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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

Plague.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1802 P

DATED 20-12-99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Special Plague Officer for Tiruppattur

Appointing Cap Lowdon temporarily as ——.

BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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PLAGUE.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. dated 189 .
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Current No. 4021P of 1899, dated 18-12-99, from Coll. of Salem
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ORDER No 1802 P. Mis d/20-12-1899

× Desp 20/12/99

Spl at once

ordinary

The following telegrams× will be despatched

To the Coll. of Salem
The Chairman M.C. Tiruppattur

"Capt London now doing duty Madras temporarily posted Tiruppattur as Special Plague Officer. He leaves tonight."

2 Separate orders have been issued for the despatch of 100 sepoys of the 28 Madras Native Infantry, ~~Madras~~.

20/12/99

To the Coll. of Salem P&O
The President M.C. Madras P&O
" S.C.

× Desp 20/12/99

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Telephone× message to the President M.C. Madras

Desp ×× 20/12/99

"Government has sanctioned the temporary loan of Capt London to Tiruppattur and requests you to instruct him to proceed by today's mail train. Collr of Salem & Chairman M.C. Tiruppattur informed accordingly by telegram."

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PLAGUE.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., No. , dated 189 .

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Current No. 4021 P of 1899, dated 18-12-99 from the Collr of Salem

SUBJECT.

Plague in Tiruppattur

FOR ORDERS.

The Military Dept has been requested to send 50 more sepoys to Tiruppattur. The telegram containing this request was despatched this morning.

2. In para 4 of ~~this~~ his letter, the Collr explains that the Additional medical officer cannot confine his work to the town, and that the services of a Military officer are required. There are at present two Military Officers on plague duty in this Presidency — (1) Capt French in Hosur Taluk & (2) Capt London in Madras City. The former has full work in Hosur Taluk where plague prevails in a number of villages. The latter officer does not seem to have any particular

particular work. Orders requested as to whether the President Madras Municipal Commission may be asked if he can spare Capt. London temporarily, or whether application should be made at once to the Government of India for a new ~~an~~ officer.

no harm in asking

W.T.

3. The Collector sends up a copy of his proceedings directing the examination of passengers alighting at Iramangalam Ry Station. It is submitted that his action may be approved.

Yes

W.T.

M.G.M.
19/12/99

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In reply to a telephone message the President states that he can spare Capt. London temporarily until another officer is sent to Tiruppattur & but requests that he may be sent back to Madras with the least possible delay as his local experience is most available. He ~~adds~~ adds that he has written, deprecating any further reduction in the plague establt of Madras. This letter has not yet been received. The Sanitary Commr also has written, objecting to any further

further reduction. These papers will be submitted for orders when complete. ~~Meanwhile it seems best not to disturb Capt. London & it is submitted that~~ ~~when~~ ~~the Govt of India may be asked to depute another Military Officer.~~ A draft order is put up.

M.G.M.
20/12/99

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Telephone message

from Secy to Govt L M Dept
To the President M.C. Madras

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"Can you spare Capt London
temporarily for plague duty
in Tiruppattur municipality
where plague has broken out"

(from Secy's orders)

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NOTE FOR THE Sp. Asst.

H.M. has sanct. tempy transfer of Capt. London to Tinpatten.

Send F.O. at once to Pres. M.C., & wire both Colls & Chairman, something to this effect

Capt. London tempy posted Tinpatten, leaving tonight.

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And telephone H.M.

As London ~~goes~~ is lent only temporarily to Tinpatten, may I wire India for another military officer?

H.I.

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 40210

ASSISTT SECY TO GOVT. LOCAL MUNL POL & LEG DEPT
19 DEC. 1899

From

The Collector of Salem

Order.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting sanction for the deputation of 50 more sepoys and of an European officer ~~fo~~ as Special Plague officer for Dimpatur

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SALEM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
18th December 1899.
Camp Tirupattur

No.

FROM
Robert B Clegg Esq.,
Ag Collector and District Magistrate,
Salem,

To
The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Madras.

Sir,

order given for sepoys.

In continuation of my telegram of today's date asking for fifty more sepoys of the 28th Madras Native Infantry for disinfection work, I have the honor to report that the work of disinfection is far more extensive than I anticipated when I asked for fifty men in the first instance.

G.O. 1776 P
14-12-99

2. The grain bazaars and shops in the bazaar street are being now disinfected and tiles removed from the roofs. Large numbers of dead rats are being found in the tiles which shows that the rats are infecte Cases have occurred, not in one

particular locality, but here, there and everywhere in the town proper, which is a compact block of houses, and bad smells, due no doubt from dead rats, are to be found emanating from evacuated houses and shops where no deaths are traceable. Large quantities of merchandise are stored up in these shops, all of which have to be removed to the streets.

