PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(1899)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 1234

Dated 13-5-99

Despatched

[Despatch Abstract.]

Detention

Recording G.O. 2441, issuing instructions re: the working of the rules regarding — of passengers from infected areas.

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1,000—20-3-99.

NOTE FOR THE

Record & number these
as G. C's Progs &
return at once
Long
13/5/ 99

Order No. 692-P dated 9th May 1899.

H.E. the Governor in Council has had under consideration whether the strict rules as regards detention of passengers from infected areas which have been hitherto in force cannot now be relaxed with safety.

Under additional Regulation 5 all persons arriving at a Frontier station are to be allowed to pass freely except (a) those suspected of plague and (b) those suspected of arriving from an infected area. In the orders which issued last year Collectors were directed to work the detention rules with strictness and the number of passengers who have been detained under the rules has been very large. Since then the passport rules have been systematized and now work with considerable efficiency. The Government considers that the time has now come when the detention rules may be some what relaxed; and Collectors are requested to see that in future while in all cases persons arriving from areas declared to be infected are detained for disinfection, such persons only as can give no satisfactory information as to their destination or who cannot be relied upon to observe the passport rules, are detained for observation. The disinfection of person and clothing should be very carefully attended to as has been ~~taken~~ hitheto ~~to be care~~ the Case. ~~Our~~ But detention for observation should only be ordered in the cases referred to above, and of course in cases where perso[illegible] any

Progs: No 1234 d/13-5-99

Recorded.

symptoms of plague.

12/5/99

500—29-11-98.

NOTE ~~FOR THE~~ Cho 4533 of 99.

Cho 2130 referred to is now probably with O. C. A reference was made thereon to all Collrs regarding detention of suspicious persons and on receipt of their replies, a note has been sent up to Govt.; (vide papers put up). From portion marked Flag E, it would appear that the papers are with O. C.

Keep these papers with you – Cho 4533 will be disposed of separately

27/4

27/4

NOTE FOR THE P. A

The Commissioner has called for a statement show for each Railway Inspection St

(a) How many have been detain because suspected to be sufferi from plague

(b) how many detained for other reasons ; &

(c) of (a) & (b) separately how many have developed plague.

But the information available in the office can only be given as in the attached Statement. The figs. in Col 2 include the figs in Col 3.

H.S.
28/2/99

Submitted to O. C.

28/2/99

1. Railway Inspection Stns	2. Total No. of persons detained up to week endg 20.2.99	3 No. of persons Sent to plague hospital. (No. of ~~patients~~ taken out of trains + No. of persons who developed plague in detention Camps)	
* -			
√ **Anantapur Dt**			
Guntakal	163	4	
Hindupur	301	1	
Tadpatri			return not recd.
Bellary District			
Hospet	2575×	17×	×Includes persons from the village sent to Obsn Camp
Tungabhadra	2830	..	
√ **Kurnool Dt**			
Dhone	-	–	
Kistna Dt			
Kondapalli	1036	.	
√ **Coimbatore Dt**			
Podanur	142	.	
N. Arcot Dt			
Arkonam	1743×	1	× Up to week ending 13-2-99
Pakala	30×		do.
Salem Dt			
Jalarpet	3432×	33×	× do.
South Arcot Dt			
Tiruvannamalai	-	–	
√ **Chingleput Dt**			
Chingleput	-	–	nil
Perambur.	360	–	

R/ 11-3-99.

~~NOTE FOR THE~~

Ref. on C No 2130

Letter

To

The Collector of *

Anantapur ⊗ ✓ Kistna ✓

⊗ Bellary ✓ ✓ Kurnool ⊗

⊗ Chingleput ✓ N. Arcot ✓ ⊗

Coimbatore ⊗ Salem ⊗

⊗ S. Arcot ✓

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to furnish me with a statement showing for each Railway Inspection Station in your district

(a) how many passengers have been detained because suspected to be suffering from plague,

(b) how many have been detained for other reasons, and (c) of (a) + (b) separately how many have developed plague. It is requested that the return may be brought up to 1st March 99 & furnished expeditiously)

B/3

~~Dsptd~~

(of those shown under (b) it sd be stated how many have been detained for a few hours for disinf. above

Long 1/3/99

M.S. 1-3-99

Desp'd 2-3-99

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 2983

To await replies from other Colrs
Remind on Monday next
9/3/99

From The Collector of South Arcot

Order

No.

