PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER

(1898)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 350

Dated 21—11—98

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague disturbance at Kelamang

Recording paper 20

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

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From The Local and Municipal Deptt.

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No. 1452 P. Mu.

Dated 14-11-1898

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SUBJECT.

Recording endorsement of the Plague Commissioner on letter from the Collector of Salem reporting on plague disturbance at Kelamangalam Hosur Taluk and stating that the result of the magisterial enquiry should be reported.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following paper :—

From the Plague Commissioner, Madras, Ref. on Cur. No.969, dated 4th November 1898.

ORDER No.1452 P.Mis., dated 14th November 1898.

Recorded.

2. The result of the Magisterial enquiry should be reported.

(True Extract)

A Edgington
For Secretary to Government.

To

The Plague Commissioner.
" Collector of Salem.

Sent 14/11/98

C No 969

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DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE COLLECTOR
AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
Salem.

TO

The Plague Commissioner,
Madras

Dated 2.
Despatched november 189.8
Received 3/11/98

Ref No. 541/P.C.

ENCLOSURE. 1

SUBJECT

Reporting on a plague disturbance at Kelamangalam Hosur Taluk

DV 3/11/98

Ref in C No 969 d/4-11-98.

Submitted to Government for information. The Dist Collr's report is awaited.

3/11/98

~~2. The Collector will be requested to instruct the Tahsildar of the Taluk to go to the Village and explain the objects of Government in the matter of disinfection and segregation~~

4/11/98

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Desp^d 7/11/98 To Govt L & M (Lts)
Copy to the Collector of Salem.
(P.C.)

Extract from the Diary of the Plague Supervisor Kalamangalam

21-10-98 " At about 4-30 in the evening on going out to look for my peons I found the villagers had risen in a body & with clubs & stones advanced towards me saying that I had thrown poison into their wells. They beat my peons ~~Raju~~ Arunachellam No 19 ~~who~~ and Raju whom I saw crying out that the mob had illused him & he advised me to go away quickly to the Station House. On seeing stones flying across I took refuge with my wife in the Station House whither the mob followed me pelting stones & whistling & screaming. There were over 200 persons following me out of whom I can identify 10 clearly. They demanded the constables to deliver me up to them & made a rush three times towards where I was standing but stopped outside the Station Hedge. They were bent upon breaking my head open and had I budged an inch out of of the police Station, I have no doubt that they would have taken my life. They were frenzied and would not allow me to talk. They demanded that I should be sent out. A little later on one man Chevadiah came in whom I asked what all this rowdiness meant. He said in a most impertinent manner that I had instructed my horsekeeper to throw some poison into the wells. I told him very calmly that if such was his belief this was not the proper method of arriving at the truth — by murdering me — and then finding out. I told him to fetch the Village Munsiff & my horsekeeper before me and we could coolly enquire into the matter. He replied that what I said was all rubbish & that he would not fetch either the Village Munsiff or the horsekeeper boy who had confessed that I had given him the powder (poison) to throw into their wells & that no justice would be done if he brought my horsekeeper.

Another village, Dhoby Thimmian,

came

came close up to the hedge with a lathie in his hand and a crowd behind him of which he was the spokesman & demanded that I should be sent outside by the Constables. On one occasion the mob nearly broke into the Station house. The Constables here were round me and ordered them back. Shortly after my peon No 19 Arunachellam came running into the Station crying that he had been beaten & was in terror of his life. I sent an express off to the Subcollector for aid by him. The Revenue Inspector Mr. Subramaniayer came in afterwards & informed me that he had been pelted with stones & had to fly for his life. Hearing the crowd had attacked me he came to see how I was faring & got assaulted on his way to me. His lantern was broken & he appeared to apprehend serious trouble for me unless speedy help arrived. Afterwards he went away & I retired into the Station House after posting the constables outside & some men

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at my bungalow. -

22-10-98

Kelamangalam Police Station House

The Police Station House officer with 5 constables with rifle & ammunition complete arrived there at 2 a.m. post-haste from Hosur. After informing him of the occurrence he posted the men outside and I retired. No further disturbance from the villagers occurred. Next morning the Hosur Inspector arrived & instituted enquiries. He went away informing me that after consulting the Subcollector who was expected at Denkanikota he would take necessary steps. The villagers were quiet after the Inspector's enquiries. The Inspector informed me that he intended examining the wells supposed to be poisoned before leaving. I am informed that the two wells contain red water from which the Inspector drank some water just to satisfy the people, it was

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not poisoned. I made a statement before the Station House officer on the morning after the Inspector's departure which has been forwarded to the Tahsildar at Hosur. I am still at the Police Station as I was advised by the Police Inspector to take up my quarters here for the present. Till the leading men of this riot are severely punished I am afraid Plague Inspection or Supervision will be next to useless. No plague Circle Inspector has yet arrived at Kelamangalam. I beg to request somebody will be sent soon. Warrants are being issued to the accused. I beg to request that this case be tried before the Subcollector of Hosur".

(Signed) B. M. Salisbury

(True extract)

E. Gopalsamy
For Ag Collector

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No. 541 / P.C.

SALEM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
2. november 1898.

FROM

Robert B. Clegg Esq.,
Ag. Collector and District Magistrate,
Salem,

To

The ~~Secretary to the~~ Plague Commissioner ~~of~~

Madras.

Sir,

On the 21st ultimo, a mob collected at Kelamangalam, Hosur Taluk under a mistaken notion that the Plague Supervisor Mr. B. M. Salisbury threw poison into the wells, and attempted to attack him with stones and clubs. He fled with his wife and took refuge in the Police Station. I enclose an extract from the Supervisor's diary which contains his account of the incident for your information. I have called for a report from the Sub-Collector and have asked him to try the try the offenders himself.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servant

For Acting Collector

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