

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 530 P

DATED 1-6-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Precautionary measures Recording, with
reference to G.O. No. 575 P dt 26.5.98, Copy 11-
letter from the Sanitary Commissioner
to the Collector of the Nilgiris regarding
the ——— ^{against importation of plague} proposed by the Civil Surgeon
Coimbatore.

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Plague Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 8170

From
The Sanitary Commission
for Madras.

No. 1163
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Dated 26th May 1898.

Received 27-5-1898

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding for information of Government of his letter No 11235 dated 21-5-98 to the Collector of Nilgiris offering remarks with reference to letter from the Civil Surgeon Cochinamund suggesting adoption of certain measures to protect Cochinamund from plague.

Order No 530 P. mis. dt. 6-9-97

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to G.O. No 515 P dt 26-5-98.

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Plague

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Office of Sanitary Commissioner,
Fort St. George, 26th May 1898.

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From

Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. W. G. King, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith copy of my
letter NO.1123/s dated 21st May - 1898 to the Collector of
Nilghris for the information of Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

W. G. King
M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

Surgeon Lieut Colonel,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

Plague

No. 1123
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Office of Sanitary Commissioner,
Fort St. George, 21st May 1898

From

Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. W. G. King, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras,

To

The Collector of Nilgris.

Sir,

21st May 1898
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With reference to letter NO.215 dated 7th May 1898 from the Civil Surgeon, Ootacamund, I have the honour to point out that it is not very apparent where the difference between the system he now advises and that of simple "observation", which he decries exists. As far as I can understand, the suggested point of departure is that he provides sheds for arrivals who exhibit symptoms of fever. Such a method is, however, an integral part of the system of observation. It is obvious that for one man who is detected as suffering with fever, five may pass through an observation point who might exhibit fever on the day subsequent. Hence, the continuance of the system of domiciliary observation is essential. The method proposed by Surgeon Major Thompson is simply that which is conducted at present in all our principal Municipal towns. Undoubtedly, all the approaches to Ootacamund should be watched, and I am surprised, this is not the case. Regulation 29 affords the requisite power.

2. As to the proposal to place Europeans and Natives in a "shed"-understanding that the structure is of the nature used on the plains-on arrival, I think the Municipality would incur a grave responsibility - having regard to the cold climate of the hills, more especially as to the condition prevalent during the monsoon.

3. As to the Civil Surgeon's further suggestion, I consider, in the case of persons from non-infected localities, it would be perfectly unnecessary to subject them to the inconvenience

venience of detention; unless it be considered they are of a class whose whereabouts cannot be traced- that is, that observation should be conducted in their own residences. Cases with fever from infected localities should be detained in a building compatible with their safety from climatic conditions, no longer than the Medical Officer finds necessary for making a diagnosis. "Log-huts" with fire places, such as largely used in Hospitals during the American Civil war, would I believe, be suitable and comfortable in Ootacamund.

4. With respect to the large number of persons who are said to travel up from the plains, I presume their reason for this can only be the hope of obtaining employment. Having regard to the peculiar condition of your district, it would therefore be of advantage if you applied to Government for a special notification under the Epidemic Diseases Act, requiring that every employer of labour in the Neilgherry district allowing a person of the labouring class to sleep upon his premises who has been in the district for less than ten days, shall forward to the Collector of the district a statement of arrival of such person and of freedom from any form of fever- a statement at the end of ten days, or date of departure, that the person has been daily observed during that period; a special statement, in the event of fever of a suspicious nature, or of fever with glandular swellings appearing in the interval. In reporting the departure of a person within ten days, the proposed new residence should be noted.

5. With regard to the statement that a European arrived in a high state of fever without the fact being detected at the Railway Observation station, I have addressed the Civil Surgeon with the object of ascertaining at what time the patient was attacked. Such occurrences however, merely accentuate the necessity for the care to the conduct of observation in houses; as it might well have happened that the patient was attacked with fever subsequent to his having passed the Railway observation station. Such an occurrence might equally well take place with the arrangements now proposed by him.

6. If there is reason to believe that the work of the Sanitary Inspector detailed for observation duty by the Municipality is performed perfunctorily, it is desirable the cause be ascertained. It may well be that too much is demanded of him. If this be so, the proper course is to see that additional labour for additional work is procured.

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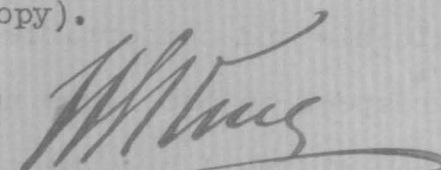
I have etc,

(Signed). W.G. King, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

Surgeon Lieut Colonel,

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

(True copy).



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Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

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