

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.
Plague.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. ¹⁰⁴¹~~1713~~

DATED 6-7-99
Opd 7-7-99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Borial ground watchers

Agreeing with the Collector
that the three — in the Changleput
Municipality should be retained for
some time longer.

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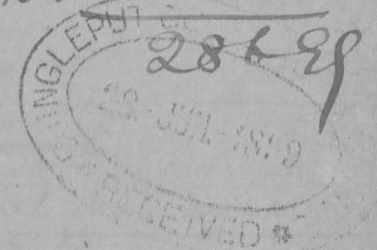
For wards with the remark
that I do not consider it advisable
to recommend the removal of the
men at present. The most critical
portion of the year is close at
hand, and it is very important
that the vital statistics should
be accurate and carefully
watched.

Order 30699

for
30.11.99

CURRENT No. 1713

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From the Chairman
Municipal Council
Bungay

To the Secretary to Government
L & Dr. Department
through the Collector of Bungay

Ref on No. 967 of 98

Dated 27

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SUBJECT.

Praying that the three temporary
watchmen appointed to watch
the burial and burning grounds
may be removed.

To the Chairman, Mr. Clingfield, P. East & Co.
through the Collector

30.11.99

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From

The Chairman, Municipal Council
Chingleput

To

The Collector of
Chingleput.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the three peons who were appointed as per Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner No 407 dated 10 February 1899 for watching the burning and burial grounds at Chingleput are perfectly unnecessary. The peons do little or no work and for this I beg to point out for such a small town as Chingleput with a limited area the appointment of three peons is absolutely unnecessary. The record of deaths in the Municipality during the last several months will show that there has not been unusual mortality and I think that the Vethian and Thalayari of the village may be asked to attend to the burning and burial grounds in addition to their ordinary duties. If the Plague Commissioner considers it necessary that there should be a separate person for watching the burning and burial grounds and to report immediately all cases of death, I would beg to suggest that the appointment of one man is more than sufficient. I would further suggest that the man so appointed ^{may be placed} under the control and supervision of the Council

Council

The three men now on duty do not place themselves in communication with the Municipal office and it is rather anomalous that they should draw their salary from Municipal funds and nevertheless not be subject to the control of the Council.

In any case the continuance of these three men is perfectly unnecessary and simply entails expenditure of Municipal Funds without any corresponding benefit. If the system is to continue at all, one man is perfectly sufficient.

I would therefore request you to be so very kind and good as to bring the above facts to the notice of the Plague Commissioner with a view to cancel the appointment of these watchmen.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

/Signed/ P. Ramanyachariar
Chairman.

Municipal office
Chingleput
25th April 99

(True copy)

Municipal office
Chingleput
27th June 99

M. Occiney
Chairman

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Chingleput D. &
Collector's office.
Saidakhet
21 May 1899.

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From

D. W. G. Lewis Esq.,

Ag Collector of Chingleput D.

To

The Chairman Municipal Council

Chingleput

thru: the Sub Collector.

Sir,

With reference to your letter no: 967 dated 25th April 1899, I have the honor to state that the natives and Thakoyaries have duties of their own to attend to and that they are not moreover sufficiently intelligent and trustworthy. There are 3 burial grounds at Chingleput and the ceremonies there go on from early morning to about 8 or 9 P.M. For these reasons I consider that the 3 special men now employed are necessary for the purpose of recording deaths.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

(sd) A. Elphandra Rai
for Ag Collector

Forwarded

(sd) J. P. Bedford.

Ag Sub Collector

(True copy)

Municipal office
Chingleput
27th June 99

M. Occiney

Chairman.

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Municipal Office
Chingleput 27 June 1899.

From
M R Ry P. Ramaniya Charriar avgl.
B.A., B.L.
Chairman
Municipal Council
Chingleput

To
The Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Department
Through the Collector of Chingleput,

Sir,
I beg to submit for the favorable
Consideration of Government the following
facts:—

The Chingleput Municipality
Consists of a small area. The greatest
length of the town is a little less than
2 miles and the greatest breadth is
about a little more than a mile. A peon
can walk about the whole town in about
2 hours. There are burning and burial
grounds for three Castes, i.e. Hindus

Mahomedans & Christians. The burial grounds of the Christians and the Mahomedans are near each other in the centre of the town. The burning ground of the Hindus is a small distance from the Municipal limits by the side of the river Palar. If a peon were ^{set} to watch the burial and burning grounds, he could do so by several times during the course of a single day going to each one of these places and taking note of what passes there.

2. While the Plague was rather severe in the North Arcot District, the Plague Commissioner sanctioned the appointment of three temporary watchmen for the burning and the burial grounds of Chingleput as per Proceedings of his No. 407 dated 10th February 1899. The object of the appointment was to see that there were no secret burials and burnings to evade the Plague Regulations. The Municipal Council was not consulted before hand as to whether three watchmen were necessary for such a small town. However seeing that Plague was making some

havoc in the neighbouring District and that every precaution was necessary, the Council kept quiet in the matter. The pay of these three temporary watchmen was directed to be paid from Municipal Funds by the said proceedings of the Plague Commissioner.

3. Of late the Plague has considerably subsided in the North Arcot District, so much so, that even the Chingleput Railway Station has ceased to be an Inspection Station. Further there is the noteworthy fact that for the past several months the number of deaths in the town is below the normal. There is the further fact that such a small Municipality as Chingleput has to be paying Rs 18 a month to the said three temporary peons. There is also the fact that the work that is now done by the said three peons can very well be done by a single peon. In view of all these circumstances, the Collector of the District was addressed to move the Plague Commissioner either for

the doing away with the temporary
peons or to reduce their number. The
Collector has informed the Council that
the retention of the said three peons is
necessary.

4. A copy of the letter addressed
to the Collector and a copy of the reply
are herewith forwarded for perusal.

5. The reply of the Collector
was placed before the meeting of the
Council on 17th June 1899 and the Council
resolved to place all the facts before the
Government for favor of opinion. The
Council resolved to submit matters to
Government, because at present there is
no Plague Commissioner.

6. It is submitted that for the
various reasons suggested in para 3
supra, it is no longer necessary to put
the Municipal Council to the expense of
paying three temporary peons. The cir-
cumstances under which these persons
were appointed no longer exist. If

these circumstances recur again (which
God forbid), these peons can be appointed
again.

7. The Council therefore prays
His Excellency the Governor in Council
to order the removal of the three watchmen
appointed by the Plague Commissioner
as per his Proceedings No. 407 dated 10th
February 1899.

I beg to remain
Sir

Your most obedient servant
M. A. C. C.
Chairman.