Dated 6-3-99
Received 8-3-99
Registered 8-3-99
Enclosures 1
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding statement showing the number of suspected passengers &c detained at Plague Inspection Station Tiruvannamalai.

Note for the P.A.

The pencil figures are arrived at from the information contained in the first notes.

9/3/99

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

Tiruvannamalai
5th March 1899

Plague

No. 93

No $\frac{73}{P}$.

From,

The Medical Officer
Incharge of Plague Inspection station
Tiruvannamalai

To,

The Collector
South Arcot
Cuddalore

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No $\frac{73\text{P}}{\text{Eng}}$ of 99, dated the 3rd Instant, I have the honor to Submit the enclosed Statement therein asked for.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Chas. E. Conran
Medical Officer
Incharge of Plague Insp. Station
Tiruvannamalai

Statement showing number of suspected passengers &c detained at Plague Inspection Station, Tiruvannamalai

District	Name of Inspection Station	A No. of passengers detained suspected to be suffering from Plague.	B. No of passengers detained for other reasons	C No of passengers whom have developed plague of a & b. A	 B	Remarks
South Arcot	Tiruvannamalai	Nil	*2	Nil		
		2	15	nil	nil	

* 1 male from Gudiyattam on 18th Evening with 2 Contacts – This passenger was found to be suffering from fever with Chronic enlargement of the right axillary glands. Fever lasted for one day. He was detained for 3 days, disinfected and discharged. The contacts voluntarily remained back being relatives of the passenger.

* 1 Female from Jalaun on 19 Evening with 13 Contacts – Holding Passports from infected areas. The patient was suffering from high fever and afterwards found out to be of a Remittent type. She was detained for 4 days, disinfected and discharged. The other contacts being relatives & as they were on a pilgrimage to Rameswaram; they remained back voluntarily.

Tiruvannamalai
5th March 1899

Chas. E. Conran
Medical Officer
[illegible]

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No $\frac{73}{P}$ of 99.

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C. No 2933

WH

P. C.
8 - MAR. 1899

COLLECTOR'S
6 MAR 9
SOUTH ARCOT

Forwarded to the Plague Commissioner with reference
this Ref. on C. No 2130 dated
1st March 1899

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6/3/99
For Ag. Collector

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6-3-99.

DESPATCHED
6 - MAR. 1899

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899) Plague

CURRENT No. 3021

Progs.
Letter
Ref.

WH
Remd those who have not replied
12/3

From The Collector of
the Coimbatore District.

D Dis No. $\frac{130}{Pe}$ of 1899.

Dated : 8th March 1899

Received
P. C.
11 MAR. 1899

Registered

Enclosures : nil

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SUBJECT,

Submitting copy of report from the Assistant Surgeon on Plague Duty at Podanur furnishing certain information called for regarding the persons detained in the Inspection Station at Podanur.

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

C no 302

Copy of letter from J. H. Govind Singh, Assistant Surgeon, to the Collector of Coimbatore, No. 541; dated Podanur 6th March 99.

In reply to the Plague Commissioners letter No. 2130 of the 1st March, Communicated to one under your No. $\frac{148}{P}$ of the 4th Instant, I have the honour to state that, with reference to,

(a) From 24th July 1897 [the date on which the nominal Register was opened] up to 31st March 1898 inclusive, 66 cases and from 1st April 1898 to 28th February 1899, 77 cases making up a total of 143, have been detained in the Observation Camp for fever;

(b) None detained for disinfection nor for other reasons;

(c) Of (a and b) none developed into Plague.

D Dis No. $\frac{130}{Pl}$ of 1899, dated 8th March 1899.

Submitted to the Plague Commissioner, Madras, With reference to his letter, Ro. C No. 2130; of 1st March 1899.

C.W.K. Cotton

For Acting Collector.

D.E. 9.3.99

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 3035

Progs.
Letter
Ref.

From The Ag Collector
Salem

No. 531
Plague

Dated 9. 3. 99

Received P.C. 11 MAR 1899

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SUBJECT.

Submitting return of passengers detained in the Jalarpet Railway Inspection Station.

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

Return of passengers detained at the Jalarpet Railway Inspection Station

Total number of persons detained in the camp because suspected to be suffering from Plague. a.	Total number of persons who were detained for other causes b	Of those mentioned in Col. a number of persons who really developed Plague. c.	Of those mentioned in Col. b number of persons who really developed Plague. d.	Of those mentioned in b number of persons who were detained for disinfection for a few hours. e.	Remarks
260	4520	42	4	615	

1/3035

For Ag. Collector.

