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# Local & Munl. (189 ) Department.

## Plague.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1684 P

DATED 22.11.99

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague at Hiremegalageri

Recording the report submitted by the Collector of Bellary on the outbreak of plague at Hiremegalageri.

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# PLAGUE.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 3497, 3614, & 3618

SUBJECT.

Plague at Hiremagalagere in the Ballary Dt.

ORDER. No 1684 P. mis. dt 22-11-99.

Recorded. H T 22 11 99.

2. The Conduct of the late Supervisor Shettie, Should be reported to the head of his department if he holds any appointment in the public Service.

D.O.

Ly. to Car

q/- u/ 3376 date 18 Nov.

Is late Supervisor Shettie in Govt. Service?

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To the Collector Ballary Dto.

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# Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 3497 P.

Telegram

From. The Collector of Bellary

Ref no C. No 3497 Pg 13-11-99

~~Order~~

No.

The Collector of Bellary is requested to explain how the existence of plague at Hirenegalagiri was not discovered earlier, notwithstanding the fact that there are Observation circles all along the Mysore frontier. The Rogue must have been in the Village many days before it was reported.

13/11/99

To The Collector of Bellary.

Dated 11th Nov: 99

Received 13th Nov: 99

Registered 13th Nov: 99

Enclosures ..

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Postal 14/11/99

Note 6 deaths first reported on 11th 13.11.99
10 attacks 2 deaths the next day

SUBJECT.

Stating that six deaths from suspected plague have occurred at Hirenegalageri Harpanahalli taluk

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Class. D.C. INDIAN TELEGRAPH. Monthly Local No. 213

To D.C. From Mr Mousand Light Bellary

Station

| Words. | Day. | Hour. | Minute. | Official Instructions. |
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To (Person) Secretary to Govt Local and Municipal Department From (Person) Collector

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 13 NOV 1899 LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Tahsildar Harpanahalli reports Six deaths from Suspected plague at Hiremegalageri apothecary proceeding there I have ordered Head Assistant Collector to report forthwith after inspection locality

Thus are Ravalia Circles all along the Tungabhadra - so and I think - so and Mr. why Kayen ush expects it before - Ill have in this village

Recd from L. N. Sent

At Hrs. Mts. By At Hrs.

Date Population 1728. Lies within obs.n ⊙ 19 deg Vill.

MOUSAND LIGHTS 11 NO 99 L. N.

Postmaster.

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# Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 3614-P.

D. O.

*From* R. C. C. Carr Esq

*Order*

No.

*Dated* 12" and 15" Nov: 99.

*Received* 18 - 11 - 99

*Registered* 20 - 11 - 99

*Enclosures* --

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SUBJECT.

Re the outbreak of plague ~~at~~ in the Bellary Dt.

PLAGUE.

# Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 3618 P.

RECEIVED 21 NOV. 1899 ASSIST SECY TO GOVT MUNICIPAL & LEG DEPTTS

*From* The Collector of Bellary

*Order*

*Before* No. 3376 P.

*Dated* 18th November 1899.

*Received* 21 11. 99

*Registered* 21

*Enclosures* 1

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## SUBJECT.

Submitting the Report on the outbreak of plague at Hirémégalgeri.

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VIII. In accordance with these changes

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Bellary
12. Nov 99

C 3868 P.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

My dear Hammick

My telegrams of yesterday & today will have told you of the outbreak of plague at a village in the South of the Harpanahalli Tk. The first intimation was received here yesterday morning when a telegram from the Tahsildar told me of 5 deaths from suspected plague – Since then I have had news of 10 attacks & 2 deaths (presumably) in addition to those already

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C 3648 P.

BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.
Dated 18th November 1899.

Camp:— Sathur
Harpanahalli Taluk.

Carr Esquire I.C.S.

OR OF
BELLARY.

cretary to Government Local and
unicipal Department
Madras.

he honour to submit the following report
plague at Hirémégalageri and a
et in the Harpanahalli taluk, and
in compliance with the orders of Government in Ref:
on C. No 3497 P. dated 13th instant I will in the first
place endeavour to explain why the existence of plague
in these villages was not detected at an earlier date.

