

Local & Munl. (189<sup>9</sup>) Department.  
Plague.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1125

DATED 22-7-88  
opd 22.7.99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Capt. Loudon

Informing the Govt of India that  
the ~~would~~ services of — cannot be  
spared without grave inconvenience



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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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of 1899, dated

6-7-88, from the folk of India.

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ORDER.

No 1125 Pm 22/8/88

Defd

of Sixth

The following telegram will be despatched to the Govt. of India, Home Dept. "Your telegram 1156 Medical Government reports Captain London's services cannot be spared without grave inconvenience"

(From orders)

Despd

19-7-99

To,

The Genl. Secy. Madras.

19-7-88

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No.

Telegram

From

The Government of India,  
Home Department.

Order

No. 1156 medical.

Dated 6<sup>th</sup> July 1899

Received 7<sup>th</sup> July 1899.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting to replace at the disposal of the Govt. of India, the Services of Capt. London, if they can be spared.



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To *Cotacamund* (Office) From *Simla* (Office)

Words. 42.9 Day. 6 Hour. 1<sup>st</sup> Minute. 15 Official Instructions. *sefd.*

To *Madras.* (Person)

*Local and Municipal*

From *Home* (Person) where *6.6.99* *7.7.99*

32 Word Form.

number 1156 medical if services of Captain London *8 25th madras* *Infy* can be spared please replace them with permission of governor on Council at disposal of this department and order him to return to regiment.

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Telegram

To,  
The President, M.C.,  
(A. A. Madras)

"India wires if London's  
services can be spared.  
they should be replaced  
at its disposal. Please  
wire if you can spare  
him."

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In. Gu  
7.7.98

Telegram

To,  
Special Plague Asslt.  
L.M. Dept. for office  
Fort St George

"India wires if London's  
services can be spared  
they should be replaced  
at its disposal. President,  
Madras Municipality,  
asked in the matter. Send  
connected papers"

Deepo  
In. Gu  
7.7.98

Note

In the beginning of June  
there were two military offices



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employed on plague duty  
in the Madras Municipality.  
(Captain F. A. London and  
Lieutenant J. A. Bliss).  
In his letter disposed of in  
G.O. No. 872 P. Mis. of 9.6.99  
the President, M.C., Madras  
recommended that the Services  
of one of <sup>the</sup> two military  
Officers might be dispensed  
with, and this proposal  
was approved by Govt. In  
the same letter the Presi-  
dent stated that he would  
retain <sup>Capt. Bliss</sup> London, as he had  
greater experience in plague  
work. Before the President's  
letter was disposed of in  
the G.O. above quoted orders  
had issued, probably with  
ref: to a telegram from  
the Govt. of India, that  
Lieut. Bliss should be  
relieved & directed to re-  
join his regiment. <sup>(G.O. No. 847 of 3.6.99)</sup> It is  
therefore presumed that  
Captain London is still on  
duty in the Madras Muni-  
cipality. As the papers

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regarding the reduction of  
Plague Stt in the Madras  
Municipality, in connection  
with one of which I remember  
the Secy (Mr. Hamrick)  
having noted that ~~the~~  
~~one~~ military officer  
should be retained, are  
in the Madras office, it is  
submitted that the  
proposed telegram to the  
Plague Act. may be  
issued

By  
7.7.99

6th  
7.7.99



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|                                                       |      |           |         | municipal madras       |  |                 |  |
|                                                       |      |           |         | Municipal Commission   |  |                 |  |
| Captain London's services cannot be spared at present |      |           |         |                        |  |                 |  |
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Secretary  
The President, & Co.  
Madras state. that he

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To (Person)

madras local and municipal

From (Person)

special plague assistant L and m

32 Word Form.

orders regarding retention of london are contained in government order 872 sent to city on sixth with current number 1759 captain french lately employed vellore might replace him

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Secretary

The President, M.C.,

Madras states that he cannot at present spare the services of Captain London. Attention is solicited to para 2 of the President's letter of 30.5.88 (Flag R) in which he stated, that in reply to the inquiry whether both the military officers might not be dispensed with, that the services of one ~~military~~ Military Officer might be dispensed with. The President's proposal was accepted in f.o. no 872 Dins of 9.6.88 - please see also the Secy's note & H.M.'s remarks against para 2 of the note of 31.5.88 (Flag R) 2. It is suggested in the telegram from the Plague Assistant that Captain French (a retired military officer) lately employed on plague duty at Bellary

L. & M.

& M.  
0-4-3-99.

in f.o. no 872 Dins

NOTE FOR THE Secretary

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appointment so far as



might return from London in Madras. The President may perhaps be asked whether he could not relieve Captain London, employing Captain French in his place, if the latter be willing to take up the appointment.