Cus 3035

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Cus 3035

SALEM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
9th March 1899.

No. 531
Plague

DESPATCHED
10 MAR 1899

FROM

Robert B. Clegg Esq.,
Ag COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
Salem,

TO

Plague
THE ~~SECRETARY TO THE~~ COMMISSIONER ~~OF~~
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit a statement shewing the information asked for in your letter No. 2130 dated 1st instant. The medical Officer Jalarpet states "that he cannot vouch for the correctness of the information under the several headings as no registers were maintained to shew it" - so the return is not of much value.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servant.

F. [illegible]
for Ag Collector

AG Xd 10389

C No 3087

Plague Urgent

WH

Dis No 216-D / acct 899

3/3

Forwarded in original to the Plague Commissioner, Madras, with refce: to his Ref on C. No: 2130 dated 1st March 1899.

Chingleput Dt:
Collr's Office
Saidapet 11.3.99 } Collector

Sub Clk

11.3.99

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 3088

Dis No 216-B / Acct

Progs. / **Letter** / **Ref.**

From The Collector, Bellary

Dis No. 5-15-C

Dated 11-3-99

Received

Registered

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SUBJECT.

Submitting a statement showing the number of passengers detained at the Railway inspection station

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C No 3087

Railway Inspection station, Chingleput.

A	B	C	D	E
Detained suspected plague	Detained for other reason	No in Col A Developed Plague	No in Col B Developed Plague	No of those in Col B detained for disinfection alone
None	None	None	None	None

From 24th January to 1st March 1899.

B. B. Darabsett
LRCP (Lond)
Medl Offr Plague Inspection

Chingleput
7—3—99
Desp

To
The Collector of Chingleput Dt
Forwarded with Ref to his letter No 2130 of 1-3-99
8—3—99

Chinnaswamy
Asst Surgeon
In charge

9 MAR 1899
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Statement called for in Plague Commissioner's letter Ref one 2130 dated 1·3·99

Name of Railway Inspection Station.	Number of passengers detained because suspected to be suffering from plague	Number of passengers detained for other Reasons			Total number of passengers of (a) & (b) who developed plague		
		For observation for 10 days	For disinfection only	Total	a	b	
	a	b					
Hospet Railway Inspection Station	3	2350	2681	5031	1	9 *	* Includes the three cases from Annagiri by rail. The passenge were on alighting at the statio given passports. On the 4th da They developed plague when th were admitted into the Plagu camp
Tungabhadra Railway Inspection station	..	3100	4753	7853	.	.	

Bellary Collector's Office
11—3—99

R Horne 11/3/99
for ag Collector

B
11/3/99.

3088 of 1899

PLAGUE.

C.D. 3088

OD No. 515

BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Dated 11. 3. 1899.

From R. H. Campbell Esqr.
as COLLECTOR OF
BELLARY.

To
THE Plague Commissioner
Madras

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith the statement called for in your letter Ref. on c $\frac{2130}{1\cdot3\cdot99}$ regarding the number of passengers detained at the railway Inspection Station.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

11/3/99
for Collector

11/3/99

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF
BELLARY.

To

THE

No.

Dated
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Received
189 .

Enclosures.

Abstract.

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

P. C.
15 MAR. 1899

CURRENT No. 3187

Progs.
Letter
Ref.

From

The collector
of North Arcot

Dis. No. 426/M of 99

Dated 13 — 3 — 99
Received 15 - 3 - 99
Registered 15 - 3 - 99
Enclosures
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding detention statement for the Railway Inspection stations of Arkonam & Pakala.

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

C.B. 3187

Plague

NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Chittoor 13th March 1899
D.S. No. 626/P of 1899.

DESPATCHED
13 MAR.1899

FROM
J. K. Batten Esqr.
Ag. COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
North Arcot,

TO
THE Plague Commissioner
Madras.

SIR,

With reference to your letter Ref on Cur No. 2130, dated 1st March 99, I have the honor to append below a statement containing the information wanted by you:-

Name of the Railway Inspection Station	Number of passengers detained up to 1st March because suspected the suffering from plague	Number of passengers detained for other reasons.	No of persons shown in Column 2 who developed plague	No of persons shown in Col 3 who developed plague	No of persons shown in Col. 3 who were detained for disinfection alone.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Arkonam Railway Inspection station	1903	31	1	"	30	
Pakala Railway Inspection station	20	13	1	"	5	

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

For Ag. Collector.

