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SUBJECT.

Forwarding for information
copy of circular to all Collectors,
of Medical and Sanitary
officers and Civil Surgeons
giving certain instructions
regarding the various forms
of Plague.

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The various forms of plague are now familiar to Medical Officers from observations of Officers in Bombay and elsewhere. The careful recognition of these various forms - and doubtless their recognition has been upto date far from complete-is of vital importance, in ascertaining the presence of plague in the midst of a population sufficiently early to permit of effective sanitary action. In a late communication Captain Robertson, I.M.S., on plague duty, Guntakal, draws attention to the following details:-

In the aged, plague is apt to assume the toxic form and is attended with such slight fever and such rapid collapse that deaths are likely to be regarded by villagers, in all honesty, as merely from "old age". In children, on the other hand, the attack is attended with violent disturbance of the nervous system and rapid death in the form of convulsions. In rapid deaths in these forms of the very old and very young no bubo need be present. Hence, in the young who have been exposed to contagion, a history of death by "convulsions" should at once lead to suspicion of plague.

The existence of choleraic form which has been much noticed in Bangalore should also lead to suspicion, when a history of plague infection exists as to deaths from "Cholera".

(Signed). W.G. King, Lieut-Colonel I.M.S.

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

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TO

All Collectors,
" District Medical and Sanitary Officers & Civil Surgeons.

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Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

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