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Suppression of Plague at Guntakal Village

Issuing instructions to the Collector
of Anantapur on the energetic measures to
be adopted towards

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Camp Guntakal, dated 13.11

The Plague Commissioner
having visited Guntakal and
inspected the village in
company with the Collector &
District Medical & Sanitary
officer, considers that more
energetic measures than have
been taken hitherto for the
suppression of plague in
Guntakal village. It
appears from the report 43
persons have been attacked
with plague in this village
between 9th October and
12th November and that the
plague has now appeared
in two or more of the houses
belonging to the Mahomedans
of the village. Up till now
the villagers have been
visited by medical officer in
the morning and sometimes
in the evening and the villagers
have been left for the rest
of the days to themselves.

It is imperatively necessary that there should be a resident medical officer in the village ready to give advice + assistance as may be found necessary when there can be little doubt that the people if medically advice and nurses are available in the village will gradually come to use their assistance. The following measures are seen to be necessary and the Collector is requested to carry them out as soon as possible.

(1) Mr Charlesworth should come in from Anantapur and live in Camp at Guntakal village, the Plague Commissioner and the Collector selected the spot to the south of the village & on the west of the main road, which will be for his camp and the Collector kindly said that he would lend Mr Charlesworth a tent until the Plague Commissioner can obtain and forward from Madras suitable tents for this officer as soon as possible. They may be expected to arrive in a few days.

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(2) The Gooty Tahsildar should also live close to this village as possible until it is known whether the plague is going to die out here or will become epidemic. (3) a hospital camp should be at once put up for 5 males & 5 females with a hospital assistant and the necessary medicines. If possible the materials now collected at the Guntakal station Camp should be used for this new camp at Guntakal village. It seems clear that the additional accommodation now being arranged for at Guntakal Junction will not be necessary and the materials there can be used at Guntakal village. (4) Ambulance Corps should be sent from Anantapur as soon as possible to the village and tents which apparently are available should be pitched for their accommodation.

close to the hospital and the Assistant Surgeon's Camp. (5) The sepoys should steadily be going on cleaning the village, disinfecting every unoccupied house and disinfecting every house in which any fresh cases take place. The special Plague Deputy Collector should continue as at present to arrange to clear all the property in the houses and to give necessary compensation. (6) Every effort should be made to overcome the scruples of the Mahomedans and at all events if fresh cases of plague occur in their houses, disinfection of those houses should be insisted upon. It is clear from what has occurred that they have no real objection to have their houses disinfected in the same way as have been done the houses of the Hindus. (7) Every effort should be made by Mr Charlesworth to encourage people to leave their houses for disinfection and to obtain their consent to have their patients treated in European fashion. It will probably be found

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that if kindly treated they will clearly see the advantage of doing this. (8) On the site of the above camp the Plague Commissioner considers that camp accommodation should be put up in any suitable place that may be found for at least 40 families. These huts should be offered to the people who wish to leave the village. They should be encouraged to do so. They can be perhaps built quickest by using local ^{village} labour. As we may hope there will not be much more rain the sheds need not be as substantial as those which had been put up at Guntakal junction. (9) Constant attention should be paid to this by the Collector until plague has been suppressed here. It is a most important thing the district administration at present to get rid of plague from

Guantakal, this village is
 the only village now where
 the plague is widespread.
 The plague Commissioner hopes
 every effort will be made
 to stamp plague out here
 with the above measures.

(20) Mr. Hammett
 plague Commissioner

To
 The Collector of Guantapiru.

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