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M. HAMMICK,
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Copy to all other Collectors (A).

- " the Sanitary Commissioner.
- " the Surgeon-General.
- " the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

R. M. S. S. S.
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Personals to the
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Ref. No. 185
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 From Robert B. Clogg Esq.
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To The Plague Commissioners
 The Secretary to Government,

Letter 302 821/10

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& endorsed in red ink with the word
'Plague' at the other stations. If this

look at H delay
in the paper
20 days !! - This

must be done in the
future -

Note: This had to wait the
issue of 10. about
punches long
20 days

Red ink in pocket book will
stand.

* The red ink may be rubbed on
washed out & it will perhaps
be safer to direct that the corner
of a ticket shall be cut ~~with~~
in particular manner, with a
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