

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(1899)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 121

Dated 14.1.99

Despatched 16-1-99.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Peon Abdul Kareem

Informing the Sheriff of Madras, of  
the particulars of the conduct of  
for which he was sent back to his perma-  
nent post.

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Letter No 121 Apr 15/89

Si

I reply to your letter No 4 of 5-7-88. I have the honor to state that ~~Mr. Hamnick~~ like my predecessor Mr. Hamnick, I have found Abdul Karim negligent in his work, unpunctual in his attendance, impatient in his behavior, and generally useless, especially in camp. An instance of his <sup>unpunctuality</sup> ~~negligence~~ during my tenure that ~~Mr. Hamnick~~ the Appurder is that ~~he~~ should be in office by 10-30 am, this man did not turn up until 4 minutes till 11-30 am and as he had the key of my office room ~~but he kept me waiting outside for about 10 minutes I had to remain outside~~ I had to remain outside until a clerk obtained another key & opened the room. In October last, Mr. Hamnick had advised him to come to his bungalow to receive certain plague telegrams before his departure at 6 am the next day or tomorrow. But Abdul Karim ~~actually~~ <sup>had</sup> appeared only ~~half an hour~~ half an hour after ~~2-4~~ Mr. Hamnick had left the place and in consequence, the he

2. The pen was released at noon on the 4<sup>th</sup> instant and was told to go back at once to your office but he kept loitering till late.

in the evening and appeared  
 here ~~and~~ <sup>again</sup> early on the  
 6<sup>th</sup>. The paper on which I passed  
 an order recalling him is missing  
 from the records, and there is good reason  
 for suspecting that he has made  
 away with it.

9/1/88

note Please see notes below.

He was placed in charge of my  
Linen on my journey  
to Southampton, but allowed my  
tiffin basket to be carried on to  
Bourley. Just as at Hasper,  
by the River the Doctor  
he was discovered, and our  
bags for his bedding.

Let  $n = 1$

Notes for Examiners & Despatches

I saw the slip in the bag  
when I passed <sup>the bag</sup> ~~it~~ away to the  
Despatcher after comparing  
the fair copy of the letter to  
the Sheriff.

H. S.  
7-1-99

I remember that I put the  
Prop: with the slip in the  
despatch bundle:

Indb  
2/1/99

Submitted. The note  
is not forthcoming  
and the Clerk at each  
Stage remembers to  
have seen the slip.  
It is difficult to say  
who has meddled with  
the paper. The head  
peon seems to have  
remained in the office  
till 7 P.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> night  
& except him, none has  
any interest in the  
paper. In these circum-  
stances, there is room  
to doubt that the Head  
peon has removed  
the slip. With whose  
connivance, it is  
difficult to suspect

7/1/99.

Statement made by the Despatching  
Clerk M. S. Narasimha Sanyal.  
dated 7 January 1899.

I saw the note regarding the Head  
peon stitched when I read the paper  
to the Sheriff to the Examined. This was  
at about 2.30 P.M. After the paper  
came to me, the head peon asked me  
to show him the paper or to let him  
know the contents of it. I declined  
to comply with either of his requests.  
He was loitering in the office that  
day. He asked me that he would  
take the letter to the Sheriff, I declined  
and I sent the paper through peon  
Emudara Row. The head peon then asked  
me not to send the paper until he  
leaves the office that day. As I was

was busy I did not think as  
to why he requested me to do so.

Dr. S. S. Srinivasan

On the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, I left  
office at 7 P.M., and there  
were in the office, at  
the time, Karasamma  
Singer & Ramaswamy  
Singer, two persons Doraswami  
Durai, the attendants. These  
all left office together  
at about 7:30 P.M.  
8 P.M. Deon Kisthagall  
came to me, locked the door of the  
office, as Rajaram  
was sent away on  
some other duty.  
The Head peon was  
not in the office at  
the time. The despatches  
says he keeps all  
office copies of papers  
despatched, in his  
drawer, and locks  
them <sup>it</sup> up every evening  
and takes them out

every morning for  
making up the despatch  
bundle.

On the morning of the  
5<sup>th</sup>, ~~Subha Rone~~ <sup>Subha Rone who is in charge of the duplicate key</sup> came  
to office at about 10<sup>15</sup> AM  
and opened the lock,  
and the head peon was  
not seen in the office  
on the morning of that  
day by any one.

On the morning of the  
6<sup>th</sup>, however, Rajaram  
came & opened the  
office at 10 AM  
and both he & Karasam  
Sengar who came  
to office early, say  
that the peon was  
seen in the office  
at about 10-45 AM  
or so. He seems to  
have stayed in the  
office till the afternoon.  
Rajaram says he saw  
the peon in the office

when there were no  
clerks, within the  
office room, but  
does not remember  
whether the peon  
muddled with any  
papers. If the H.D.  
peon wanted to do  
any thing, he had then  
a good opportunity. But  
no one seems to have  
~~seen~~ actually seen  
him doing any thing.

The clerks do not  
remember whether  
the note was in the  
file where it was  
sent to them in  
circulation.

# PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1898)

CURRENT No. 15-3

From

*The Sheriff of Madras*

Order

No. 4

Dated 5-1-1899

Received 5-1-1899

Registered 5-1-1899

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## SUBJECT.

*Requesting to be furnished with particulars of the conduct of peon Abdul Karim for which he has been sent back to his permanent appointment.*

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No. 4 - of 1899.

Sheriff's Office,  
HIGH COURT HOUSE,  
Madras, 5<sup>th</sup> January 1899.



From

W. E. Smith Esq.

SHERIFF OF MADRAS,

To

L. E. Buckley Esq. J. L. S.

Plague Commissioner  
Madras

SIR,

With reference to your letter hog dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 1899, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to furnish me with particulars of the conduct of peon Abdul Karim for which he has been sent back to his permanent appointment in my office.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

W. E. Smith

Sheriff of Madras.

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 When examined \_\_\_\_\_  
 When signed \_\_\_\_\_

W. B. Smith

Dr. C. B. Smith

Chicago

With reference to your letter of the 10th inst. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the same. I am sorry to hear that you are not well, and hope that you will soon be able to return to your office. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Your obedient servant,  
 W. B. Smith

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