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Pallávaram.
St. Thomas' Mount.

ENCLOSURE.

Notification.

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SAIDAPET,
3rd December 1898.

(Signed) D. W. G. COWIE,
Acting Collector.

To the Commandants, Mount, Poonamallee and Pallávaram.
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17/12/98
for *Plague Commissioner.*

To the Collector of Chingleput (A).
,, all other Collectors (A).
,, the Sanitary Commissioner.
,, the Surgeon-General.
,, the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
,, the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.
,, all Officers Commanding Districts.

Exd. C. M. Thambuswamy.

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Signed -33

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L. E. BUCKLEY,
Plague Commissioner.

To the Collector of Chingleput (A). ✓
" all other Collectors. (A) ✓
" the Sanitary Commissioner. ✓
" the Surgeon-General. ✓
" the President, Municipal Commission, Madras. ✓
" the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command. ✓
" " all ~~General~~ Officers commanding districts ✓

Exd. C. M. Thumbuswamy.

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~~The Collr's action is approved~~

2. The Collectors of other districts where there are Cantonments are requested to report what arrangements have been made by them for the carrying out of plague Regulations in Cantonments.

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Draft
7/12/98

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To
The Collr. of Chingleput (A)
~~Copy~~ All other Collrs.
the Sanitary Commr.
" Surgeon Genl.
President M. M. C.
D. A. G. Madras Command

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For local [illegible]
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3. Under §2 of the original Mofussil Regn. Collr. may require a Muni. Council or a Dist. Bd. to provide accommodation for sick & suspected persons, & to maintain indigent persons detained for observation. He has no such power over a Cantonment under this section, & as the Dist. Bd. derives no income from areas within the limits of a Cantonment, Local Fund can scarcely be called upon to provide such accommodation &c, in Cantonments. It is presumed that the Military ~~Dept~~ authorities will make their own arrangements.

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Sanitary – Epidemics
Plague

Thro' Commandant Depôt Poonamallee

No. 278

From

Major. H. K. Allport. R. A. M. C.
In medical Charge. Troops
Poonamallee.

To

The Principal medical officer
Madras District.

Poonamallee 19th Novr. 1898

Sir,

Referring to a recent Case in which a house in Poonamallee Cantonment Bazaar became infected by Contact with a Plague infected family I have the honour to make the following observations for Submission to the Command. P. M. O. And to beg that he may be pleased to Cause such action to be taken as may appear necessary under the Circumstances.

2. When it became apparent that the house above referred to was infected, I decided, in Conference with the Commandant, that it ought to be immediately vacated And the occupants Segregated in a tem-

porary hut erected for the purpose and kept under observation while the house itself was disinfected and shut up.

3.- These preventive steps could not be carried out owing to representations made to the Civil Authorities and delay occurred resulting in a modified form of segregation under the orders of the Deputy Tahsildar without control of the military Authorities.

4. Thus the control of measures for preventing plague from gaining a footing in the Cantonment was removed from the military officers on the spot who are responsible for the safety and health of the troops and transferred to the Civil Head Quarters at Saidapet.

5. It may be possible to prevent entrance of plague into this Cantonment if the local Military Authorities are empowered to deal promptly and in a thoroughly effective manner with the disease at its commencement.

6.- As Poonamallee is a large Hospital and Depot for Sick British Soldiers I would earnestly recommend that our Authority within Cantonments may be strengthened without delay. The Commandant and S.M.O. should be allowed to segregate in detached huts or suitable buildings, all persons suspected of plague infection. Disinfection &c ought to be carried out under their orders and supervision as there is an efficient and experienced Sanitary Staff. Persons suspected of being infected with plague should be prevented from visiting or occupying houses in Cantonments, or any other measures taken that may be suggested by experience or common sense.

7. I may remark that recent experiences at Bangalore are not in favour of laxness in dealing with the disease at its commencement in a British Cantonment.

8. In my opinion the majority of the inhabitants would welcome prompt measures locally administered that would protect them from the disease.

I have &c

(Sd) H. K. Glalpat
Major R. A. M. C

No. 0/1961. Staff Office Poonamallee.
Date 3631/19.11.98

The P. M. O. Madras Dt.
Forwarded

Poonamallee
19. 11. 98.

(Sd) W. S. Stretten. Captain
Commandant

III

Head Quarters - Madras District
Medical Dt.
Fort St George - the 1st Decr 1898
No. 4007

A.A. General. Madras Dt.

1 According to the System at present in force if the Commandant Poonamallee on the advice of the Senior Medical officer wishes to have suspected Cases of plague Segregated he must refer the matter to the Tahsildar of Saidapet Taluk, who is the Plague officer of Poonamallee and who lives about 10 miles distant from it. This officer must then Communicate with the Dy Tahr at Poonamallee, perhaps Calling upon him for a report before moving further in the matter, thus Causing Some Considerable delay, during which time the Suspects may wander throughout the Cantonment or betake themselves to adjoining villages.

2. To avoid this I would recommend that magisterial power to deal with all matters in Connection with plague within Cantonment limits be Conferred on the Commandant of the Depot. This would ensure prompt action being taken towards segregation and the thorough disinfection of houses under proper Supervision.

(Sd) W. E. Tomlinson M.D. Col. Surg.
P.M.O. Madras Dt.

~~Urgent~~

IV

District Staff Office - Madras Dt.
Received 2d Decr 98. B. Branch Dy No. 5033.
urgent
No. 3482 B.

The Collector, Chingleput Dt.

It appears to me that if you will give the officer Commanding at Poonamallee, and the Senior Medical officer of that Cantonment powers to act under the provisions of the "Madras Plague regulations and rules of 2d July 1898" para 6, this action should sufficiently meet the requirements of the Case.

2. Please return.

Fort St George Madras }
Decr 3d 98 }

(Sd) - - Br General
Commanding Madras Dt.

Chingleput Collr's Office - Received 3rd Dec 98.

1. Returned as requested

2. The Commandant will be authorized to act under paras 3, 6, 8 & 9 of the original Mufassil Plague Regulations (quoted in minute IV Supra - pp. 9 et seqq. of the Plague Manual).

3. The undersigned is informed that a Segregation Shed constructed under the orders of the Commandant was burnt down a fortnight ago. The Shed was constructed outside the limits of the Cantonment and (so far as the information here available goes) without any reference to the Civil Authorities. As the Collector is held responsible for all plague preventive measures undertaken in his district it is desirable that the Commandant should keep him informed of what is done

(Sd) D. W. G. Cowie
Ag. Collr.
Chingleput Dt.

Saidapet
3. 12. 98.

(True Copy)

for Ag Collector

Ref on No $\frac{2367}{96}$ of 98

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3-12-98

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" Head Quarter Deputy Collector
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3.12.98.

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Plague urgent Department.

Chingleput District
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Refn No. $\frac{2367}{Gl}$ of '98

Camp, Saidapet
4 December 1898

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Poonamallee
Pallaveram
St. Thomas Mount

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servant

~~for~~ ag Collector

5.12.98

Plague urgent ~~[illegible]~~ DEPARTMENT

FROM [illegible] 1970

THE Ag. COLLECTOR OF Chingleput

TO

THE Plague Commissioner Madras.

Dated 4

Despatched December 1898.

Received 5/12/98

Refer No. 2367/G.C. of 98

ENCLOSURES. 2

SUBJECT.

Informing him that Commandants of the Cantonments in the District have been authorized to exercise the powers of a Collector under certain Regulations of the Original Mufassal Regulations.

5.12.98

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9.12.98

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