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Refon Car No. 1255 of 1898.

By post: 6/9/98

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Plague <sup>camp</sup> Arkonam

No. 238 Dated 1st July 1898.

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Dr. C. Seymour Langley.  
Medical officer on Plague duty  
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