

*Per Inspection
Station*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(1899)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 1228

Dated 6/5/99

Despatched

Indexed by

[Despatch Abstract.]

*Recording papers relating to the
alleged misconduct of the Medical
Officers in Charge of Jaspatri Railway
Inspection Station.*

BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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Refon 3184 of 15-1-89

2/15/3

The attention of the Clls of
Anantapur is invited to the
following extract from the Madras
Times of the 14-3-89

15/3/89

To the Clls of Anantapur

There has apparently been
some plague-regulation
bother at Tadpatry. A
native correspondent
has taken the trouble to
telegraph to us from Ooty
that "the plague officials
"at Tadpatry high-handedly
"detain & harass passengers,
"the people are afraid
"of Zulum. An immediate
"enquiry is needed". We
know nothing about
the matter ourselves.
Possibly our correspondent
is a hurried passenger
who is unable to appreciate
delay, & sends his indig-
-nation to the papers. Pos-
-sibly his complaints are
not without foundation.

Dec 2 16/3/89

Ref on Ck 32.92

PLAGUE.

CAMP

Dated 18-3-1899.

No.

From L. E. Buckley
M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER,

Madras,

To

THE Collector of Anantapur

Ref

SIR,

I have the honor to invite your attention to the letter headed "How plague officials plague people" on page 3 of the Hindu of the 17th instant and to request you to kindly ascertain whether there are any grounds for complaint against the plague inspection staff and to report.

Yours
18/3/99

Desd 18/3/99 with Cpe of Hindu
H.

X herewith forwarded for perusal & return

Yours faithfully
L. E. Buckley

18/3/99

18/3/99

18/3/99

Cuo 3576

Memorandum.

Dated the 24th March — 1899.

No. 65P ✓

The Plague Commissioner is requested to submit as soon as possible draft answers to questions IX and XXI proposed to be asked by the Hon'ble P. Ratnasabapathi Pillai and the Hon'ble C. Jambulinga Mudalair, respectively, at the ensuing meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 7th proximo.



A. Edington ✓

For Secretary to Government.

To the Plague Commissioner.

Ref on Cuo 3576

Forwarded to the Collector of Anantapur for a full report ~~at any early date~~ before Tuesday next, i.e. continuation of Ref on Cuo 3292.

Long
24/3/89
for S.C.

To the C. Secy of ~~Anantapur~~ Anantapur with the ~~standard~~ standard of the 19th March 1899 to be returned.

Send original to

~~By return~~

Recd
25-3-99.

Telegram to the effect of Anantapur
in reply to the report on
Complaints in Madras Standard & Hindu
of 18th March regarding plague
inspection Tadpatri. Questions in next
Legislative Council.

12/3/81
24/3/81
24/3/81

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in reply to the report on
Complaints in Madras Standard & Hindu
of 18th March regarding plague
inspection Tadpatri. Questions in next
Legislative Council.

12/3/81
24/3/81
24/3/81

Deferred Telegram to the effect of Anantapur

Please ~~refer~~ send full report on
 Complaints in Madras Standard & Hindu
 of 18th March regarding plague
 inspection Tadpatri. Questions in next
 Legislative Council.

dated 5.20 PM 24/3/81
24/3/81

24/3/81

the reply should be sent

Anantapur report re
 Tadpatri should be sent
 to Govt. Shree. Papers
 retained (one) 20 1/2
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*File not finished
 due for Ltn
 Sept 12
 16/4*

*keep attached
 28/10/99*

Local and Municipal Department.

XXI. Has the attention of Government been drawn to a statement contained in the letter of a Gooty correspondent to the "Hindu" newspaper printed in its issue of 18th March 1899, page 5, to the following effect regarding plague inspection at Tadpatri station:—

"Men of low caste and of no caste are employed to fetch water and pour on the heads of healthy passengers who have to sit in a row for the ablution at the camp. Brahman widows would not be allowed to have their own water to bathe, no doubt mixing with it the necessary disinfecting powder. No, plague officials would not grant the prayer."

Will the Government be pleased to issue strict injunctions to inspecting officers to respect caste scruples to the utmost possible extent to ensure the continuance of the smooth working of the regulations?

Local and Municipal Department.

IX. (a) Has Government perused the correspondence headed "Plague Scandal at Tadpatri" in the evening edition of the *Madras Standard* of the 18th March 1899, and will it be pleased to state whether the complaints made therein regarding the treatment of passengers by the plague officers are true or substantially true?

(b) If the answer to the above be in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to issue orders in view to the prevention of the recurrence of such complaints?

Serial No. A

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Dated 26th March 1899.

ENCLOSURE.

