

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 863 P

DATED 20th Aug.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Suspected plague case at Conjcong, and

Receiving letter from the Col. of Chingleput forwarding copy of a report of the Dist. Medical Officer. —

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SUBJECT.

Submitting copy of - a
report received from the
Dist Medical and Sanitary
officer regarding the a suspected
case of death from plague

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Office of District Medical
and Sanitary Officer
Chingleput 14th Aug. 1898

From

Surgeon Major J. C. Mansden I.M.S.
District Medical and Sanitary Officer,
Chingleput.

To

The Secretary to the Surgeon General
with the Government of Madras,
Kungamba Kam.

Sir,

With reference to your telegram
No. 202 dated 11th instant and in continuation
of my two telegrams of the 12th idem
regarding a suspected death from plague at
Coyeveram I have the honor to report
that on the receipt of your telegram, I wired
urgent instructions to the Civil Apothecary,
Coyeveram and I accompanied by the
Sub Collector proceeded thither by the first
train next morning.

The Collector had also wired instructions
on the subject.

2. Before our arrival, a careful search
had been made in Coyeveram by the local
authorities in response to my telegram and
this as well as a reference to the municipal
records showed that no such person as

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The one described lived in Conjeevaram and no such death had been registered by the Birth and Death Registrars. It was however reported that a man named Appasami Pillai a Clerk lived at Arigalvady a village between Conjeevaram and Arkanam and 5 miles from the latter place.

Acting on this clue I and the Civil Apothecary proceeded at once to Arigalvady (via Arkanam) whilst the Revenue authorities instituted a further search in the neighbourhood of Conjeevaram.

3. Appasami Pillai of Arigalvady turned out to be quite a different individual from the one suspected. He and the other inmates of his house were carefully questioned with the assistance of two Deputy Tahsildars who kindly did all he could to help me. They were all in good health and no death had occurred in the house for several years. Three other houses the only ones where recent deaths had occurred were visited and the Karam's Registers examined and in no case was there any suspicion of plague.

4. In the meantime the real individual

we were in search of had been discovered by the Tahsildar at the Conjeevaram Railway station on his way to return to Madras. He was detained and after a careful enquiry by the revenue authorities it was ascertained that he had come from Nagral village where this death had occurred in his house and the death was not from plague.

5. The village officers, the native physician and others all give evidence that the woman had suffered from Chronic Cough for the past 20 years and having lately become worse she was brought by Appasami Pillai from Madras to his native place Vippadu (5 miles from Conjeevaram) and subsequently to another village called Nagral where she died.

She appears to have been under native treatment for her complaint for many years and her physician reported that she had no fever nor glandular swellings and his description of the symptoms point to some Chronic form of Phthisis with anaemia, oedema of the legs &c.

Neither the patient nor any others

in the village appear to have had any communication with people from infected areas and there was no suspicion at all of plague.

6. Telegraphic intimation having been received by me at Arkonam, I returned to Conjeevaram by the next train and examined Appasami Pillai myself when he corroborated all the above statements and seemed surprised that his telegram to his master had caused any alarm as he only wanted to get a few days' leave to perform the funeral ceremonies of his deceased relative. He himself appeared quite well. I accordingly returned to Chingleput with the Sub-Collector.

7. I have personally reported on the matter to the Collector who has also received a full report from the Sub-Collector accompanied by the written statements of the parties examined.

I have seen
(Signed) J. C. Marwood
Surgeon Major
Dist. Medical & Sanitary
Officer.

True Copy Communicated to the
Collector of Chingleput with reference to
his telegram N^o. - dated 11: August 1898.

Chingleput }
15: August 1898 }

(Signed) J. C. Marwood
Surgeon Major
Dist. Medical & Sanitary Officer

(True Copy)
Ref. N^o. 629 of 1898.

Submitted to Government in con-
- firmation of this office endorsement
Ref. N^o. 629 dated 13: Instant.

Chingleput Dist
Collector's office }
Saidapur 16: Augst/98 }

Ag. Collector.

To
The Secretary to Govt
Local and Municipal Dep^{mt}
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16.8.98.

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