

Local & Munl. (189) Department.

Plague.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Inspection Notes

Recording the report of the
Deputy Sanitary Commissioner on the
plague arrangements at Hoar,
Matigiri and other places in the
Salem Dt.

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for Madras

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Forwarding with remarks
report of the Acting Deputy
Sanitary Commissioner on the
plague Camps, arrangements
etc in Hosur, Matigiri and the
adjoining hamlets.

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Notes of inspection of the
Deputy Sanitary Commissioner
on the plague camps, arrange-
-ments etc in 4028, 4029, 4030,
& the adjoining hamlets.

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SALEM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

29 June 1899.

FROM

Robert B. Clegg Esq.,

Collector and District Magistrate,

Salem,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Local & Municipal

DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

SIR,

In returning the notes of inspection of the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner received with Plague Commissioner's endorsement No 4344 of the 20th April last, I have the honor to state that I issued orders for the ordinary Sanitary Staff of the union to attend to the Camps, but apparently they did but little. The town has now been re-occupied, at the same time I doubt if the erection of temporary latrines would have been of much use for they would not have been used, a large staff would have been required to attend to so many scattered Camps. The people would have gone out into the fields just as they do when in the town and as long as they go far enough away I do not see much harm.

Limits

Limits might have been fixed within
which people should not go for purposes
of nature.

The Camp near the tank ought not to have
been allowed, but it was already erected
before I saw it and the people removed but
I did not consider it desirable to remove it.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

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For ag Collector

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Mrs Capt. W. Vickers Secy
ag. D. S. C.

To The Sanitary Commissioner, Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have
inspected the plague camps, arrangements &c in
Hosur Matigiri and the adjoining hamlets.
No cases have occurred in Matigiri, including
the Remount Depot and its paliamas, since the
4th March, this neighbourhood is free from plague
and reoccupation of Matigiri and the immediately
adjacent paliamas has just been sanctioned with
one exception, viz the chettis of Sefoy paliamas.
The Collector has sanctioned it in their case also
but the houses are the property of the Depot and
in view of their possible possession of diseased grain
and their proved obstinacy in the matter of exposure
disinfection &c the Supt. will not at present allow
of their return. It has been arranged that before
this takes place all the grain in their possession
their clothing &c shall be exposed & disinfected
under special supervision.
The plague Hospital has been given up and the

Old segregation camp, now the Hospital, is only still now kept on as one lingering convalescent still remains under treatment.

There have been no indigenous cases in the secondarily attacked villages - Chinnabailagudapally & Pethabailagudapally - since the 27th & 28th March respectively & one imported case in the latter village died on 12th April. This latter was a girl found, after enquiry, to be wearing a cloth which had belonged to her mother who had died of plague in another village. Her contacts are isolated and the whole village has been evacuated, all the houses disinfected & permission to reoccupy has been postponed.

As regards House occasional imported cases had occurred during Nov. & Dec. & the first apparently indigenous case occurred or rather died, on the 18th Jan. This was supposed at the time by the local Apothecary to be a case of St. Disease but another case occurred soon afterwards from the same house. At the beginning of March most of the inhabitants had left the town but 50 or 60 families - mostly Chetties & weavers - remained. Communication also between the town & the camps was practically unrestricted. In the week 24th Feb to 2nd Mar. there were 10 cases in the town & 10 in the camps, but during the month the number in the town rapidly decreased & decreased also in the camps though not so markedly. This was due to the fact that removal to Hospital from the camps was not resisted owing to the distances, and partly with the view of inducing the people to go to the camps - and consequently when people were taken ill they fled immediately to temporary huts.

In the week 17th - 23rd Mar. the ^{number of} camp cases however fell from 9 to 3, and in the week following to 1. During the week 31st Mar to 6th April there were however again 9 cases in the camps but, of these reported 9, 2 turned out not to be cases of plague of these 7 cases 2 were contacts and 5 persons found to have been surreptitiously entering the town, sleeping there &c. The town was completely evacuated on the 2nd April the guards were increased ~~at the~~ all over the houses unroofed and the communication between the camps & the town stopped altogether. The contacts were Mohammedan women who had denied contact & even relationship - the Union chairman, a Mohammedan, apparently not being able to assist in getting the required information. During this week - 7th to 13th April only one case has occurred, ^{another} contact & again in the same family - difficulty of proof of relationship being increased by their ^{living} ~~being separated~~ ⁱⁿ separate temporary huts. There are about 24 camps of various sizes all round the town at varying distances from it. One of these is only just outside the town & is open to suspicion but no cases have occurred in it since the 31st and only 2 altogether. The sites of the camps seem to have been selected by the people themselves to a great extent - many having prepared huts beforehand. They are mostly unobjectionably situated but the Tankside one should not have been allowed or should have been much further away, the tank

being the principal source of water supply.

The huts are in some cases too near each other as interfering with infected huts being burnt, but the principal fault is the extreme inadequacy of the sanitary arrangements for the removal of night soil from their neighbourhood - due partly to the insufficiency of the toilet staff and partly to the fact that this staff has not been handed over by the Union to the Sanitary & Plague officials. As the town sanitary inspector has been turned into an Anti Plague inspector, this individual disclaims all responsibility and the supervision ^{of the latrines} seems to lie in the hands of the 2 magistrates under the Union chairman.

The ground close round the camps & in some cases within the camps is littered with filth and of course all neighbouring clumps of prickly pear &c are more so. This is especially the case with the tankside camp. The magistry informed me that till quite recently they had collected all the night soil & buried in the depot but that the people had wanted it left in order that they might remove it themselves! I found the 3 serviceable r.s. hand carts in an enclosure near the Union office. Evidently not used for some considerable time, and 2 of them half full of old filth which they had not even troubled to empty into the pits. Even refuse does not seem to have been removed except very partially.

I have the honour to be

Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant
W. Vickers Capt Rm
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the tendency for local authorities to
forget that an important part of so-
called plague operations is attention
to routine sanitary matters-more especial-
ly with regard to conservancy and water
supply-is emphasized by the highly un-
satisfactory condition of affairs in the
Deputy Sanitary Commissioner's report.

W. H. King
M.B., C.M., D.P.H.
Lieut-Colonel I.M.S.

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

Madras,

19th April 1899

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the Comdr for
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20/4 W. H. King

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Forwarded to the
Special Plague Officer
for remarks. The Sub-
Collector. Attention should
be paid to sanitary
arrangements at the
camp at once. I was
under the impression
that the amon staff was
working after this.



Romero Allen
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