

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(1899)

MISCELLANEOUS.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Addl. Muzassal Reg. 16

Disapproving of the St. Arcot Collector's
proposal to bring into operation the provisions
of the ——— into the town of Vellore.

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THE COLLECTOR AND

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,

North Arcot

To The Native Commission
Madras

Letter, dated 8-1-189

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Subsequent report
about two indigenous
plague cases which
occurred in Saidapet
ward of Vellore
Town.

For orders

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Plague report. Plague CN 397
North West District.

1. Name of town or village. } Vellore, municipal town.
2. Population of town or village } 44925.
3. Plague cases up to date of last report. } Number of seizures 6 (imported)
Number of deaths 5.
Date of last report 2nd Dec 1898.
4. Date of present attack. } Angalappan on 5th Jan 1899
Rajammal on 6th Jan 1899.
5. When reported by telegram 7th January 1899.
6. Imported or Indigenous? Indigenous.
7. Brief history of cases. Both these cases occurred in Saidapet ward at the North eastern end of the town. Rajammal's house is situated in a lane close by Angalappan's house and is at a distance of 30 yards from it in the next block. Angalappan aged eleven an oilmonger by caste was attacked at 8 AM on the 5th and died at 8 AM next day. He had glandular swellings both in the right neck and right groin. Rajammal aged 14, a goldsmith by caste was attacked on the morning of the 6th.

and she died at 1 am yesterday. She had glandular swellings in the right neck. In neither of the cases is there any history of near contact with people who came from Bangalore or other infected areas. Angalappan and his people came into contact with some inoculated people who came to Bellere about 25 days ago and halted in a house two doors off. Rajammal and her people do not appear to have had any contact. It is true that a brother of their next door neighbour died of plague at Bangalore 3 months ago but his things have not yet been brought to Bellere and Rajammal and her people being of an inferior caste have no communication with their neighbours. The source of ^{infection} information is therefore untraceable.

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8. If imported had patient a passport?

Indigenous.

9. Steps taken to isolate and treat the patient. } The patients died before the cases were brought to the notice of the authorities.

10. Steps taken towards the segregation of contacts. } Contacts 7 in number in each case have been segregated in their own houses, a guard of police being placed over them.

11. Steps taken towards the evacuation and disinfection of the infected house. } The houses have not been evacuated, but they have been disinfected under the supervision of the District Medical and Sanitary officers and with the full concurrence of the inmates.

12. Was there any opposition on the part of the inmates of the infected house or of the people of the village to the plague measures? } The inmates were unwilling to be segregated in the sheds already erected and they were therefore segregated in their own houses under the advice of the District Medical and Sanitary officers.

13. Remarks

While making enquiries about these cases yesterday evening, I heard that dead rats were found in two houses in the neighbourhood which were immediately evacuated by the inmates. This was ascertained to be true and I ordered the immediate disinfection of one of the ~~two~~ houses which had not been already disinfected. There was also a rumour that a few deaths from plague which had already occurred had not been brought to the notice of the authorities and that they were falsely returned as deaths from other causes. Enquiries were made immediately in the

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North Madras Collectors Office
Chittoor 8-1-99.

To The Plague Commissioner
Madras.

neighbourhood and it was ascertained that there were 8 deaths in the neighbourhood of the infected house in question from different causes. Some at least of these must be considered suspicious. I therefore propose to bring into operation the provisions of Regulation 16 (page 34 of the Madras Plague Regulations and Rules) and I request you to be so good as to let me know by return post whether you approve of my proposal. As I am writing, another death from plague has been telegraphed to me by the Subcollector in the same neighbourhood.

W. S. S. S.
As. Collector.

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