By 8.7.88 No papers are available in the only office to show how Captain French got on in Vellore. I remember that the Collr of N. Arcot recommended the increase of pay which Captain French applied for but which was refused in f.p. No 868 P 2 8-6-88. Before suggesting Captain French's name to the Presd., M.C., Madras, the Collr of N. Arcot may, it is submitted, be asked by telegram to report as to Capt. French's fitness for employment as plague duty in Madras. A draft telegram is put up below

is in Madras -  
Gen; send off the wire. I think there is an application from Capt French for further employment  
for 8-7-88

Depd  
Ordinary

Depd mfd. 23  
10/10

To The Collector of N. Arcot

"Do you consider French, late special Plague officer, Vellore, fit for employment on plague duty in Madras?"  
Wire reply

for 8-7-88



To General infdb. 23

Mr. President

With reference to Secy telegram of 7<sup>th</sup> calling for papers regarding Captain London, the following telegram has been despatched this day:

"His orders regarding retention of London are contained in fo. 872 sent to Ooty on 21<sup>st</sup> with current No 1759. Capt French, lately employed Vellore might replace him"

2.

Capt French was getting Rs 200 in Vellore. He has been relieved of his plague duty & appears to be now in Ballarum. ~~He has~~ He has had considerable experience of plague & will be useful in Madras, if a special officer is considered necessary. Captain London gets Rs 374-1-6 pay & Rs 485 allowances.

Done.  
8/7/89.



To *Madras* 23  
J. P. . . .

INDIAN  TELEGRAPHS. Monthly Number. } 655

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To *Adilacanam* From *Vellore*  
(Office) (Office)

Words. Day. Hour. Minute. Official Instructions.  
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To *Secretary* From *Madras*  
(Person) (Person)  
*to Govt local and municipal Department*

GOVERNMENT  
10 JUL 1899  
MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

32 Word Form.

*Your telegram regarding Capt. French reply yes so far as I know him.*

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*appointment so far as*



To

The President, M.C.,  
Madras

Your telegram (of) eighth.  
Can you not relieve  
Captain London employing  
Captain French, a retired  
Military Officer, in his  
place. French lately  
employed special Plague  
Officer, Villor. Collector  
(of) North Arcot considers  
him fit for employment  
on plague duty.

Telegram - Defd

To,

Captain French  
late Special Plague Officer  
in Villor  
now in Pallaveram

Will you accept  
employment on plague  
duty in Madras Munici-  
cipality and if so  
on

Telegram is  
the pay should  
stated.  
M



24  
What pay. Please wire  
repl. at Madras.

Note

Attention is solicited to the note  
flag

The Govt. having refused to  
sanction an increase of  
pay to Captain French for  
the period he was employed  
in Vellore, he has sub-  
mitted a petition to H.E.  
The Governor praying that  
the order may be reconsi-  
dered. The petition has  
gone to the Madras office.

The amt. of increase  
applied for by him ~~is~~  
appears to be 100 Rs.

No application for  
further employment  
from Captain French  
appears to have been  
received.

11/1/29

L. & M.  
500-4-3-99.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTE FOR THE

Flag A

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Capt. London was on 7th  
asking if Capt. London how  
employed in Madras on Plague  
duty can be spared. A  
sent back to his regiment.  
It was recently decided that  
it was necessary for the  
present to have one military  
officer on Plague duty in  
Madras City.

Flag B

The Pres. Madras Municipality  
was consulted twice  
that Capt. London's services  
could be spared.  
The Plague Assist. in has  
suggested that Capt. French  
a retired military officer  
 lately employed in Vellore  
might replace Capt. London.

Flags T & M

Flag C

Thereon Col. of M. Arcot  
was asked about Capt.  
French's fitness for employ-  
ment in Madras.

Flag N

He has replied saying he  
thinks he is fit for the  
appointment so far as



he knows. I believe the Collector recommended Capt French for the increased pay he asked for.

Mr Buckley late P.L. Com. is in city. I probably know whether Capt French is fit to replace Capt Loo. And if H. M. approves the file might be sent to Mr B. for his recommendation.

b & w

10.7.99

I have had a talk with Mr Buckley on the subject. Mr B. says Captain French is very hard working & conscientious, but he thinks he is somewhat lacking in nerve & not quite the man for an emergency.

As Madras is now free from plague the duties of the military officers must be more or less routine. & it is submitted, that Capt French could carry them on. If plague reappears, it will no doubt be necessary to employ on this duty 2 or 3 military officers taken from the

Yes  
Mr

MA  
10.7.99

Regiments.

I would suggest a d.o being written to the President suggesting this & telling him about what Buckley thinks of French.

