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Plague

Issuing instructions to the
Collector of Gadappa in the matter of
preventing ———, ~~both~~ before its
actual outbreak.

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Office of the Plague Commissioner,
Madras, October 17th 1898.

Dear Harding,

You have been lucky so far in having no plague- but you will probably begin to get cases shortly. Experience has ~~shown~~ shown us that provided you can insure proper disinfection with the first cases, especially of clothes, of the floor by kiln process with cow dung vratties, you can as often as not stop the thing at its first case. Disinfection of the first cases is most important- Secondly it is most important to enable all your villagers understand the importance of watching all strangers who come to the villages, keeping them if possible outside the villages in field huts and feeding them there for at least 10 days. The villagers have been doing this in Salem & Bellary and elsewhere with excellent effect and several of our cases we find to have been already segregated carefully before our arrival at the village. Encourage this carefulness among all your villages as much as possible as regards strange arrivals.

When a case occurs and there is any difficulty in segregation don't be in a hurry. It is impossible to work segregation if the people won't have it, but when explained they will almost always take to it themselves kindly using their own means & keeping it up with their own men. Do all you can to get the people with you. They are almost everywhere now so frightened of the plague as to be ready to take any reasonable measures against it- but if they get a panic they will do nothing. If you like I will come up and see you at Guddapah at the end of the week or at Madanapalli which suits you best. Let me know if I can be of use.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

M. Hammick.

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