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[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague in Kodakkenal Recording
Madura Collector's report regarding the
plague case in Kodakkenal.

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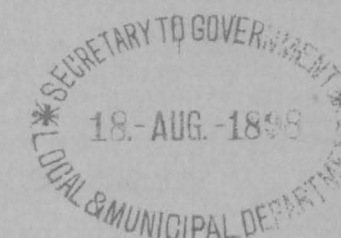
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From The Collector Madras

The Bill is rejected.

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The dates called for are
 all, I think, given in a
 letter from Mr. Humphreys
 which appeared in the
 Madras Mail

Dated 16th August 1898 -

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SUBJECT,

Submitting report on the
 one case of plague at
 Madai Kaval.

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Madura Collectors office

Dated 16th August 98
Madura.

From

J. H. Harbridge Esq.
Acting Collector
Madura

To

The Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Department
Madras.

Sir,

In Continuation of my

for 771.P
2-8-98

Telegram to Government dated the
6th Instant, reporting a case of plague
I have the honour to state as
follows.

- Intimation was received by the
Deputy Tahsildar of Kodaikanal
that one Mr. Humphrey, a merchant
was proceeding to Kodaikanal
with his family and servants
from Bombay via Arkonam and
Annamayanaickanur, and the
Station

Station House officer and the local apothecary were informed of it. When Mr. Humphrey and his people arrived at Kodai Kanab, they were inspected by the Apothecary and the Servants were ordered to report themselves daily at the Hospital. There was no sign of any of these suffering from plague when they arrived.

On the 6th Instant, it appears that one of the Servants exhibited symptoms of plague, and the Apothecary came to know of it. ~~and~~ and he at once reported the matter to all the officers concerned. As soon as information was received in my office, the Deputy Sabsildar's attention was drawn by wire to the

the rules as to Segregation disinfecting &c and the District Medical officer was also requested to visit the place at once. The Deputy Sabsildar and the Apothecary took prompt steps to secure a Segregation shed and removed the patients. The building selected is one of the best that could be got. It is said to be an outhouse attached to the bungalow of Mr. Eugene De Fondclair. On the east there is a sheer precipice; on the south at a distance of about 500 yards is a bungalow belonging to the Jesuit Madura Mission which is at present unoccupied; the next closest building on that side is the Church which is nearly half a mile

mile off; on the west runs a road, but the road is about 500 yds from Mr. Ford Clair's bungalow and is not much frequented; on the opposite side of it there is only one house and even that house is some 100 yds and more from the road; on the north is the house now occupied by the Civil Apothecary at a distance of about 600 yds and a house occupied by Mr. Mac Donnell at a distance of over 200 yds. As the Southwest monsoon is now blowing strong there is no danger of the Contagion being carried by the wind to any of the surrounding houses.

The plague patient is a native

native of Goa and a fellow servant of his also a Goanese undertook to nurse him, remaining in the Segregation shed night and day. 2 Thotties have been employed and the excreta &c are removed, thoroughly disinfected and buried. All the bedding and clothing used by the patient were taken to the Segregation shed and will be burnt in due course. The godown in which Mr. Humphrey's servant lived was disinfected, the flooring being dug up and burnt and the servants themselves and their clothes were thoroughly disinfected. The servants who arrived from Bombay are examined daily by the Medical officers and do not go to the bazaar or mix for

other natives, as they are Goanese
servants and cannot speak
Tamil at all.

4. I asked the Superintendent
of Police to arrange at once for
a Cordan of Police Constables
and the Superintendent of Police
proceeded to Kodaikanal
with a number of Police. The
District Medical and Sanitary
officer also went there on the 8th.
The Sub collector who was at
Bodinaikanur where he went
under orders of Government
Contained in Government order No 1265A
dated 12th July 1898 — L. Mis.

Could not get to Kodaikanal until
the 10th Instant. In his last letter
to me dated the 16th Instant,
District Medical officer
Says

Says that there is no necessity
as yet for an Ambulance Staff.
that the case is one of genuine
plague, that the patient is
improving, that Mr. Humphrey,
his family and servants have
been isolated and are under
his daily observation and that
he will remain there till he
thinks it safe for him to leave.

5. Since the 6th Instant up to date,
no further case has occurred;
and if any case unfortunately
occurs in future, I shall proceed
at once to the spot. I was only
prevented from going up hitherto
by urgent work in Bodinaikanur
and Madurai.

6. Mr. Humphrey showed the
Sub Collector 2, is obtained
for

for his servants from Bombay
and also informed him that
though the pass expressly states
that the servant in question
was examined on 23rd July 1898
in Bombay and found to be
free from plague and also
that he was exempted from
detention and disinfection
enroute, he was taken to a Plague
hut at Tungaabadra and detained
there for 10 hours and disinfected
before being allowed to proceed.
The plague showed itself apparently
12 days after the servant had
been certified to be free from plague.

I have the honour to
Sir

Your most obedient servant

W. B. R. P. R. P.
Acting Collector
17.5.98

Call for details
of leaving
Bombay - hats
if any - pass
thru Tungaabadra
& arrival at
Mudra Kanat.
(none of course)
can I find
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sent to H.M.

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C.M.S.

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