

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Encl No. 357

DATED 24-10-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Assault on a Hospital Assistant at Isadani.

Passing orders to the Collector of Cuddalore
regarding an instance of _____

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No. 5812

Office of Surgeon-General with the
Government of Madras,
Madras, 22nd October 1898.

To

The Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

Forwarded for information.

2. It is necessary that the
Collector should take prompt
measures to stop this state of
affairs, or it will be impossible
for any medical man to work there.
3. Return requested.

C. H. Stokes
Surgeon-General

Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras

[Signature]

Madanapalli
18th October 1898

From

P. Appavoo Pillay

Retired Officer Hosp. Assist.
Plague duty

I

The

Surg. General
with the Govt of Madras
Madras

Most Respected Sir

I beg to report that I
in obedience to your order dated 6th
instant I proceeded to Madanapalli
and reported myself to the Temporary
ag. Sub. Collector who ordered me to
proceed to Isadum a Village 35 miles
from Madanapalli I reported myself
to the Village Magistrate there
asked him to give me a house &
for 2 Constables the Magistrate
pointed us a house, at the very
moment many of the Villagers came
to me with great rage compelled me
to leave the Village at once, if
you delay you will be murdered
(Shooni Shooni) we do not care who
you are you must quit the place
at once, they then made a procla-
-mation by Town Town for a alarm



Assemble then the whole Villagers
More than 400 came the very
moment with broad sharp axes choppers
spears bamboo lathies, women with
rice pounding pestles, thinking that
I will remain there another moment
6 or 7 men dragged my cart at
flying speed to $\frac{1}{4}$ mile distance from
the village, while dragging my cart
they were calling & shouting to bring
fire fire to burn the cart down some
women brought fire fortunately they
did not ^{set} fire to it one of the mob struck
one of the Constables who
accompanied me on the neck
another dealt a blow on the head of the
other Constable knocking off his
paggar from the great numbers
we were compelled to keep silent
tongue & leave the village some
of the mob who followed me with
sharp axes pointing to me says
Chop that man's head also the
Constables hands all along the road
the men and women using most
vulgar languages cursing and shouting
as if some calamity happened to
them by me you came to kill us
with inoculation we will show you
the wild & savage appearance
of the mob I every moment expected
the deadly weapon will fall on me
& the 2 Constables providentially

escaped. The Village Magistrate
who was with me all the while
will certify to the barbarous manner
in which the Villagers treated me
& to the fact that under existing
circumstances I was compelled to
leave the village.

I beg to request that your honor
will kindly cancel my posting
for Plague duty. I intend to return
to Madras I did not for a
moment think that when accepting
the temporary appointment that
I would be sent in the midst of a
jungle to deal with savages
I served 40 years in the Medical
Department and pensions and
now I am sixty years of age from
the foregoing ^{savage} treatment
I receive it from the ignorant
Villagers I am quite shocked and
nervous and am unequal to any
plague duty or whatever.

I beg to remain
Sir

Yours most obedt servant.
P. Appawoot Pillai

Retired ^{1st} class Assistant
Plague duty

From

P. Appaswami Pillay

Retired, as per report
of Plague duty

To the

Duty: Surgeon General
with the Govt of Madras
Madras

Reference: Nil

Subject

Copy forwarded to the Com. Cuddalore
It shows he perfectly ready for the
Com. & Sub Com. to examine the
Villagers in this case. The Com.
is required to take to earliest
measures to stop disturbance
of this kind. The Villagers sh^d have
to make an affidavit to them in
the case of further disturbance to
them to name sh^d be brought to
book. The station head will be
actually in the village.

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