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[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague in Kodaikanal

Recording letter from the
Collector of Madras Submitting
D.M. & S.O.'s report on the plague
case in Kodaikanal

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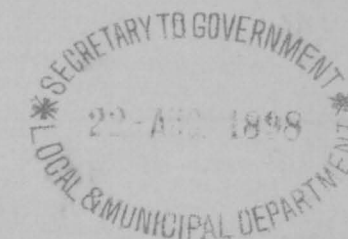
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From The collector Madras

The prompt precautionary measures adopted to prevent the spread of infection have been noted by Govt with much satisfaction.

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To the C.M.s of Madras P.H.O.

It certainly does look as if the patient had picked up plague somewhere en route, possibly during detention at Pundrabadra. There have, however, hitherto been no cases of plague there, so the apparently long period of incubation is probably accounted for in one of the ways noted by the Secy in Council.

SUBJECT.

Submitting Copy of report received from the District Medical and Sanitary Officer Madras regarding the case of plague at Kodai-Kanal.

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the surrounding tissues. His Condition was apathetic and, when interrogated, he replied in monosyllables and that with hesitancy and dislike. On being asked to stand, he did so with a staggering gait and shortly after listlessly, threw himself into bed. His tongue was thickly coated (brownish brownish - white and there was absence of gastro - intestinal disturbance. There was much pain and great restlessness. The fever made its appearance on the 5th and 24 hours afterwards the enlargement of the gland in the groin was quite manifest.

On Civil apothecary W. Hugent being convinced, that he had a case of plague to deal with, he called on the Deputy Tahsildar Mr. Cammiade, who, on being informed of the fact, accompanied the Civil Apothecary to the spot, and after satisfying himself that it was a case of plague, sent a telegram to the Sub Collector, the Civil apothecary likewise sending one to the Collector and one to me. They then returned & having selected a detached hut in Mr. De' Fondclair's premises, had the patient with his

who gave them a passport to appear before the Civil apothecary for 10 consecutive days, and accordingly, these 3 together with the other two, who arrived on the 30th and who had obtained a similar passport, presented themselves before the Civil apothecary on the 31st, who found them free from plague. They continued under observation till the 5th August 1898 on which date Francis Pereria of the 1st batch of 3 servants did not appear. On the 6th, Dr. Humphrey called at the hospital at 10 a.m. and requested the Civil Apothecary to see this servant, as he was suffering from fever and had a swelling in the groin and he (Dr. Humphrey) was of opinion that it was a case of plague.

3. On Civil apothecary W. Nugent going over, he found the lad, aged 14 years, with a temperature of 103.4°F and a small rapid pulse 130. On examination, one inguinal on the right side was found enlarged to the size of a hen's egg with considerable oedematous infiltration of

(ink), as they were medically examined before leaving and were found free from plague and their residence also was uninfected. They arrived at Tumbadiah on the 25th July, where, after an examination, they were detained and disinfected and after a detention of nearly 10 hours, they left on the 26th travelling via Arkonam and Chingleput, where they were also examined and arrived at Kodaikanal on the evening of the 29th. The other pass was an ordinary servants pass, and included 2 domestics named Mongji Lakhon, and Kara Bhamra who were found free from all symptoms of plague before leaving Bombay and who were exempted from all detention enroute, subject to their travelling with their master and passing the medical examination. Dr. Humphrey, his family, and this batch of servants arrived at Kodaikanal on the evening of the 30th July 1898.

2. As stated above, the first batch of 3 domestics arrived here on the 29th at 10 a.m. and on the following day they presented themselves before the Station House officer, who

Copy of Communication dated
15th August 1898 from the District
Medical and Sanitary Officer
Madura to the Acting Collector
of Madura.

There arrived from Bombay
on the 29th July 1898 3 domestic ser-
vants of Mr. Humphrey, who intended
paying Kodai Kanal a visit, and
on the 30th himself, his family of
4 souls and two more domestics
arrived. Before leaving Bombay
Mr. Humphrey obtained passes
for his servants; one on urgent
business pass dated the 23rd July
1898, included 3 servants named
Mahodoo Jairam, Francis Periria,
and Nicholas Francis, who left
Bombay on the 24th July and
under the conditions of which
they were to be exempted from
all detention and disinfection en-route
subject to their passing the medical
examination (this is printed in red

ink.

his attendant removed there and iso-
lated. while the premises vacated,
were thoroughly disinfected by having
the floor dug up and burnt, the
walls scraped and disinfected with
perchloride and permanganate —
Solutions and white washed and the
remaining servants of Mr. Humphrey
had a Carbolic bath and their clothes
disinfected and Mr. Humphrey and
family were requested to Consider
themselves Segregated.

4 I received the telegram from the
Civil Apothecary late on Saturday
evening, left Madura Sunday, and
arrived at Kodai Kanal on Monday
Morning the 8th August 1898. and within
an hour of my arrival, I visited the
patient, diagnosed the Case as plague
and attended to the treatment of the
patient and Satisfied myself that
all the rules and regulations bearing
on the Subject of plague were fully
Carried out by the Deputy Tahsildar
and the Civil Apothecary.

5 From the 8th the patient and
his attendant have been under my
observation.

Observation and treatment. The following treatment was adopted:- Ammonia and bark with Liq. Strych-
nine was administered thrice daily; free stimulation with Brandy and a nourishing diet; early incision of the bubo while pain and restlessness were relieved by Potassium Bromide and Liq. Morphos Hydroch. Under the above treatment, I am happy to state that the patient shows daily signs of improvement

6. Now, Considering the period of incubation, it is found that the symptoms of plague developed themselves 13 days after their examination in Bombay and 11 days after their detention at Tungumbadrah. Such being the case, Mr. Humphrey maintains that his servant most probably contracted the plague at Tungumbadrah as from all accounts 10 days is the limit of the period of incubation and he quotes as his authority the Venice Convention which has imposed the maximum period of 10 days as the limit of quarantine.

7. This case of plague occurring at

Infection was possible on 24th
Bombay (not to mention the possibility of his getting it at Poona, or travelling thence with plague infected person). As he did not appear on 5th, he may well have been sickening on 4th after inspection.
This makes 11 days. Contradictory, or he may have been infected on 24th.

at Kodaikanal and being under my treatment, has necessitated my staying here till I am satisfied that the patient is out of danger and is no longer a centre of infection to the inhabitants of Kodaikanal

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Amirasaah.
Madras Collectors Office } For Acting Collector
20th August 1898

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