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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

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~~(By Order.)~~

~~(Signed) R. NATHAN,~~
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Papers to be read in proceedings :—

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Current No. 85 P. of 1899, dated 11. 1. 99, from from the Plague Commissioner

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To, The Plague Commissioner ✓
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" Financial Dept.
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all Collectors.

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CURRENT No. 85P

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ASSISTT SECY TO GOVT
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From The Plague Commissioner

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S
13 JAN 99
MADRAS

Order

To Acct Genl: u.o.

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With the A.G.'s kindly state whether he sees any objection to the P.C.'s proposals?

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No account objection to P.C.'s proposals.

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SUBJECT.

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Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner.

Read:-

Letter from the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, No. 2555/S, dated ~~ed~~ 2-11-98.-

"I have the honour to inform you that, in accordance with your verbal request, I have completed the training of 100 sepoys on behalf of the Municipality of Madras, in duties connected with sick transport and disinfection, as required during plague epidemics. The men acquired their new duties with intelligence and willingness, that did them much credit. Their training was conducted under considerable difficulties owing to frequent heavy rainfall; as they lived under canvas during the period, they must have undergone considerable discomfort. As in teaching, I demanded from them complete fulfilment of duties expected by selecting a house for actual disinfection, manual work of a nature outside the usual role of the sepoy was effected. Under these circumstances, I think it would be but fair to allow them half "plague duty batta" for the period they were actually employed, namely, four out of the seven days absent from their head-quarters. The following is the full rate sanctioned by the Government of Madras.-

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Sepoy..........................	,, 0-8-0	

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4. I would advise that while drill be used with such ornamentation as the Commanding Officer of the 28th Regiment may elect in lieu of khaki or blue drill, as the latter would disadvantageously hide the dirt."

ORDER No.535, dated 5-11-98.

Communicated to the President, Municipal Commission, Madras. The Plague Commissioner agrees with the Sanitary Commissioner that half batta might be granted to the sepoys for the four days they worked. It is important to make the work popular with these men from the outset. The President is requested to say if he agrees to grant them batta. The proposal made by the Sanitary Commissioner in paras 3 & 4 of his letter should be carried out and the Plague Commissioner accordingly requests the President to take the necessary action in the matter.

(Signed) N. Hammick
Plague Commissioner.

(True Extract)

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Plague Commissioner.

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By telephone

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The Secretary to Govt.

L. & M. Dept.

To

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V.S.
30/1/99

W.T.
30/1/99

31-1-99

Note. Mr. Mascarenhas says that reminders are being rec'd by the P.C. from Collrs' on

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CURRENT No. 2069

From The Plague Commissioner.

Order

Repon C. No. 1214

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Submitting to Govt copy of his telegram informing the Collr of Salem that the troops on plague duty may be allowed batta at eight annas a day in anticipation of the Govt sanction already applied for.

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Plague Commissioner.

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NOTE FOR THE L & M. Deptt.

May the paper about allowances to Sepoys on disinfection work be kindly pushed through sharp? I learn that it is with Accountant-General and have written to him D.O. The men are getting to grumble about not getting their allowances, & I heard this morning that 2 men had struck work in Bellary District, had been Court-martialled, and sentenced to six months imprisonment which means they are dismissed from the arm This is a bit hard and it is to avoid a repetition that I ask for early or

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The Secretary to Govt.
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To

The Accountant Genl.

Will you kindly say when your reply to the U.O. reference on the subject of allowances to military officers and troops on plague duty may be expected as the matter is urgent.

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