

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

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Diary

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Camp Molagavalli.

9-12-98 Friday.

I left Guntakal last night with Mr. Edwards who has been recently appointed to Bellary District and who is on his way to look after things at Molagavalli. & here Edwin the collector had proceeded ^{by a} day. This morning we went round the village. It is to a very great extent deserted and I am told that about three fourths of the inhabitants ^{have} left it. They people have gone to live in huts put up in fields. ^{by} they are mostly in encampments by castes - so far as I understand Kapper encampments has not suffered. No deaths are reported among the Komatis in the present death among them have been large. It is very difficult to get the true picture as the village is a large one and the encampments are spread over many miles. The Pedeli of the village is a man of very great influence.

The population of the village according to the Census of 1891 is 3216 of whom 276 are Kapper.

The greatest trouble has been in the Komati encampment, which is the a small one. It has lost a great many more than we have reports of.

he is however now on leave
being on the

The acting peddi is also an
influential man and with
his help Mr. Elmer hopes
to get the village evacuated.

Evacuation does not seem
to have been insisted upon
up to date, but a notice

has been published by Tom Tom
this morning calling upon all

people to leave the village
for the fields. It is trusted

that most of those now in the
village will comply. There

may be some difficulty as
there are some very wealthy

men in the village who
are not anxious to leave

their houses for fear of losing
their property. Enquiries are

now being made with a
view to find out to what

persons it would really be
inconvenient to leave their

houses & it is hoped that it may be possible (by local privileges)

to make arrangements to guard such

as those really deserve it.

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The people have been given
three clear days for evacuation
and if they do not comply further steps
will be taken to enforce compliance.

The houses in which cases of plague
have occurred have already been
roughly disinfected, but it is
absolutely necessary that the
whole village should be
thoroughly disinfected. I have

therefore wired to Govt asking
for 100 sepoy with a British

officer to be sent from
Bellary to disinfect houses

which is now being carried
out at Guntakal. Local

labour is hard to obtain & is
very unsatisfactory. Dis-

infection can be carried out
properly only by means of

sepoy. Arrangements are
made close to the village

for treating the villagers,
but the people as a whole

will have nothing to do with
us. a few cases have been

treated. Last night a little
boy & a girl who had lost

their father & mother from

plague have been found wandering
 in the fields. ^{at this in} They were refused
 admittance to the encampment
 for fear of carrying the infection.
 The boy ~~when~~ taken in
 was already suffering from
 plague. This shows the people
 are ready to help themselves
^{at this in} to keep those who are likely
 to carry the disease & I believe
 that the people of the surrounding
 villages are inclined to look upon
 the villagers of Molaganalli
 in the same way. The position of
 Molaganalli is an extremely
 isolated one. Probably no village
 in the district is so isolated the
 nearest village being 7 miles away.
 It is trusted that for this reason
 it may be possible to keep the
 plague from spreading to the
 surrounding villages. For Edward
 set to work inoculating as soon as
 since he arrived this morning &
 before mid-day he completed
 99 cases. The people came
 forward willingly enough. I
 go with Mr. Edwin this
 afternoon to select a

away from being a source for the
 Karst cases referred to above. [He
 visited the encampment this morn'g & it
 was found that the boy who was
 put this morn'g at A. in hospital - 12/12/98

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 a site for the camp ^{for} the
 re-pop. heater is a great
 difficulty. The wells are
 few & far between & those
 near the village are all
 probably ~~dis~~ infected. We
 shall also be able to
 inspect some of the encamp-
 ments in the field. Really
 but little beyond inoculation
 remains to be done here
 until the village is evacuated
 & we can commence disinfection.
 There is only one train a day
 here & I shall leave by
 that tomorrow with Mr.
 Edwin to inspect
 Tungabadda Ry frontier
 station. From there I
 visit Hospet Ry frontier
 station & then go to Belond
 to see Mr. Muhammed Rasakhan.
 Afterwards I shall return
 to Molaganalli to see
 how things are getting on.

Postscript. I have just heard of 2 deaths from
 the plague. He has been started for the place.
 If things don't improve there I shall be
 sure of the necessity of leaving. 12/12/98

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