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 3253

Order

From The Dt. M. & S. O.
Anantapur.

No. 2119

Dated 14-3-99
Received 17-3-99
Registered 17-3-99
Enclosures 1
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding statement of cases detained at the observation camp attached to the Inspection Station Guntakal ~~up~~ from 15.8-1898 to 1-3-99.

WH

Ref: on Cir No. 818 of 8. 3. 99.

Statement of Cases detained at the Observation Camp attached to the Inspection Station Guntakal Anantapur District, up to 1st March 1899.

Period during which the detention was made. From — to.	a. Number detained because suspected of Suffering from Plague.	b. Number detained for other reasons.		c. Number developed plague out of		Remarks.
		Number detained for a few hours for disinfection alone.	Number detained for other reasons.	a	b	
15. 8. 98 to 31. 12. 98.	42.	14.	66.	2.	2.	14 MAR. 1899
1. 1. 99 to 28. 2. 99.	10.	4.	28.	Nil	Nil.	
Total —	52.	18.	94.	2.	2.	

B/Case 3653/99

Guntakal
13th March 1899.

C. P. Subba Aiyar
Assistant Surgeon,
In charge of Camps.

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No.	Date.

NOTE FOR THE

Telegram – Deferred

To

The Collr. of Anantapur / Kistna / Kurnool.

—

" Please expedite detention statement vide ~~called for in~~ letter 2130 ~~of~~ first instant"

Despd 17/3/99

Lind 17/3/99 fwd ✓

W.S. 17-3-99.

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 3355

Progs.
Letter
Ref.

From The Collector of
Kurnool

Dis. No. $\frac{349}{P}$ of 99.

Dated 15th March 99

Received

P.C.
19 MAR. 1899

Registered

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT:

Forwarding a nil statement with reference to ~~Plague Commr~~ his letter No. 2130 of 1. 3-99.

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

Statement showing the number of passengers detained for disinfection &c at Kurnool Road Railway Inspection Station up to 1st March 99.

a. How many passengers have been detained because suspected to be suffering from Plague	b. How many have been detained for other reasons	c. a.	c. b.* How many have been detained for disinfection	Remarks.
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil.	

(B)* None detained for disinfection

Dis 349/P 859

Kurnool
15. 3. 99.

for Collector.

Forwarded to the Plague Commissioner with reference to his R. C. No 2130 dated 1. 3. 99.

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 85/7

Progs.
Letter
Ref.

From The Collector of Anantapur

nil **No.**

Dated 21st March 1899

Received P. C. 23 MAR. 1899

Registered 23-3-99

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding statement showing the number of passengers detained at each Railway Inspection Station in the Dt upto 21/3/99

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

Statement showing the number of passengers detained at each Railway Inspection Station in the Anantapur District up to 1st March 1899. C No 35/7

Name of inspection Station	(a) No detained because suspected of suffering from plague	(b) Number detained		(c) No developed plague out of	
		for a few hours for disinfection alone	for other reasons	(a)	(b)
Hindupur	3	† 146	152	1	..
Guntakal	52	18	94	2	2
Tadpatry	-	-	-	-	-
Total	55	164	246	3	2

† 80 persons for 24 hours
66 persons for 48 hours } & allowed to proceed to their destination

Forwarded to the Plague Commissioner Madras in reply to his Ref on C No 2130/1.3.99

Anantapur Collector's office }
Dated 21st March 1899 }

W Macleod
Collector

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(189)

CURRENT No. 3628

Progs.
Letter
Ref.

From
The Collector
Kistna

Dis No. 241/P of 1899.

Dated 24.3.99.
Received P.C. 26 MAR 1899
Registered
Enclosures Nil
Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Forwarding statements showing [illegible] of persons admitted &c at the Inspection Stations of the Kistna District

BACK PAPERS.

No	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

500—29-11-98.

NOTE FOR ~~THE~~ M.S.

Have all Collrs replied to the urgent reference regarding detentions at Ry Inspection Stations? If not send reminders by telegram after this day's tappal has been recd & examined.

17/3/99

Reminded

The return is due from Anantapur, Kistna & Kurnool.

As regards Perambur the Pt. Jail has to be addressed.

