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[Despatch Abstract.]

Frontier Stations of Teadum and Burauji

*Approving the action of the Collector of
Buddapah in abolishing the ——— and
the Circle Inspection Stations, and the steps
taken for the prevention of plague.*

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 District Magistrate's Office,
 Cudadah
 Dated 6th November 1898.
 Enclosures
 From H. B. Standing Esquire,
 Ag. Collector of
 District Magistrate, Cudadah.

To

THE

Plague Commission,

Madras.

Sir,

With reference to my plague
 preventive scheme and to the con-
 -variation here on Wednesday last
 I have the honour to report as
 follows:
 1/ I have abolished the frontier
 stations at Tsadam and Birang and
 also the Frontier Inspection circles
 and supervisors. I retain the Frontier
 stations at Amadapur and Chopal-
 bha and also the Ambulance Corps
 at Madanapally and Cudadah.
 2/ My reasons are that all these

Measures are bitterly resented by the people. They believe at present that all frontier station officers will inoculate them ~~poison~~ their wells and ~~throw~~ plague poison on the ground so that they may walk on it.

4/ They believe that all Circle Inspectors and Supervisors will do the same thing and in one village I heard that a supervisor who recently accompanied us to Tsadam had a contract with the Government to kill 500 people.

7/ They believe that hospitals and sheds will bring plague and that if such buildings are erected people who suffer from ~~any~~ ordinary slight fever will be carried off to the sheds and killed and that the plague officers will then seize their property.

6. These fears, though amusing, are intensely real at present. On my going to work I was met at

every village by large crowds who all expressed the same views and though agreeable enough with me, were quite deaf to all argument. They said the very name of plague officers would kill them. While the public mind is ⁱⁿ this state, supervision and Inspectors can do only harm besides being in considerable personal danger every time they try to enter a village.

7. Also I found personally seeing Tsadam and Biranji that the frontier there is so open that if we have a station at one ^{place} people will come in by another.

8. It is not worth while rousing great popular fears by erecting stations which, if not, ^{probably} as is possible, immediately burnt down, can only hope to catch one person in a —

hundred of those who come in.
9. I have, therefore, as instructed by you,
abolished Supervisors, Inspectors
and these two frontier stations.
We are now usefully protected at
Chidgalbailu and Amadapala but
are open ^{over} a large area. I think, however,
that the people are alive to this danger
and will themselves keep out segre-
gated strangers from Mysore. Some
danger, no doubt, lies in relations being
allowed to visit influential people
in this district. I am afraid this
cannot be helped.

10. If plague actually occurs now,
we shall practically be able to do
almost nothing. They promise to
segregate themselves, but will, at
present, admit no doctors or medicines
or disinfectants. I dare say after a
few cases they will give way and
be glad of help: but as we cannot

enforce wise measures among a
population of fools, I fear plague,
if it ~~does~~ come, may get a strong
hold in the villages. I have sent one
of the hospital assistants to
Cuddalore railway station and
one of the Sanitary Inspectors
to Rajmurt Railway station.
Another Sanitary Inspector is
retained here for the Madanapalle
Ambulance Corps.

11. The people of Madanapalle
town who were in a state of
almost violent opposition to plague
measures of any sort, are guided
down by these Concessions and I
hope soon to be able to construct
a contagious shed here.

12. I have told the chairman to
organize a vigilance Committee

with the help of salt peons and
will arrange that the names and
places of detention of any person
detained by that Committee shall
be at once reported to the Sub Collector.

Mr Hawks will accompany me
towards Kadir in a few days and
I think after that will find no diffi-
culty in touring alone about the
frontier. At present I am rather
unwilling to send him alone to the
villages. Seeing that the people of
Tsadam had prepared big stones
to bar the entrance of our carts into
their village, I am also instructing
Revenue Inspectors to perform as
far as possible the duties of Circle
Inspectors, and if it be even con-
sidered again that Circle Inspectors
should be appointed, I would
suggest that Revenue Inspectors

known to the people he put in as
also popular and well known -
Tahsildars instead of strange
Salt Inspectors as Supervisors.

I have the honour to be

Sir,
Yours most obedt servant,
Gadappa Basappa
Sub Collector

7-11-98

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From
The Acting Collector of
Cuddalore



To
The Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

Dated 6th } November 1898
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abolition of Frontier
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Beerangi, the Circle
Inspection Stations, and
also the steps taken towards
the prevention of Plague

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To the Collector of Cuddalore

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