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[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague Sheet

Forwarding to the President
M.C. Madras letter from the Sanitary
Commissioner stating that the Egmore Hospital
should for the present be used as —
for Madras

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding with remarks
letter from the Surgeon & ad.
District Madras submitting
for information his estimate
of the maximum capacity
of the Plague Hospital Egmore
for the accommodation of plague
patients.

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Plague Hospital. Igmore.

16th October 1898.

From

Surgeon Captain G. G. Gifford
Surgeon 2nd District. Madras.

To.

The Plague Commissioners,
Madras.

Through.

The Sanitary Commissioners
Government of Madras
Madras.

Sir.

I have the honor to submit herewith for the information of the Plague Commissioners, my estimate of the maximum capacity of this hospital for the accommodation of plague patients. I have proceeded on the supposition that Europeans (Europeans and Eurasians) are to be treated in this hospital as well as natives. I would suggest, however, that this hospital is and I think cannot be made sufficiently comfortable and suitable for European ladies and gentlemen and I believe it would be much better to rent one or more large private houses for Europeans and convert this whole hospital into a native (male and female) hospital.

There is at present accommodation in the main building for 16 native females, 22 native males & European males and 8 European females. Total - 54 patients.

Assuming that 2 friends or attendants are to be allowed to remain with each sick man, accommodation must be found for 108 persons in the compound. There exist at the present moment 8 sheds each capable of housing 6 persons Total 48.

There exist 3 platforms ^{on} which sheds could be at once

erected giving accommodation to 20. Total 68.

There is room in the Compound to put up sheds without masonry basis to accommodate the remaining 40 persons. The presence however of European friends and attendants makes the allotment of the space very much more difficult than if only natives were to be treated.

I have reserved a small room as a store room for bedding, linen and clothing but the Assistant Surgeon's house should, I think, be vacated and used as an office and dispensary as it is a detached building suitable for that purpose.

The tank will have to be strongly fenced round to avoid its pollution.

Latrines must be built in 2 corners of the Compound near the gate.

I would propose to erect sheds on the top of the existing building to accommodate all the servants of the hospital except the natives who might be lodged in sheds to be erected on the strip of ground between the Assistant Surgeon's quarters (proposed office) and the main building.

There are 4 masonry kitchens ^{already} built. If caste natives did not care to use them, they might be allowed to cook anywhere about the compound under corrugated iron sheets.

A much larger water supply (taps) than at present exists will have to be put in.

The drainage of wards, latrines and in fact everything is now let into the Coom, so provision to remove this would have to be made.

Total at present available

do	-	in main building 54 patients
do	-	in sheds. 48 friends.

Platforms ready but not built on.	20 friends.
Room in compound for 4 sheds.	40 friends.
Room for latrine huts.	15 latrines.

The Assistant Surgeon, the Hospital Assistant and Nurses should be supplied with separate houses near the Hospital, but not in the Compound, as I have counted in my estimate the space now occupied by them.

The District office and mortuary of the 2nd and 3rd Districts are now situated in this Hospital. I do not know what provision is to be made for them when patients begin to arrive.

I have the honor to be

Sir
your most obedient servant

Frank Moffatt
Surgeon Captain R.M.S.

Surgeon 2nd District.



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Forward to the
Plague Commission.

The results stated in
body matters settled
in consultation with
M.P.

2 Special attention is
invited to remarks
as to importance of the
communication for
European - including
in that time the good
class of Europeans.

It is very desirable
early steps be taken
to secure most
suitable accommoda-
tion - it being re-
minded that the
class would pay for
rooms and attendance.

W. H. King

Lt. Col

Secy. Comd. for Madras

17-10-98

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Forwarded to the President Madras
Municipality -

I think at first at all events
European & Eurasian patients should be
arranged for in the Egmore Hospital
If plague comes to Madras & shows
any signs of becoming epidemic
another house will have to be at
once taken up - But for the present
I consider that as intended & for the
the Egmore Hospital must provide for
8 European Males & 8 females -

The President is requested to state
his opinion, & he is requested to
bring out the suggestions as to sheds,
(1) water supply, (2) drainage, (3) latrine,
(4) fencing the tank, (5) the supply of houses for
the Anti Plague Hospital and 2
hundred (7) the provision of canvas sheet
iron sheets for kitchen. at once.

18.10.98

Cy to the Sanitary

Commr. Madras

18/10 1898