

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.
(189⁸)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 651

Dated 11-11-98

Despatched 15-11-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

on plague
Circular of the Agent & Manager, Madras Railway
issued for guidance of the Railway Staff

Acknowledging receipt of the _____
and requesting him to send copies of the same
to the collectors of the districts through which the
Madras Railway passes.

BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1898)

CURRENT No. 1160

Letter No 6518/11-11-98
Order

From The Agent and
Manager Madras
Railway Company

I have the honour to acknowledge
with thanks the receipt of three
copies of your Circular on plague
forwarded with your letter
No 11353/11615 d/11-11-98 and to
suggest that the Circular
may be communicated to the
CMs of each District through which
the Madras Ry passes.

No. 11353
11615-

Dated 8-11-1898

Received 4-11-1898

Registered 10-11-1898

Enclosures 1

Spare copies 2

SUBJECT.

Forwarding for information
3 copies of circular which
has been issued for the guidance
of the Railway Company's staff
regarding the plague

Yours
11/11/98.

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Madras Railway Company,

AGENT & MANAGER'S OFFICE,

RAYAPURAM TERMINUS,

Madras, 8th November 1898.

From

The Agent and Manager,

Madras Railway Company.

To

M. Hammick Esq. J. C. S.,
Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

SIR,

*Accumulate
with Mante &
Send copies to
Cm. Salem
Nauch
Cuddalore*

*only 3 copies
sent. rest will
be left for record*

I have the honour to enclose for
your information 3 copies of circular which
I have issued for the guidance of the Company's
Staff regarding the Bubonic Plague.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

**
of 4. Nov. 98.*

Wm. S. M. D.

Agent & Manager.

Encl: 3.

all

Madras Railway Company.

CIRCULAR.

BUBONIC PLAGUE.

The Agent and Manager observes with much regret and concern the invasion of Bangalore City by the Bubonic Plague and the danger to the health of the Company's employés at Bangalore City and at other stations on the line which is thereby imminent. He desires to remind employés that the disease is a very fatal one, and that there is absolutely no cure for it. In these circumstances any measure which is likely to prevent the disease spreading in a district or attacking an individual, ought to be adopted instantly.

The Medical Officer has recently issued a Circular for the guidance of the staff at Bangalore, and the following precautions which are recommended by him are extracted for the guidance of the employés of the Company generally :—

"All house-holders are requested to sprinkle the flooring of their bungalows and out-houses with perchloride of mercury solution once a week. The solution can be had at the Railway Dispensary on any day between 10 A.M. and 5 P.M. (a bucket may be sent for the solution)."

"All dirty and useless rags should be destroyed by fire."

"All bedding and cots should be placed outside in the sun every day."

"The doors and windows of all out-houses and bungalows should be kept open during the day."

"All cases of illness, however trivial, should be immediately reported to the Railway Apothecary who will inspect and treat the patients."

"All rats found dead should be burnt, and the places where they are found should be immediately reported to the Apothecary who will arrange to disinfect the places. As many rats and mice should be caught as possible, 3 pies for each is paid as a reward at the Railway Police Stations."

It has been established beyond doubt that inoculation, although not an absolute protective against either seizure or death, is of immense value, as a protection against the disease.

It has been clearly proved in Bombay and elsewhere that, comparatively speaking, very few persons who have been inoculated have been attacked by plague, and in the cases of the few who have been attacked, the disease has not been of a severe nature and has rarely proved fatal.

The Agent and Manager therefore desires to impress upon employés how desirable it is that they and their families should be inoculated as early as possible. The operation is performed at many Municipal Stations on the line, as well as in Madras, but employés at out-stations may, if they so desire, give in their names and the names of the members of their families to the District Apothecary, and the Company's Medical Officer will arrange to visit stations and perform the operation.

The Agent and Manager wishes it to be clearly understood that while he recommends employés to be inoculated, he leaves the decision whether they will be inoculated or not entirely to themselves. There is no compulsion in the matter. The operation is a simple one and causes but little personal discomfort. There is moderate fever for about 24 hours after the operation and pain in the arm for two or three days. This may or may not prevent employés attending to their duty, but all who are certified as unable to attend will be paid full wages during their absence.

Attention is invited to the fact that all persons holding certificates of inoculation are exempt from detention in segregation camps under Government Order No. 837 P. of the 17th August 1898.

Any employé who may be placed in quarantine on account of plague in his house will, if all the members of his family are inoculated, be granted pay as in the case of small-pox under the Company's Vaccination Rules.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,
ROYAPURAM, 4th November 1898.

LOUIS S. MOSS,
Agent and Manager.

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