3. In consequence not only houses where cases have occurred but practically the whole town* ought to be disinfected before reoccupation. It will be impossible to do this, but at any rate as much disinfection as is practicable is necessary and the large staff applied for is required.

4. With 100 men, I presume, an European Officer will be necessary. If one can be spared I would recommend his being appointed Special Plague Officer and he can look after the discipline and work of his men at the same time. Not a single municipal Councillor is left to assist the Chairman and I am afraid he, a non-official, will be unable to supervise efficiently the operations. The local revenue officials, the Head Assistant Collector and the Tahsildar, have enough to do to watch the scattered population. Moreover the Head Assistant Collector is Chairman-Ex officio of Vaniembadi Municipality which is in imminent danger of becoming infected, and in fact I see Government have already declared it an infected area. Five sixths of the population have gone out and are living in field sheds, huts, & tents at a distance. Many must

on account of its dangerous plague, which has now subsided.

also have gone into villages and towns where they have relatives.

Our efforts have been unavailing up to now to form regularly organised health camps although assistance and materials for erection have been offered gratis. The preference is to go to gardens, topes and private fields far afield where sanitary restrictions cannot be enforced. The new Additional Medical Officer recently appointed cannot, therefore, solely confine his work to the town.

5. I have the honor, therefore, to request early orders for appointment of an European officer.

6. With regard to inspection at Salem Railway station, I submit a copy of my instructions which, I trust, will meet with approval.

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I myself have started the inspection and several cases of fever have already been removed to the camp at Suramangalam.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Rowe H Clegg

Ag. Collector

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Proceedings of the Collector of Salem.

The Medical officer on plague duty at the Suramangalam Railway station is hereby vested with the powers referred to in original Mofussal Regulation 29. He should examine carefully all passengers alighting from the Madras direction, especially from the infected areas and the stations to which the passport rules are applicable and detain any case of fever or suspicious symptoms as well as contacts in the District Board Plague camp under Police Guard.

Plague Regns

2. For the purposes of this examination in addition to the constable already employed five constables have been deputed by the Superintendent of Police. They should live in the sheds provided in the camp and attend the platform on arrival of all the trains from the Madras direction. They must carry out strictly the Medical officer's orders in respect of platform and guard duty. When there are cases detained in the camp two constables should be employed on guard there and four at the platform. The Police Superintendent is requested to arrange for proper supervision and if experience shows more men are needed, he is requested to depute them and inform me.

3. The following arrangement for examination of passengers at the railway statinn appears best for all trains. The Railway Company will be requested to lock both doors of each carriage at the next preceding station to Salem. In company with the Ticket Collector the Medical officer should examine tickets carriage by carriage and have all passengers alighting from infected areas or stations to which passport rules apply, removed at once to a roped enclosure near the Plague office at the end of the platform. There they should all be carefully examined and passports issued to healthy persons. Persons to be detained showing fever or suspicious symptoms should be removed under Police guard to the Plague camp. Persons who are not under the rules required to take out passports need only be examined as they alight from the trains and if healthy allowed to depart without hindrance. The first and second class carriages should be examined first of all. The Railway officials

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are most willing to give the plague officers every assistance, and the plague officer is directed to meet the wishes of the Railway officers as far as is possible having regard to the strict efficiency of the examination.

4. The railway officials will be requested not to allow passengers leaving Salem by these trains from the booking office on to the platform until the ticket is examination is over and all the carriage doors unlocked. This will prevent confusion.

5. Staff for Plague camp.

The present hospital assistant should live in the plague camp. The Dt. Medical and sanitary officer should call the newly-sanctioned nurse from Yercaud to this duty temporarily; a male and female Totty, & a cook are perhaps sufficient for the present, but as required, the staff specified on page 124 of the Regulation may be entertained. Two Doly bearers with a dhooly should attend the trains at the Railway station. A short-cut should be made direct to the camp from the Railway station to avoid, if possible, going along the main road. The Dt. Medical and Sanitary officer will arrange for the necessary medical and sanitary requirements in the camp. As very few persons will probably be detained, a small stock is all that is required. The cost of the camp and establishment will be borne by the District Board, that of the inspection staff at the platform by the Municipality. The Chairman is requested to appoint a sufficient staff and apply for sanction.

(Signed) Robert B. Clegg
Ag Collector

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Robert B Clegg
Ag Collector

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