M.S

Statement showing the no of passengers admitted &c in the Plague Camp Kondapalli in the Kistna District.

	~~4~~ 1	~~5~~ 2	~~8~~ 3	~~6~~ 4	5
Year	Number of passengers detained because suspected to be suffering from plague	Out of ~~4~~ 1 No of passengers developed plague	Number of passengers detained for other reasons.	Out of ~~8~~ 3 No: of passengers developed plague	Out of ~~8~~ 3 Number of passengers detained for a few hours for disinfection alone.
April 1897 to December 31st	nil	nil	62	nil	47
1898	nil	nil	954	nil	899.
Up to 18th March 1899	nil	nil	91	nil	88
Grand total	nil	nil	1107	nil	1034.

Kistna Collectorate
camp Nuzvid
Dated 26th March 99 }

Dis No 241/P dated 26-3-99.
Forwarded to the Plague Commissioner Madras in reply to his Reference 2130 dated 18th March 1899.

Note for the P. A

The information contained in the replies to Ref. on C. No. 2130 d/- 1. 3. 99 is exhibited in the following table:-

Name of Ry. Insp^n. St^n.	Number of passengers detained because suspected to be suffering from plague	Number of passengers detained			Number of passengers of (a) & (b) who developed plague		Remarks
		For disinfection only	For other reasons	Total	a	b	
	a	b			c		
Arkonam	~~1903~~ ..	30	1904	1934	[illegible]	.	These figures are evidently wrong. It is probable that not more than 1 has been stopped on acc^t of sus^n of actual plague. The others were stopped because suspected of being infected.
Chingleput	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Dhone	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Guntakal	52	18	94	112	2	2	
Hindupur	3	146	152	298	1	.	
Hospet	3	2681	2350	5031	1	6	
Jalarpet	260	615	3905	4520	42	4	Figs. not reliable. -vide c. No. 3035
Kondapalli	..	1034	73 ~~[illegible]~~	1107	..	..	
Pakala	20	5	8	13	1	..	
Podanur	143	..	..	..	..	..	20883) 12000 (·57 104415 155850
Tadpatri	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Tiruvannamalai	2	[illegible]	15	15	..	..	
Tungabhadra	..	4753	3100	7853	..	..	1 bor) 12000 (11 bor
			~~28~~ 2	20883 1000		12	
483 | 48 1/10	484	9282	11601		46		
Total.							

Note This information was called for by S. C. in connection with my suggestion to abolish Tungabhadra Insp^n. Station. The papers relating to this were sent up in a confidential cover last Monday

[illegible] 27/3/99

[illegible]
·27.3.99.

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Ref on C No 3991 of 1899

H. S. never seems to learn. Why is this not given a Ref No. Keep this as office ~~confidentially~~ & make another office copy soon

7/4/99

Note for L. & M. Department.

Under Additional Regulation 5 the following persons may be stopped at the frontier:-

(a) those suspected of plague,

(b) those suspected of arriving from an infected locality.

The latter may be stopped for disinfection or may be detained if they appear suspicious by reason of their appearance, the dirty condition of their clothes, or the fact that they are travelling in gangs, or belong to classes ~~who~~ which are likely to disseminate the disease, or cannot be traced on arrival at destination, or depended upon to give information should plague occur among them after arrival at their destination, or for any other reason.

In G. O. No.855P/19-8-98 L. & M., Collectors were ordered to work the detention rule strictly, making detention the rule rather than the exception~~s~~. The result has been as follows:-(figures are not absolutely correct, but reliable enough for general deductions)—

484 persons have been detained under (a) as being suspected of plague, of these 46 or about 10 per cent have developed plague. So far good.

Nearly 21,000 persons have been detained under (b). 9,000 have been detained for disinfection only, and about 12,000 for other reasons; of the latter only 12 or 1 per mille have developed plague.