CAMP Anantapur

FROM

Bannabys Macleod Esq. M.A.
Esq., Bar-at-law:

COLLECTOR OF Anantapur

TO

THE Plague Commissioner
Madras

SIR,

With reference to your proceedings Ref. No. 3576 dated 24th March 1899 I have the honour to report that the Dy Collector Gooty, whom I have deputed to conduct the enquiry regarding the complaint about the manner of Plague Inspection at Gadpatri, has not yet submitted his report in the matter. I have also sent him a telegram yesterday about it: I will therefore submit a full report in the subject immediately after the

receipt of the Divisional
Officers' report which is
expected in a couple of days.

I have the honor to be

See

Sir
Your Most obedient Servant

1886

For Collector

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

Anantapur.

TO

THE Plague Commission
Madras

Dated

26

Despatched

26

March 1899

Received



Serial No. A.

ENCLOSURES.

SUBJECT.

Commissioner to send
a report regarding the
Plague Inspection
at Tadpatri immediately
on receipt of the report
called for from the
Divisional officer
Gooty

Report by Sub-Commissioner on Thursday 28/3/99

Note for Local and Municipal Department.

Subject.

Questions in Legislative Council re
Tadpatri Frontier Inspection Station.

Report has been received this day (fourth)

There appears to be a great deal of trouble truth in the
complaints. Mr. A.W. Lushington of the Forest Department
also complained to me of the way he was treated at Tadpatri.
The conduct of the Medical Officers will be brought to notice
of Surgeon-General. I propose (when the papers are returned)
to ask Collector of Anantapur to enquire into the cases of
bribery and if the evidence is good enough to have the
offenders prosecuted by Government. It is time to make an
example. There are many complaints of extortion, but the
individuals aggrieved usually will not come forward.

Revised suggested answers

IX (a) & (b) The manner in which the plague regulations have been
worked at Tadpatri attracted the attention of the Plague
Commissioner before the publication of the letter referred
to, and steps have been taken to issue ensure that the
regulations are carried out with as little inconvenience to
the public as is compatible with thoroughness.
XXI. See answer to IX.

(It'd) L.E.B.

To the Secretary to Government, Local & Municipal Dept.,
with papers in original to be returned.

P.C.

NOTE FOR L & M.

Questions XXI and IX to be answered at meeting of the Legislative Council on 7th.

Note. The working of the plague regulations at Tadpatri had already attracted my attention and 2 reports were called for before the publication of the latter referred to in the questions. These reports have been replied to D.O. and there is no doubt that the Medical Officer in charge has acted with indiscretion. My experience is that, Assistant Surgeons cannot be trusted with the work at the Railway Frontier Stations. They are either too slack or too harsh - according as they wish to please the public or their superiors. Gooty Taluk is now clean and the examination at Tadpatri will be done away with in a few days. ~~No~~

No official report has been received yet in answer to my call to the Collector on L & Ms Memorandum No. 65 P dated 24-3-99 in order to avoid delay I think it better to give an answer in the following manner:-

IX (a) & (b) A report was called for on the matter but as not yet been received the way in which the plague regulations were been worked at Tadpatri had attracted the attention of the Plague Commissioner before the publication of the letter referred to and steps have been taken in order that the regulations may be carried out with as little inconvenience as possible to the public.

XXI. See answer to Q IX.

(ITD) L.E.B.

3.4.99

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

TELEGRAM.

[DRAFT.] For approval.

Dated

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Despatched

Medical Officer
Tarpatri Railway
Station.

From

From

To

To

OR
take copy of this
of your department no.
29/3/88

attended to
15/3/88

Please Case examine in
train with goods
2/3

keep patched
28/3/99

OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

File with correct
papers
14/4

L.P.A.

Tarpatri reported about
demi-officially. Send
in mediately. (to be confirmed)

Keep patched
28/3/99
Standard letters
2/3

A must insist upon papers sent to me being properly put up & referenced.

B I have recd this morning the papers re Tadpatri, but copies of the letters are not enclosed.

Who is the ref? Does it mean he is drafting answers in relation to mail fractions, as I understand the last papers to be fully referred.

A Submitted this is always done when papers are submitted for disposal.

B. In the present case, the papers were sent up for information, pending the receipt of the report called for from the C.Ms.

It was not then anticipated that the C.Ms. would send a d.o. reply direct to the S.C. Camp. Had the reply been sent here, the file would have been kept up complete. The newspapers referred to in the d.o. are in line. Council questions were sent to the C.Ms. for being returned in this reply. As these have not yet been recd, the Chief Secy's copies of the newspapers were obtained on loan & despatched yesterday evening.

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28/3/88
From Cms 3673 attached, it appears that the C.Ms. will send a further official report & this may be awaited. Revised letter received from C.Ms. 28/3/88. Explanation for delay in sending forthnightly narrative papers.

INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. Monthly Number.

To Madrasport at George/ Bangalore post

From The plague assistant to the plague commr

Words 93 Day 28 Hour 16 Minute 13

To The personal assistant to the plague commr

From The plague commr

P. C. 28 MAR 1899

Tadpatri reported about 1000-1500 cases. I send immediately 1000 copies hindu and standard letters dated Eighteenth.

