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PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

READ—the following paper :—

From J. K. BATTEN, Esq., Acting Collector and District Magistrate, North Arcot, to the Plague Commissioner, Madras, dated Chittoor, 28th January 1899, R.C. No. 220-P.

With reference to paragraph 2 of your Proceedings, No. 104—7, dated 12th January 1899, I have the honour to state that I have formed thirteen observation circles around Vellore up to a depth of 20 miles on all directions except south-west where the intervention of the Javadi Hills renders the formation of circles beyond 10 miles unnecessary. The following is the description of the circles formed :—

2. A plan of the district having the above divisions marked in it is under preparation and will be submitted shortly.

3. I do not propose to start all the thirteen circles at once. It is enough for the present if circles Nos. 1, 9, 11, 4, 5 and 6 which adjoin Vellore and Arcot are started, and I have started them accordingly in anticipation of your sanction. Instead of appointing sanitary inspectors as plague inspectors of these circles, I have appointed selected revenue inspectors of the district as plague inspectors. The sanitary inspectors sent out for plague duty are mostly young and inexperienced with very little tact or patience and have not proved a success above the ghâts. The special training which they undergo for a few days in sanitation and disinfection does not help them much in managing the people and obtaining the information which is the more important part of their work. On the other hand, revenue inspectors have much influence and local knowledge and a better sense of discipline. These revenue inspectors have already learnt theoretically the method of disinfection from a circular issued by me and many of them have seen disinfection carried out, and I will also make them undergo a few days' practical training under the District Medical and Sanitary Officer. They will be paid a monthly salary of Rs. 50, plus Rs. 15 horse allowance, and each of them will have under him a peon on Rs. 7. Two European or Eurasian supervisors will also be appointed with two peons to work under each. One of them will have his head-quarters at Vellore and will supervise the work of plague inspectors in circles Nos. 1, 9 and 11; and the other will have his head-quarters at Ránipéttai, and will exercise control over inspectors of circles Nos. 4, 5, and 6. A list of villages comprised in each circle will be prepared and supplied to the plague inspectors and supervisors. I have also appointed two sanitary inspectors to watch the bridge between Vellore and Katpadi and two to watch the road where the Vellore-Arcot road crosses the old town ramparts, a little way out of Vellore.

PROCEEDINGS—No. 292, dated 31st January 1899.

The Collector's proposals are approved with the exception that the revenue inspectors selected for plague duty should get the pay and allowances sanctioned by Government for plague inspectors, viz., Rs. 45 + Rs. 15 horse allowance + Rs. 15 fixed travelling allowance. The receipt of the map is awaited.

H. M. S. S. S.
Personal Assistant
for Plague Commissioner.

To the Collector of North Arcot (A—L).

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