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I should be glad if the P.C. will visit Kurnool at an early date and report on the measures in progress for combating plague at the five places where it is indigenous.

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To P.C. for perusal.



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I am now in Hosur. Leave in 2 days for Hindpur, where I shall stay 2 days also, & then go to Kurnool. Thence to Belong & back to Hosur.

Diary of the Plague Commissioner.

2-2-99. Thursday

I left Madras by the evening Mail train for Tiruvannamalai to discuss camp arrangements connected with the Inspection station, recently started, with Mr. Wynch there. I met him at Villupuram and we reached Tiruvannamalai the next morning.

3-2-99. Friday

The staff employed consists of a Doctor, an Inspectress and a Hospital Assistant; while in the Municipal Camp close by there is another Hospital Assistant and nurse. Two Hospital Assistants are at present unnecessary as one of them can be found only by closing a dispensary at Ulundurpet. I have arranged with Mr. Wynch that the Hospital Assistant shall return to his dispensary. Mr. Condon will then have one Hospital Assistant and this will be quite sufficient for the work of inspection. I consider it very unlikely that any cases of plague will be discovered among passengers. The number of passengers is said to have decreased noticeably since the inspection was commenced and there can be no doubt that a knowledge that inspection is made is likely to deter any person who is not in a good state of health from traveling by rail. Further if a case is found, the Hospital Assistant on duty at the station will immediately go to the Hospital camp. The Civil Apothecary attached to the local Hospital will temporarily assist Mr. Condon in the examination of trains and the

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Hospital Assistant at Chengam will be called in to take the vacant place at the Railway Station. He can be brought in within 24 hours. This will obviate the necessity of closing one dispensary unnecessarily. The attendance of the Civil Apothecary at the Railway Station for a day can be arranged for without serious detriment to his ordinary duties. This inspection station is not, I consider, on the same footing as Hospet & Tungabhadra, where people coming from infected areas are detained for disinfection. The object of it, I consider, is, to catch people who are actually sick while travelling, to send forward intimations ⁴ passengers from infected areas, and to leave other places to be guarded by the passport rules. There is no arrangement for disinfection here as there is at Hospet & Tungabhadra and satisfactory disinfection cannot be carried out unless boiler is erected. I think matters should go on here as at Pakala & Podanur. I was present at the examination of the morning train and this was satisfactorily done. During the day a special train arrived; to this was attached a passenger carriage. No notice had been given to Dr. Condon of the arrival of this train. However, I inspected it myself and found there were no passengers. I spoke to the Stationmaster and asked him always to give notice of special trains to Dr. Condon, which he says he can easily do as he gets more than 4 hours' notice of its arrival. I have asked Mr. Wynch to write officially to the Traffic Manager, South Indian Railway, to issue orders to that effect to the Stationmasters. The camp now in existence at

Tiruvannamalai is one built by the Municipality. It is divided into a suspect camp & Hospital camp. The buildings in the suspect camp are as follows:-

One European shed 40x20, two sheds for Natives 12x9, two kitchens, two rough latrines, and a shed, which is now used by the Hospital Assistant, but was intended for an observation ward in which persons could be placed who are rather more than suspected, but not declared to be suffering from plague. I am of opinion that no accommodation for Europeans need be furnished, for it is quite unlikely that any will be detained. Mr Wynch has an old tent which he says he never uses, and this he is prepared to keep in the camp in case of emergency. He will have it valued by the Engineer or some other officer in Cuddalore and send it to Tiruvannamalai at once. The European shed we agreed might be turned into a store room & Police Guard. It is as a matter of fact occupied by the nurse attached to the camp, but if she is to be of any use at all she should live in Hospital camp. Two more Native sheds for suspects should be added. The latrines should be built with cement flooring & proper arrangements for disposing of the excreta; two washing platforms should be constructed and two disinfecting sheds. The so-called observation ward will be turned into compounder's quarters. There is a good drinking water well situated at a little distance from the suspect camp; a waterman will be engaged for the camp and a hut for him will be put up close to the well. Tubs, or if possible,

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cisterns with taps will be provided for the use of the camps. In the Hospital camp there is a shed for Europeans 40x20, one kitchen & two latrines. The European shed is for the reasons I have already given not required. The tent will meet all requirements. The sheds will be turned into quarters for the Hospital Assistant, a portion of it being set apart as a store & dispensary. Two latrines must be constructed with cemented floors. Quarters are necessary for the rest of the staff, i.e., one nurse, 2 sweepers, one shed for men-servants and one shed for women-servants, one for a cook, one for a dhobi; a dead house and an incinerator should also be constructed. Two Hospital sheds are necessary for Natives, one for women and ^{one} for men. The wards should be 12x12 in a line with a 4 feet verandah. It will be sufficient for the present to construct two wards for men and two for women. The building will be made so as to be capable of immediate extension. They will have cement floors sloped with drains to carry off fluids into a bucket. Four sheds for friends will be sufficient for the present. I consider that any further expenditure at present is uncalled for.

I leave by the afternoon train for Vellore..

W. B. ...
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Plague Commissioner.

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