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[Despatch Abstract.]

Scavengers

Informing the Sanitary Commissioner that the system of procuring scavengers in the Bellary & through the Conservancy Agent did not work well & that if the system is revised the scavengers should be paid locally.

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Letter, No. $\frac{1125}{56}$, 24th April 1899.

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Scavengers for Plague Purposes.

Directing, with remarks, the discontinuance of the present system of procuring —; and stating that if the system is revived, the scavengers should be paid locally.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

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Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner, No. 900, dated 3rd April 1899.

Read—again the following paper:—

Plague Commissioner's memorandum, Ref. on C. No. 2886, dated 6th March 1899.

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Replies from Collectors thereto.

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2. If the contract be renewed subsequently, it must be arranged that the scavengers are to be paid locally and not through the contractor as he fails to pay them punctually, and it is difficult to get the men to do any work.

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Plague Commissioner.

To the Sanitary Commissioner.
Copy to all Collectors.

Read—also the following paper:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., I.M.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Plague Commissioner, Madras, dated 28th March 1899, No. 1022-S.

With reference to your reminder, dated the 23rd instant, I have the honour to state that the agreement with the conservancy agent was signed on the 17th January 1899. Since then the Collector of Bellary indented for ten men, also the Chairman, Municipal Council, Vellore. Both demands were promptly supplied, although, as the Bellary Collector's telegram was wrongly addressed, two days' delay occurred before instructions were received.

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3. Having regard to the great difficulty in securing scavengers in some districts and especially of men willing to proceed anywhere in the Presidency within twelve

hours' notice, I think the retaining fee of Rs. 15 represents a very cheap bargain. I may add that experience shows that the scavenger class, contrary to Bombay experience, has in this Presidency been particularly unfortunate as to death from plague, and that, as time passes, reluctance to undertake plague duty may become more marked.

4. I would take this opportunity of stating that this man has trained "Uddahs" to perform the duties of dhobies sufficiently well for epidemic purposes. These men are likely to be of great utility, as the wages demanded by professional dhobies for the description of work are enormous.

5. I consider this man would more appropriately be attached to your office than mine, and, if retained, I request he be transferred accordingly.

No. 1125.

To

THE SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
MADRAS.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 1022-S, dated 28th March 1899, I have the honour to refer you to my Proceedings, No. 900, dated 3rd April 1899.

2. The number of scavengers indented for has been small, but I do not think the reason you assign is the correct one. The District officers in Bellary were not satisfied with the arrangement, for under this system as there understood the men were to be paid by the contractor, and he either failed to pay punctually or deducted large commissions from the pay of the men who were consequently put to great difficulties and became discontented and unwilling to work. If the system is revived, the men should be paid locally.

3. I do not agree with the suggestion in your paragraph 5.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

MADRAS,
24th April 1899.

L. E. BUCKLEY,
Plague Commissioner.

Copy to all Collectors (A).

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Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner,
MADRAS—1899.

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Proceedings No. 1135, dated 24th April 1899.

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Your obedient servant,
Personal Assistant,
for Plague Commissioner.

To the Sanitary Commissioner.
Copy to all Collectors (A).

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE. (1899)

CURRENT No. 3703

Progs.
Letter
Ref.

Submitted for orders. The
file of replies from Colles was
sent up yesterday with a draft
Long 29/3/88

From The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras

No. 1022

Draft No 900 which contains
the draft is submitted. In
that Draft, this current also
was read & disposed of. It is
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding certain remarks re-
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For the day paper no 900
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No. 1022
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Office of Sanitary Commissioner,
 Madras, 28th March 1899.

From
 Lieut.-Colonel W. G. King, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., I.M.S.,
 Sanitary Commissioner for Madras,
 To
 The Plague Commissioner,
 Fort Saint George.

Enclosure.

This was sent
 into office for 2
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 29/3/98

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 23rd instant, I have the honour to state that the agreement
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Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

Lieut-Colonel, I.M.S.

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner.

READ—

Again Plague Commissioner's Memo.
Ref. on C. P. 2886 d/6.3.99 requesting collectors
to report whether during the next few months
they are likely to indent on the Sanitary
Commissioner for scavengers. (1)

Also replies from Collectors thereto.
~~Also letter from the Sanitary Commissioner 1.10.99~~

Proceedings N. 900 d/3.4.99

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J. S. Mascarenhas
6/4/99
Personal Assistant,
for Plague Commissioner.

To
The Sanitary Commissioner,
H. S. P. to all Collectors.

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