2. Under the arrangements subsequently
accepted by Government in G. O No 1499 mis: dated
16th ultimo observation Group VIII (Harpanhalli Taluk
which had been closed during the previous hot weather
was reopened at the End of September last. Group
I in the Adoni taluk was at the same time abo-
lished [vide G. O 1391 P. mis: dated 20th September 1899]
and the staff of that Group was transfered to Group
VIII. In accordance with these changes the Superviso

Mr. Shutie, joined at Harpanahalli with three Inspectors on September 27, but his work was soon found to be unsatisfactory, and in his proceedings dated 28th ultimo Mr. Elwin took advantage of the abolition of group IX in Alur taluk to post the staff of that group to group VIII. Mr. Green the Supervisor of No. IX was ordered to take over at once from Mr. Shutie, whose services were then dispensed with.

3. Mr. Green took charge at Harpanahalli on the 7th instant: and on the following day started to inspect the villages in circle 20, which he found to have been entirely neglected by his predecessor. Continuing his inspection southwards towards Uchchangidurgam, which had been indicated as his headquarters, he visited a village called Anjigeri, where he discovered a woman from Hiremegalageri who had been segregated by the Anjigeri ryots, although she herself was not suffering from fever or plague, and on enquiry he learnt from her that there had been several suspicious cases at her village. This was on the 12th instant, and Mr. Green at once proceeded to the affected village and has remained there ever since. Mr. Shutie does not appear to have visited this village at all, and his Inspector, who had reported a formal visit on the 4th instant, had discovered nothing. Mr. Green had brought with him a more energetic Inspector from group IX, who took charge of the circle on the 7th and two days later



wrote from Hiremegalageri reporting the outbreak. On the previous day — the 8th — the Karnam had at last made up his mind to frame a report, the Reddi being absent from the village, and the Station House Officer at Jeligi, a station 10 miles distant, also addressed the Tahsildar in the matter. These three separate reports were all delivered in Harpanahalli on the 10th, and the information was at once wired to me, the message being received at headquarters on the 11th.

4. The above details show that the failure to report the outbreak sooner was in the main due to the then Supervisor's neglect of duty, a neglect which was not unnaturally imitated by the Plague Inspector. As already stated, Mr. Shutie's services have since been dispensed with. The Police cannot be blamed in the matter, because owing to the paucity of constables at Jeligi station, beat work had been discontinued and night patrols substituted. I understand that this is in accordance with a general order issued by the Inspector General of Police, and is the usual practice between the months of November and April. As regards the village officers the Reddi, as already stated, was absent, having been summoned to Bellary in connection with a case pending in my Court. The curnam was probably not alarmed by the earlier attacks, and it was only when several persons died that he, together with the rest of the villagers, suspected the outbreak to be plague.

5. I enclose a tabular statement, corrected

No. 4
The Reddi has returned to his village 4 days ago.
Duly seen.

Plague Rep.: in this office has been corrected accordingly.

Mr. Shutie, joined at Harpanahalli with three

up to the 16th evening, showing the name, sex and age of each person attacked, and the dates of attack and death. It will be seen that the first victim was an old man, who was attacked on October 24 and died on November 1. After this there occurred 1 death on the 4th instant, 2 on the 5th, 1 on the 6th and 1 on the 7th. On the 4th instant, when the Inspector visited the place, there had been 4 attacks and 2 deaths, and the village being a small one, these facts should, of course, have attracted his attention. The subsequent cases, however, could not have been brought to his notice, as he had by then gone to Harpanahalli to hand over charge of his circle.

6. To further explain the delay in detecting these cases I must lay some stress on the fact that the village lies in the remote corner of a taluk, which itself is difficult of access. Harpanahalli, the Tahsildar's headquarters, is 22 miles from Hirenegalageri, and for more than half this distance there is no semblance of a road. The taluk cutcherry is some 20 miles from the nearest telegraph station, which is situated in Mysore territory on the Southern Mahratta Railway, while on the north it is 45 miles over a bad road to Gospet. For these reasons it took Mr. Green some days to reach his new charge, and the reports from the village could not without some delay be intimated to Government as required by the rules.

