

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(1898)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 987

Dated 24-12-98

Despatched 29-12-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Conduct of Mr Valentine Railway Apothecary
forwarding to the Supervising
Medical Officer S. M. R. Hable Copy of
letter from the Collector of Nantapur
bringing to notice the ~~case~~ in not reporting
a suspicious case of Plague at Guntakal

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Plague
Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 2578

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did this
has this been reported
of so much severity
22/12

From

The Collector of
Mumabai

* Order No 987824-12-98

to the Dist Medical Officer
Dist. Hudd.

No. 1146

Dated 18th December 1898

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SUBJECT.

Sir,
I have the honour to forward
for your info & such action as
you may think fit a copy of
a report received from the Colr. of
Mantapur District bring to notice
the notice the conduct of Mr Valentine Reporting on the occurrence
your Railway apothecary in connexion of a suspicious plague
with a case that has since been pronounced to be
plague. I may add that Capt
Robertson the Dist head & San Officer Mantapur
informs me that he some time ago requested
Mr Valentine to report to him at once all
cases of fever. Mr Valentine thought
the present case seems to have done nothing up to date
and you a prophetic fever mixture and

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Camp. Guntakal 19th December 1898

From Bannatyne Elbadad Esq M.A. Barrister-at-law
The collector

Amantapur.

To

The Plague Commissioner

Camp Guntakal.

Sir

In reference to your remarks as to Apothecary Valentine of the Southern Mahratta Railway at Guntakal Junction, I have the honour to report as follows:-

1. One Sanitary Inspector Sonanandhu Mudaliar lives with railway luggage clerk Ethirajulu in a house next door to that occupied by Amabai a girl of 16 who was suspected on the afternoon of the 17th December to be suffering from plague. The Sanitary Inspector had frequent business with the Timmencherla Madiga cooly who was attacked with plague about the 11th Decr.
2. On hearing of the Madiga Cooly's case Mr Valentine directed his compounder Ganesh Paresa Ram to inspect the adjoining Raj houses daily. The Compounder came a few weeks ago from Huleli where he had experience of plague work.
3. On 14th December the Compounder on his rounds heard of the girl's illness. He found her temperature 105° with a foul tongue. Her brother Govinda Kistna a railway signaller and another Bhimnaji gave no information as to the duration of the fever + told the Compounder there were no bubonic swellings. The mother now says there was fever for 6 or 7 days up to date 19th December.
4. The Compounder brought the brother to Mr Valentine who ordered the Compounder to give a dia-phoretic fever mixture and

linement. The case continued to be attended only by the Compounder for the next 2 days.

b. On 15th he found the temperature 104° + gave fever mixture, without salts as the bowels had been moved. The girl's monthly period having come on she was for caste reasons moved next door to the premises of Bhaskara Vinkar, Township clerk, whose father, wife + sister had gone a few days previously on a visit to Tirupati.

y. On 16th the temperature was 102° + the mixture was repeated. These prescriptions are in the hand writing of the Compounder who appears to have been allowed by Mr Valentine to prescribe.

8. On 17th the Compounder found the patient somewhat delirious with a temperature of 99 1/2° + as later on lockjaw was reported he called in Mr Valentine who considered it a suspicious case of plague.

9. The girl's relatives deny any communications lately with their native village of Sampigi Gadak Taluk. They get rice from Bellary + milk + ghee from Timmencherla millman Lingadur. They all say that the case was treated only by the Compounder.

10. Mr Valentine may be considered as indifferent to his duties in not attending personally to this suspicious case of fever, but there hardly seem sufficient grounds for prosecuting him for concealing a case of plague.

11. Another instance of Mr Valentine's want of attention is that he has allowed Venkappa the Brahmin cook of his hospital to run a native eating house in the godowns of his premises contrary to the orders of Mr Greenall M.E. Traffic Superintendent, Madras Railway. I found your shorthand clerk Bengaresami Lyengar + a passenger, Bangalore Police Sergeant. K. Venkatarulu Rao getting their meals there this morning.

12. There seem many of the railway servants at Guntakal

who are dissatisfied with Mr Valentine's methods among others the District Railway Engineer Mr F. Y. Bird + the Station Master Mr Brown and they would be glad to see him transferred especially as he is only an unpaired Apothecary.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Bannatyne Macleod

Collector,

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