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### Punching of Tickets.

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LETTER—No. 931, dated 17th December 1898.

To

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I have the honour to be,

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Your most obedient servant,

*L. E. BUCKLEY*  
20/12/98  
for Plague Commissioner

To all Collectors (A).

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Copy to Local and Municipal Department.

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V. E.

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