

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

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No. 995

Dated 27-12-98

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague at Maligiri

Recording, with remark, the inspection
notes of the Dy. San'y. Commr. on the village of Maligiri.

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

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From The Sanitary Commissioner
Madras

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additional medical officer.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding with remarks
inspection notes of the Deputy
Sanitary Commissioner at
the village of Matagiri
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All available tents
have been sent with
on last night
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S.OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Fort St. George, 17th. Decr., 189

From

SURGEON MAJOR W. B. BANNERMAN, M.D., B.Sc.,

INSPECTOR OF VACCINATION

AND DEPUTY SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

The Sanitary Commissioner for Madras,

M A D R A S.

Enclosure.

SIR,

I have the honour to report that, in accordance with your instructions, I proceeded to Hosur, from Bangalore, on the evening of Thursday the 15th. instant.

2. With the Collector and Subcollector I proceeded to inspect the village of Matagiri, some four miles from Hosur, where the employees of the Remount Depot live. Up to that date there had been some 20 cases of indigenous plague in a population of 2,700. The syces of the Depot, some 200 in number have been removed to some of the stables in the government premises and all have been inoculated by the local medical officer. Some few others have also been accommodated in tents, and a few in huts of their own building, but the great majority of the people are still in the village, though willing to move out if given tents or huts. The Collector is building huts to accommodate them but great difficulty is experienced in getting material and labour. The village has been practically boycotted, and special arrangements have had to be made to supply the villagers with food as they are not permitted to enter Hosur, a special guard being kept by the inhabitants of the latter voluntarily, for this purpose.

3. Dr. Noble one of the new Plague Doctors, is working here with two nurses and a staff. The hospital is arran-

ged in police lines which answers the purpose fairly well.

Difficulty is experienced at present in getting scavengers and corpse-bearers, as many who would ordinarily have done these duties have run away. The local chattram is being used for contacts, and answers the purpose well enough.

Latrines are being made here, and a place selected for the trenching of the night-soil. I examined all the patients in hospital and found them to be undoubtedly plague. One woman died during my visit in the village before removal to hospital.

4. Inoculation has been carried on here to a large extent by the local medical officer, between 1300 and 1400 having been done. Almost all the depot people have been operated on in batches and may now be considered fairly safe. I inoculated all the contacts in the chattram, ^{with one exception, he having fever,} 30 in number, without any difficulty, and 8 others in some tents at the roadside. The people are quite willing to undergo the operation and no persuasion is necessary. Most of the people in Matagiri itself must now have been inoculated, though numbers are still coming to Dr. Dodd of the Depot, from the surrounding hamlets. He had done 160 that morning at the hospital and he carries on operations daily.

5. I gave a lecture in Hosur in the evening under the auspices of the Collector, and as a result was able to inoculate 197 persons. The influential inhabitants say there should be no difficulty in operating on the whole town, so I left some 300 doses with the Civil Apothecary with a syringe, after showing him how to operate.

6. It would be advisable to have a second medical officer here as cases are turning up in villages throughout the taluk and Dr. Noble is fully occupied. An officer knowing the vernacular and of some years service in the country, would be of more use in this work than a man fresh from home. The Collector asks for this.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. Bauman Major, I.M.S. Dep of the I.M.S.

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Forwarded to the Plague Commission.

2. The Collector's action has been characterised by much promptitude in securing evacuation of the first infected block as reported by wire, this has been followed by evacuation of a considerable portion of the remaining houses. This action, backed by Dr Noble and Dr Dodd's inoculations—added to by Major Bauman's late addition thereto—ought to go well towards putting the as yet unattacked part of the population in a condition of effective defence. It is, however, most important that the Collector's intention as to further evacuation should not be delayed by the absence of the supply of old tents from the Ordnance Department, with evacuation completed, the Collector will be able to attain control of the spread.

3. It is desirable that the Collector's request for an efficient additional medical officer should be acceded to at an early date.

W. Bauman

Office Sanitary Commissioner
Camp Gooty St. Decr 1898

Lt Col. Duns
Sanitary Commissioner
Madras

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