. No 93 P. of 26-2-02).

(b) at landing places and railway goods sheds, where rats from infected places are likely to be imported with goods brought by sea or by rail.

To kill rats at other places seems only fruitless expenditure of money.

Surgeon
4/10/02

H.

I do not think it necessary or advisable to go beyond the four miles - the only case of the rat plague in Perth was found to be in the danger zone & in fact the danger is confined to a very small figure.

I do not think it necessary to do anything more than record the above with a remark that the Shenton case is the only one about which there is any doubt.

Destruction of rats should be strictly followed

J. X. S.

Plague Comrs. Office

~~Local & Munl.~~ (1898) ~~Department.~~

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From
The Local & Munl. Dept.

Order

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Forwarding papers relating to the destruction of rats by trichinal.

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End No 157 P. dy 26-9-1898.

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Read also G.O. 494 P 18-8-98 ; 738 P 2-9-98.
737 A/98 734 P 29-7-98 & 871 P 20-8-98.
& Corr: 877, 910, 1471, 912, 1013, 1040,
1040, 1097, 1059, 1065, 1066, 1081, 1085,
940, 1027, 1528, 1267, 1049, 1408, 1170
1166, 1312, 1234, 1455, 1780,

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The above papers which relate to the steps taken towards the destruction of rats are forwarded to the Plague Comm: for disposal.

J. Tremenheere
Secretary to Government
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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT N.S.W.
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From The Electric of the Nelgins

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Refn Govt No. 402 of 1898.

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Expenditure killing rats

Reporting that there is no portion Railway Station in the District

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C. No 877/P

Refr G.O.B. No. 452 of 1898.

Nilgiris Collector's Office,
Dated, 10th June 1898.

From

J. Rit Fremantle Esquire

Collector of

the Nilgiris,

To

The Secretary to Government,

Local & Municipal Department.

Sir,

Stone Horse hill

With reference to Government order No. 494 P. dated 18th May 1898 requesting to report what effect has been given to the instructions contained in Government order No. 24 & 25 / 23.2.97, I have the honor to report that there is no port or Railway Station in this District.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

for Collector

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

Plague

CURRENT No. 9148

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
18-JUN-1898
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

From The Ag Collector
Malabar.

Order Rep 4875 P. dy 20-7-1898

The Coll: has not answered the query in G.O. No 4949 P. dy 18-5-98. He should report what action has actually been taken towards the destruction of rats.

2 As regards para 2 of his letter the Coll: is informed that he is responsible for plague admns in his district, and he should address the Local railway authorities in rgd to giving effect to the orders of govt at Ry stations.

Lang
9/7/98

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Dated 16th June 1898.

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Bubonic Plague

Reporting what steps have been taken to kill rats

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