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Quintakal 6. 12. 98

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7th & 8th December 98
is submitted for information

By Lt Buckley
Camp Quintakal
8/12/98

I left Madras on the evening of the 5th & reached Quintakal on the morning of the 6th Tuesday. Here I met Mr Macleod the Collector, Mr Marshall the special plague Deputy Collector and Capt Robertson. We proceeded to inspect Government Lt Buckley camp. Here everything was in very good order except that in two sheds time had not yet been found to cement the floor. The L. & F department has been very hardly pressed lately in putting up sheds. The camp is far beyond beyond the present requirements. Buildings of course may stand, but ^{the Sanatorium} Capt Robertson proposes to do away with some of the staff & thereby reduce expense. The men are getting out of the are obtained locally and may be re-engaged when their services are again required.



since we proceeded towards
a village of Quatakal passing
on our way through the fields
where many people have taken
up their residence. The village
of Quatakal has now entirely
been evacuated & Sepoys are at
working in disinfecting.
I left this disinfection to be
inspected tomorrow and visited
the huts which have been
put up by the L. & kept
for the Mahomedans. I found
40 families there. They are all
They have no complaints, their
only request was a small
school & to be built close
to the huts & this I understood
can be done. From this place
we went to see the encampment;
each family has been given
Rs 3/- to build houses. This no
doubt is far cheaper than could
be done by Government. The
people are satisfied with the
houses they have put up. They
make some complaints about
water, but this can be easily
remedied by watermen being

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engaged to bring water
for them.

The villagers have put
up hospitals for themselves
& they must go to the
Govt Hospitals. I inspected
both. In the Mahomedan
hospital there were three
convalescents, one sick, in
the Hindu hospital one man
& one ^{child} old convalescent & 2
three they are on treatment
all ^{are} were likely to recover.
They seem very fairly happy,
and they have their people
close by in the separate
rows of sheds. On this charge
they will go & build
their own houses in their
own fields. I understood
that the other villagers
will, but ⁱⁿ neither the
people who were sick
nor any of the people from
the adjoining camp so that
there may be no chance
of the disease being spread.

in the reports.

Mr. Macleod + I went to
Tirumacherla Ry station to
see what had occurred. We
learnt that 4 or 5 rats had
been found in the previous
day. One rat had been caught
not yet ~~been~~ dead, but
scarcely alive to move and
exhibiting undoubted lesions.
The villagers had burnt
them + the people in whose
houses rats were found had
gone to live with their
^{close} friends. They had immediately
made application to Mr.
Marshall the Special Plague
Inspector for huts or
tents and by the time we
arrived in the morning
16 tents had been pitched
close to the Ry station
for the Mahomedans, and
the accommodation ^{is} ~~was~~
expected to be ready for the
whole village before ~~2 pm~~ ^{the day}.

The village consists of some
30 houses, only half Mahomedans
+ half Hindus. There has

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been no difficulty hitherto
in inducing the Hindus to
evacuate their houses and
in this village the Mahomedans
already see the benefits of
leaving their own houses
for the fields. The Mahomedans
too ^{had been informed of the} ~~are under their guidance~~
of a Contractor. ^{of this} ~~This is a~~
^{reign} ~~sensible~~ man. No deaths
or attacks have yet taken
place in this group of houses
+ it is hoped ^{that they have been} ~~to be free~~
in time to leave things.

A party of sepoy has already
been turned ^{to} on disinfect
work of these houses.

From Tirumacherla
station Mr. Macleod + I
went with Capt. Robt.
+ Mr. Marshall to the
village where we
saw the Pest, Comm.
sepoy. I saw the
work at disinfect
work seems generally
satisfactorily done.

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been found difficult to ^{reach} ~~and~~ to
& consequently it has not been
an easy matter to ^{spray} disinfect
the walls of the houses with
perchloride of mercury.
There are about 800 houses in the
town; of these about 400 have
been disinfected during the
past six weeks and it is expected
that the disinfection of the
remainder ^{will} be completed
within a month. ~~This is a~~
It is a question how long
the people should be kept
from re-entering, but
^{as experience with}
from the people of Timmencherla
I ^{think} ~~find~~ they will be in
^{great} no hurry to return. No
deaths were discovered in
Guntakal yesterday.

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Guntakal

Thursday 8th December 98

Last night I met Mr. Elwin
Collector of Bellary on his
way to Molagarealli. I
join him there this night.
While at the station news
was brought that plague had
spread to the village of
~~Konakonda~~ ^{Konakonda} about 4 miles
beyond Guntakal and that
the matter had been kept
~~quite~~ quiet by the village
officials. Early this morning
Mr. Macleod, Capt. Robertson,
the Tahsildar and myself
started off for the village
and I am glad to report
that we found that the
information was false.
No deaths were reported to
have occurred in Guntakal
or Timmencherla yesterday.

B. B.
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