Is it worth while continuing the annoyance and inconvenience that detention must cause? Can we not rely upon frontier inspection supported by the passport system? Our present policy has largely reduced the number of travellers(the railways are howling), and if detention ~~on~~ was the exception and not the rule numbers would be almost certain to rise again; and it is possible that then the percentage of people passed healthy at the frontier and developing plague subsequently might increase, for practically none dare travel by rail now unless they consider themselves in very good health; but the risk seems a slight one—and no greater than those we accept by the inoculation concessions. People from infected parts would be stopped freely as heretofore for disinfection of person and clothing etc. The latter is really far more likely to carry infection than the individual. If the 12,000 had ~~to~~ been detained for 1 day for disinfection, instead of 10 we should have spent less by $\frac{12000 \times 2 \times 9\text{Rs}}{16}$ or Rs.13,500 on food alone; we should require less accommodation and a reduced staff at camps. Certain classes, e.g, bairagis, would continue to be detained, if considered unlikely to conform to passport rules. At the same time I would not withdraw from frontier inspection officers the wide discretion they have to stop any one they consider necessary. We pass rail-borne goods freely, admitting that disinfection is impracticable, though our sanitary advisers tell us that there is danger in the course we take.

My proposal comes to this, that:-

(1) detention for disinfection should

be freely enforced as now.

(2) detention for observation (when there are no direct symptoms of plague) should be the exception and not the rule, save in the case of persons who can give no satisfactory information at their destination, or who cannot be relied upon to conform to the passport rules.

There may be objections to the proposal which I do not see, or perhaps I underestimate the danger that such a policy would involve. Perhaps Sanitary Commissioner may be consulted.

for Plague Commissioner.

H.S.
7.4.99

Office please type

Note. for L [illegible]

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Followed [illegible] minutes.

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Is it worth while continuing the annoyance & inconvenience that detention must cause? Can we not rely upon ^ the passport system, further inspection supported by ~~[illegible]~~? Our present policy has largely reduced the no. of travellers (the railways are howling), & if detention was the exception & not the rule numbers wd be almost certain to rise again; & it is possible that then the percentage of people passed healthy at the frontier & developing plague subsequently might increase, but the risk seems a slight one — & no greater than the one we accept by the inoculation concessions. People from infected ports wd be stopped freely as heretofore for disinfection of person & clothing & the latter is really far more likely to carry infection than the individual. If the 12000 had been detained for 1 day for disinfection, instead of 10 we shd have spent less by $\frac{\overset{1500}{\cancel{12000}} \times 2 \times 9}{\underset{8}{\cancel{16}}}$ Rs or Rs 13500 on food alone; we shd require less accommodation & ~~less~~ greatly less staff at camps. ~~[illegible]~~ Certain classes, e.g. bairagis, wd continue to be detained, if considered unlikely to conform to passport rules — ⊗

for practically no more have travelled [illegible] the others were ^ very [illegible] good health

⊗ At the same time just as with those from frontier inspection officers there will be discretion to stop any one they consider necessary

railway passports freely, ~~though~~ admitting that disinfection is impracticable, though our sanitary advisers tell us that there is danger in the course we take.

My proposals come to this that

(1) detention for disinfection shd be freely enforced as now.

(2) detention for observation (when there are no direct symptoms of plague) shd be the exception & not the rule, save in the case of persons who can give no satisfactory information about their destination, or who cannot be relied upon to conform to the passport rules.

There may be objections to the proposal wh. I do not see, or perhaps I underestimate the danger that such a policy wd involve. Perhaps S.C. may be consulted.

4/3. W.S.
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Despd 7/4/99

OR THE

Early orders solicited on Ref on C. No. 3991 dated 4th April 99

Question of repairing Tungabadra camp requires immediate settlement. If policy altered, smaller camp will suffice.

(True copy.) 28/4/99

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C. No 3253

P. C.
17 MAR. 1899

To
The District Medical & Sanitary Officer
Anantapur.

~~Forwarded~~

Guntakal }
13th March 1899 }

S. [illegible]
Asst Surgeon
Medl Officer on Plague Inspection

Endorsement 219 II
~~14-3-99~~

To The Plague Commr
Madras
Forwarded with Compts.

District Medical Officer
C/ Hindupur
14. 3. 99

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No. 24.

14 MAR. 1899

To

The Medical officer
In charge of the Inspection station
at Guntakal

Sir,-

In sending herewith the statement called for, in Plague Commissioner's letter No 2130 dated 1st March 1899, I have the honour to inform you, that, as it is not clearly specified in the Plague Commissioner's letter that from what date the statement is required, I have prepared it from the 15th of August 1898 from which date only, the record of the detained passengers is maintained in this camp.

Plague Commissioner's letter is herewith returned as requested

I have the honour
Sir
Your obt. Servt.
V. P. Subba Aiyar
Asst Surgeon
in charge Plague Camp

Guntakal
13-3-99