Note for the P.A. The Daily Hindustan of 17 & 18th & the Standard of 19.3-88 was obtained from the Chief Secretariat and despatched to P.C. to read at 5.45 PM.

28/3/88

Recd. from LN Sent to LN

At Hrs. Mts. by At Hrs. Mts. by

Telegraph Master.

GGP-No 517 T-19 143-2000,000.

no papers will be submitted very shortly.

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

Cho 3673

CURRENT No.

(To be substituted for this office letter Serial No A 8.26.3-99.)

Progs.
Letter
Ref.

From *The Collector of*
Anantapur

Ref No. 928

Dated *27th March 1899*

Received *Chief Secy*

Registered *5 MAR 1899*

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Reporting that an official report re: the Plague Inspection at Taspatri will be submitted very shortly.

*Note for the P.A.
The daily Hindustan of 17.4.18
was obtained from
and despatched
5.45 PM*

28/4/89

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was obtained from the Chief Secy
and despatched to P.C. & copy of
5.45 PM*

28/4/89

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Auautapur COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

No.

27th March 1899.

Camp: Prunkonda

FROM

Bannatyne Macleod Esq., M.A. Bar-at-Law

COLLECTOR OF

Auautapur

TO

Plague
THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF

Madras.

SIR,

With reference to your Proceedings
Ref No 3576 dated 24.3.99, I have
the honor to report that the Deputy
Collector Gooty, whom I have deputed
to Conduct the Enquiry regarding the
Complaint about the Manner of
Plague Inspection at Jaopatri, has
Submitted a Semi-official report
in the matter which I forwarded to you.
I have sent him a telegram yesterday
about it. I will therefore Submit

Am

an official report in the Subject
immediately after the receipt of the
Divisional Officer's report which
is expected in a couple of days.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

L. S. Phaniyasaiah

For Collector.



Local and Municipal Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following :-

From the Plague Commissioner dated 4th April 1899 reporting on the
complaints against the Plague inspection staff at Tadpatri.

Order No. 10A-P-130. dated 18th April 1899.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has read the report
of the Deputy Collector and Plague Officer at Gooty with much re-
gret. It seems clear that some members of the Plague staff at the
Tadpatri Railway station have been acting in a high handed and
oppressive manner. The Surgeon-General and the Inspector-General
of Police will be requested to replace without delay the Mahomedan
Medical Officer and his subordinates, and the Police at this station
by other officers. It will, however, be necessary that such suc-
cordinate of the Medical staff and Police as may be required shall
be ready to attend at the enquiry which will be held into the vari-
ous charges that have been made.

2. The Collector of Anantapur is requested to have the selected
cases of bribery and extortion enquired into at once by a thorough-
ly capable Divisional Officer.
3. The Plague Commissioner will eventually report the result of
the enquiry and state what action is taken on this order.

(True Extract.)

M. Hammick

Ag. Secretary to Government

To the Plague Commissioner with file.

- " Surgeon-General
- " Inspector-General of Police
- " Collector of Anantapur.

W. & will be sent later on.

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 4553

Ref no 4367

Note for the L & M Dept

It is requested that the enclosures
to the P. C. letter of 4-4-99 (So.
No 10 A. P. Mis. of 10-4-99) may
be forwarded direct to the Coll.
of Anantapur.

from
26/4/99
for P. C.

To the Secy to Govt L & M Dept
Copy to the Coll. of Anantapur.

Order

From the L & M Dept.

No. 5-97 P. Mis

Dated 25-4-99

Received 28-4-99

Registered 18-4-99

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Requesting the Surgeon
General by wire to
remove the Muhammadan
Hospital Assistant and
stating that there is no
need to remove the Eurasian

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

P. C.

Read the following paper 28 APR. 1899

From the Surgeon-General, Madras dated 21st April 1899:-
 "129. In confidential G. O. 10-A April 18, I am asked to replace the Mohammedan Medical Officer and his subordinate. This appears to be mistake, the medical officer of the station is a Eurasian retired military assistant surgeon and his subordinate is a Mohammedan Hospital assistant. Please wire if I should replace these two."

Order No. 597-P Misc. dated 25th April 1899.

Recorded with reference to the following telegram sent to the Surgeon-General on the 23rd instant.

"Remove Mohammedan Hospital Assistant. No need to remove the Eurasian."

(True Extract.)

[Signature]

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Surgeon-General

,, Plague Commissioner.

26/4

Register & return 28/4/88

When given for copying _____
When copied _____ } 189
When examined _____
When signed _____

File with this paper
about question in Sep Council
also show how
filed & submitted
6/5/88

D.C. No. 1228 9/6/5/88

Cus 43672455

Received

how
6/5/88