Buckley thinks that if employed in Madras French should get Rs-300 a month + carriage allowance. at the same rate as has been given to the military officers employed ~~before~~ in Madras up to date.

b & w

11.7.99

To H M

Yes, but  
see below.

What has Captain French been drawing hitherto.

What did they get?  
I thought they got nothing.

MA  
11.7.99



Localt. Mupl. Dept

Note for the Secretary.

As Special Plague Officer, Wellose, Captain French was drawing a salary of Rs 200. From the abstract of G.O. no. 772 P. dt 25.5.98 it would appear that the Collector of N. Coast was called upon to justify the authority for the grant of conveyance allowance to Captain French. It is not known here if the Collr's reply has been received.

2. Military Officers on the active list who are employed on plague duty draw a deputation allowance of Rs 300 or 200 according as they have put in more or less than five years' service. From the monthly plague Establishment lists received from Collectors it does not appear that the military officers are

How these draw Capt. London  
get Rs 425 allowances.  
vide. H. ag. in

Rs 185 out of 405 from  
the "Staff Salary" which  
the military officer gets  
as such in addition to  
his pay (Rs 374-1-6).



given any conveyance allowance. Nor are there any orders sanctioning the grant of

3. Captain French's memorial asking for a reconsideration of the order declining to sanction the increase of salary he applied for is put upon the linked file, which contains also the North Arcot Collector's letter

Mr Buckley distinctly told me that military officers on plague duty in Madras city got carriage allowance. Makes further inquiries. Mr. Depute. would know.

646  
12.7.99

One of the military officers employed in Madras viz Lt. Bliss applied for conveyance allowance which was, however, refused in G.O. No. 12518  
20.12.98.

Mr Buckley was mistaken about the grant of a conveyance allowance. Capt French would of course have to keep a carriage in Madras as he was on pay of only Rs 300. I think he might be allowed conveyance allowance of say Rs 50 p. m.

646  
12.7.99.

I think he should get Rs 300 but no carriage allowance. That was already refused in Lieut. Bliss's case & I think the order should be maintained.  
H. Dr. M. 13.7.99.

Ordinary

Telegram  
To

Captain French  
late Special Plague Officer in Bellary  
now in Dallaraim!

"Will you accept employment on plague duty in Madras Municipality on Rs 300 a month? Please wire reply

13.7.99.



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D.O.

Dear Mr. Ellis,

With reference to your telegram of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. stating that Captain London's services cannot be spared at present, I am to state that, in the opinion of Govt., Captain London might be relieved, his place being filled up by Captain French, a retired Military Officer, lately employed as special Plague Officer, Bellor. Mr. Bonetaty, the late Plague Commissioner, says that Capt. French is very hard working and conscientious but he thinks he is somewhat lacking in nerve and not quite the man for an emergency. Madras, however, is now free from plague and the duties of the Military Officers employed on plague duty must be more or less routine.

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it ~~may~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~necessary~~ <sup>found</sup> to employ two or three  
military officers, they may  
then be obtained from  
the regiments. Captain

French, if employed,  
might be given a  
salary of Rs 300. He  
has been asked by wire  
to state if he is willing  
to ~~take~~ take up the  
post on the above mentioned  
salary and his reply  
when received will be  
for the Govt. to consider.  
As the Govt. telegram  
of the 6th instant still  
remains unanswered,  
I am to request that a  
very early reply may be  
sent.

Yours sincerely

60w  
14.7.99

Office  
Sent and wire  
to Capt French let me  
hear from him. 60w  
14.7

G. NO: 210



Put up file  
sharp 8.0.0.99  
19.7.99

Madras,  
17th July 1899.

Submitted

Dear Mr. Weir,

With reference to your D.O. of the 14th Instant, re:  
Captain Loudon's services, I consider it would be unwise to make  
any further change in the Plague establishment at present, unless  
it cannot be avoided.

Captain Loudon is in charge of the Plague Inspection  
staff and would be indispensable in the event of a case of plague  
appearing; to remove him because the chances of Plague may appear  
remote is not in accordance with the policy hitherto adopted.

It would take any officer several months to get in  
touch with the work and staff, and I should be very sorry to see  
the existing arrangements disturbed until we are satisfied that  
the City of Madras is safe from Plague.

From what I have heard of Captain French I do not  
think he would suit us at all.

Yours sincerely,

R. H. M.

TO

C. J. Weir Esq.,  
Ag. Secy. to Govt.

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60w  
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L. & M.  
100-26-3-18.

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NOTE FOR THE H. In

a. d. o. from Pres. Inadrian  
h.c. is put up.

we may accept his construction  
book it is desirable to  
retain Capt. London's services  
& wire to Fort of Ludlow  
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cannot be spared without  
grave inconvenience.

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to Capt. French tell we  
have from Pres.

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