7. The statement enclosed shows that up to the 16th instant there had been 23 attacks and 12 deaths. Of these Nos. 5 and 6 in both lists refer to the hamlet of Kretasapuram; there have been no subsequent

subsequent attacks in this hamlet. One pleasant feature in this case is the readiness with which the people themselves have adopted sanitary measures... Before any one could arrive on the scene, both villages had been evacuated, one or two foolish persons alone remaining, and it is a curious fact that two women who insisted on staying within their kick yard, have both paid the penalty of their rashness and have both died of plague! The entire population is now encamped in the fields at various distances from the village, and the Tahsildar has, wherever necessary, assisted them with bamboos and cholam straw for the construction of their temporary abodes. The country is mostly composed of dry land with large stretches of stony waste, and during the present dry weather, it is no hardship to camp out under a good thatched roof. The necessary hospital sheds, suspect camp and staff camp have been constructed on the above principles.

8. On receiving the first intimation of the outbreak on the 11th instant I directed Mr. Lloyd to proceed at once to the spot, and I requested the District Medical and Sanitary Officer to send off half the Ambulance staff. The Civil Apothecary from Harpanahalli had gone to the village on the 10th instant and the Tahsildar followed him on the same evening. Owing to the presence of plague in the town of Bellary I did not think it advisable to send the District Medical and Sanitary Officer away from headquarters but Lieut Col. Pemberton promised to send his Assistant Surgeon. I left headquarters myself on the 12th and reached the scene of the outbreak on the

up to the 16th evening, showing the name, sex and

16th: on this and the following day I visited the village. I have much pleasure in reporting that the arrangements for housing the sick and the suspects leave nothing to be desired, and great credit is due to the Tahsildar, Mr RAy Narrain chetty, and to the civil Apothecary, Mr. D'Cruz. The Ambulance staff, who arrived on the 16th, have not yet received the tents which I have ordered for them, and were not very contented with the plain thatched huts put up for their convenience. They will doubtless settle down to these new conditions shortly. The Tahsildar remains on the spot for the present and will supply their wants. Mr Lurd has gone back to Hospet. A cordon of police has been posted round the village.

9. There can be no doubt that the disease which has attacked Hiremegalageri, is the bubonic plague. The medical officers testify to the well-known glandular swellings, and if confirmation were required, it has been furnished by the death of numerous rats and cats in the village. The corpses of the persons who have succumbed have been burnt and the houses are now being disinfected. I have great hopes that the worst part of the outbreak is over, but of course every precaution is necessary, and I have under rule 2 of the Additional Mufassal Regulations declared the village and its hamlet Arebasapuram to be an infected area. I have also taken steps to open preventive circles of 5 miles diameter round the infected villages. The additional Inspectors required for these new circles will be entered in the monthly establishment lists submitted for the approval of Government.

10. I do not think it will be necessary to open

to open any more Road Frontier Inspection Stations on this frontier. It is true that plague exists in Davangere and in various villages bordering on the Harpanahalli taluk, but the very fact, the disease appearing in these villages tends to check the traffic along the ordinary routes, for the villagers on the Government side act as patrols and resent the coming of any s[illegible]. At Shingrihalli, when I passed through, the p[illegible] were discussing the advisability of closing weekly market, and on the previous market day the fair had been held outside the village. Moreover in open country such as that along the Southwest frontier of the district, the open of a Road Frontier Inspection station on one road simply tends to divert traffic onto another line. The so-called roads are for the most part mere cart tracks, and it is impossible to efficiently guard a border where traffic does not perforce converge between narrow lines (vide note p. 42 of the Regulations 2nd edition).

11. The question of an additional [illegible] Officer will be separately reported upon. ~~When I go to headquarters~~.

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

GR
19.4.99

Bathurst

23. Nov. 98

My dear Premeaux

Your d.o. of yesterday-
Mr. Shutie is not in Government
Service - he was sent here
by the Sanitary Commissioner
in December '98 - When the
following details of his history
were given — "This man (Shutie)
"was late employed as Fourth
"Officer on a B.I.S.N. coasting Steamer -
"His pay was £120 - He also
"served under me in the Lunatic
"Asylum - Madras - as an European
"attendant, a post requiring tact"

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