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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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To

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Refol No. 2002

Dated 23d
Despatched 23d } October 1898.
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Enclosures.

Abstract.

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
3 NOV. 1898

23/x/98

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T.P.

The house rent to be passed
Find out if the acct. [illegible]
[illegible] on my order. D.P. 3/11

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Plague Commr.

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The Plague Commissioner
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Madras }
8th November 98 }

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C No 1909

From, Plague

The Collector of

Bellary.

To,

The Plague Commission

Madras.

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Rep. on C $\frac{1185-P}{1-12-98}$

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Subject

Requesting instructions whether officers in charge of Road Frontier Inspection stations may be allowed to draw house rent allowance in the case therein mentioned

~~Returned with reference to para 2 of Plague Commr's Procs $\frac{672}{14-11-98}$ The Collector is requested to report the present residence of the Hospital assistants~~

Plague Commr

To

The Collector of Bellary

$\frac{B}{8-12-98}$

Where do they live?

~~[illegible]~~ presumably in the nearest village vide Collr's report in No $\frac{188}{2-10-98}$

C. N. 1909

Ref: on C No. 1185-P

BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.
Dated 1st December 1898.

FROM

E. A. Elwin Esquire.
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LOCAL FUND DEPARTMENT.

No. 272/633

Fort St. George,
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7th December 1898.

10 P

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1898)

CURRENT No. 2003

From The Assistant Accountant General Madras

Order

No. L.F.D / 633

Dated 7-12-1898

Received 7-12-1898

Registered 7-12-1898.

Enclosures C.No 7/85 retd.

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SUBJECT.

Stating that the Plague Commissioner can permit the Hospital Assistant in charge of Road Frontier Inspection Station Siruguppa Bellary, to draw the house rent if he considers it necessary.

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

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CURRENT No. 2210

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From The Assistant Accountant General Madras

No. $\frac{648}{\text{L.F.D}}$

Dated 12-12-1898
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Suggesting the issue of a general order regarding the payment of house rent to Hospital Assistants on plague duty

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To the Collr of Bellary (A, C, J. K)
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

From

THE COLLECTOR OF
BELLARY.

To

THE Plague Commissioner
Madras

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Bellary Collector's Office,
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FROM

E. A. Elwin Esquire
Acting **COLLECTOR OF BELLARY.**

To

THE Plague Commissioner
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honour to request the favour of very early orders on my letter 1185 P / 1.12.98.

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I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
E. A. Elwin
20/12/98
Acting Collector

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