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[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague Hospital, Gotacamund.

Stating that the site for — was selected after considerable discussion and that it cannot now be abandoned.

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From S. C. Moss Esq.
Salem

Order No. 216. P. of 31-x-98

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Plague Commission.

H. T. Newman

Secretary to Govt.

Proc. No. 582 of 5/11/98

The site in question was

selected after considerable discussion
being the best available
as being the most suitable site available
and the Plague Com. reports that he
cannot order its abandonment.

To the Plague Commission
done 2/11/98
H. T. Newman

Dated 26-10-98
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SUBJECT.

Requesting that the Plague Hos-
pital which is being built on the
land adjoining his property
known as "Mossy Bank" may be
removed to a more suitable
locality for certain reasons
specified.

S. C. Moss Esq.
Thro: the Collector
of Salem
(Pto).

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of the hospital to some more
suitable locality. A memorial to
this effect to the collector and Govern-
ment is also being drawn up
by the Residents of the locality.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

your most obedient servant

I. Gross.

Cus 2347 P.



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Salem District

26th October 1898

From

S. C. Moss Esq.

Salem

To

The Chief Secretary

to Government

Fort St. George

Madras

Sir

I have the honor to enclose
herewith a letter from the Revd Christian
Kosford informing me that a Plague
Hospital is being built on the land
which adjoins my property known
as "Mossy Bank" which is situated at
the intersection of the Seegar, Pykara
and Bruck fields roads. I have
also heard of the same from my

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agent at Ooty. Against the creation of this Plague Hospital, for reasons given below I beg respectfully to protest and should be obliged if you will kindly order its removal at an early date to some other suitable locality:—

(1) The locality is about the healthiest in Ooty and is therefore largely resorted to as a pleasure and recreation ground and this, if I mistake not, is also entered in the Ordnance map and in the Village Register, being also the hunting ground of the Ooty Hounds. It is therefore undesirable that the healthiest locality in Ooty should be thus contaminated by the Plague germs which the hospital is very likely to cause.

(2) There is also a closely packed and dense population of Hindus and Mohammedans living within

quarter of a mile to the East of the site on which the Plague Hospital is being built and to the South some 200 feet below, and within half a mile lies the thickly populated and unsanitary town of Randal.

(3) Then again the site on which the hospital is being built ~~is~~ is the highest in the locality and drains on the north and west into the Ooty River, the water of which is largely used for drinking and ^{domestic} purposes and during the hot weather when the river dries the only water available is from temporary wells sunk in the bed of the river; and on the East and South it drains off into the Randal River and from thence into the Ooty lake. The result therefore of erecting a Plague Hospital

in such a locality is to disseminate
the Plague germs throughout the length
and breadth of Botocamund.

(4) Finally, though the locality
is considered the healthiest in Boty,
and the air pure and bracing, it
is nevertheless too cold and bleak
and very much out of the way for
natives.

Under these ^{most} circumstances
which can be better imagined than
described the site selected for the
Plague Hospital is utterly unsuitable
and is also most dangerous to the
Residents in the locality as well as
to the whole inhabitants of Boty.

I beg, therefore, being the owner
of the property which adjoins and
which is also most affected by the
Plague Hospital, to request that early
orders may be issued for the removal

Date

Collector, it wd be good if
you came up here & see for
yourself, but as this may be
perhaps be impossible, you pro-
bably will do, till further
steps can be taken.

As the numerous houses
are being built now, there is
no time to lose, & this must
excuse for my troubling you.

Yours truly
Christian H. Ford

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Dear Sir!

As you are absent from the
hills, I write to inform
you that a building, which I
am informed is to be used in
future as a plague hospital, is
being erected a few yards from
your property. As this, if allowed
to be built, will cause immense
danger & loss to both yours &
surrounding properties & therefore
must be stopped by an urgent
appeal to Govt (through the collector)
& shall, if you will draw up
the protest (your house being
threatened to the p. h.) & send it to
me, by return post, get it
signed by surrounding landowners,
& tenants & forward it to the