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Plague
Empowering plague persons with Police power
Expressing opinion in the matter
of — and requesting the President
of Madras and the Commissioner
of Police to talk the matter over
with the Plague Commission

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From

The President, Municipal Commission, Madras

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding letter from the Commissioner of Police Madras intending to publish certain extracts from the Regulations under the E.D. Act 1897 for the city of Madras and stating that he will be quite satisfied if pensioners are given police positions.

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CITY POLICE OFFICE,
Madras, 11th November 1898.

From, A. P. Agar, Esquire.,
Ag. Commissioner of Police,
Madras.

To The President, Municipal Commission,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward copy of extracts from the Regulations under the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897 for the City of Madras, which I intend publishing for the information and guidance of the officers and men of the City Police, but before doing so, I shall feel much obliged by your favouring me with any remarks you may have to offer on the subject.

2. I observe that there is nothing in these regulations to show that Police should guard Health camps, Hospitals and infected houses.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) M. Vinayaga Mudaliar,

For Ag. Commissioner of Police.

The following extracts from the Regulations under the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897, for the City of Madras are published for the information and guidance of the officers and men of the City Police.

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At or near the railway station of Perambore, any Medical Officer appointed either generally or specially by the President of the Municipality in this behalf may detain any train, and may require any person travelling therein, to alight and submit himself to medical examination as the medical officer may direct, and may for this purpose, with the assistance, if necessary, of the Police using such reasonable force as may be required, detain such passenger either on the railway premises or in some other suitable place, which the President, shall, if necessary

provide at the expense of the Municipal fund.

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It is desirable that special attention should be directed to the restriction, so far as possible, of the employment of subordinate Government officials of the Medical and Police Departments, and in special, to the advisability of working with the help of Native practitioners appointed by the people themselves.

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For instance, it should not be made obligatory in towns to report illness or death from plague to the police, and police officers should hold no enquiry into suspicious cases.

All communications addressed to Government and other officers regarding "the Bubonic Plague" should be marked with the word "Plague" in red ink on the outside covers and on the left hand corner of the papers themselves.

(True copy) (signed) M^y Vinayagamudaliar
For Ag. Commissioner of Police.

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS.

General Department.

G. No. 869.

Forwarded to Plague Commissioner.

It appears to me very desirable that we should have the Police to fall back upon to assist us. There is no use calling them in when the trouble has begun. I shall be quite satisfied if pensioners are given police powers.

(signed) G. M. G. Moore.
President.

Under section 8 of the Madras Town Police Act VIII of 1867 the Commissioner of Police may, of his own authority, appoint special officers to assist the Police force on any temporary emergency. Such men have the same powers and responsibilities as ordinary police and are subordinate to same authorities as the Police.

I don't see any other means of making these peons liable as

Police Constables except by using the above powers. I think this must have been the way the Bombay Plague peons got their Police powers.

The only difficulty will be that the men will be subordinate to the Commissioner. However if the staff corps officer in charge of the camp is also enrolled as a special Police officer these peons can be put under him and that will probably work. The advantage will be that the peons will not be able to give up work without notice of one month and they will have powers of arrest as ordinary constables.

If the Commissioner will agree to making these peons Police in the way above suggested I see no reason against it. Perhaps Mr. Agar might meet Sir George Moore and myself and talk the matter over.

(Signed) M. Hammick.

Plague Commissioner.

19-11-98.

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To the Commr of Police
Thro President M. G. Moore

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