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JANUARY.

Cuddapah Observation scheme.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

READ—the following papers :—

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Plague Commissioner, Madras, dated 6th January 1899, No. 38-S.

With reference to your Proceedings, No. 624, dated 7th November 1898, in which you communicated to me your approval of the Collector's opinion that "Observation circles" should not be formed in the district of Cuddapah, I have the honour to advise that the subject be re-considered. It seems improbable, considering the advance made by plague on the Mysore border, that the Cuddapah district cannot much longer escape attack. Under present conditions, it is improbable that anything would be heard of the existence of the disease till it had become firmly established in its indigenous form. It seems certainly unlikely that if in the remaining Ceded districts it has been possible to establish "Observation circles" without inducing popular disturbance, that by the exercise of appropriate measures by the Revenue authorities, it should not have been feasible here also. In the other Ceded districts there was no want of misapprehension, but both the Revenue authorities and sanitary inspectors faced the position and have fully secured the sympathy of the people. It must be remembered that none but men of good caste—largely Brahmans—have been sent for work as sanitary inspectors in districts.

~~Cur. No. 347-Plague.~~

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~~*10th January* 1899.~~ (Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Plague Commissioner.

From H. O. D. HARDING, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Plague Commissioner, Madras, dated Camp, Rázampéta, 21st January 1899, Ref. on Cur. No. 347-P. of 1898.

With reference to your endorsement, Ref. on Cur. No. 237, dated 7th January 1899 (herewith returned), I have the honour to report as follows.

I have not been myself among the threatened villages except Madanapalle itself since the scare in October when we had to abolish our whole scheme. I found, however, at Christmas that the removal of the dreaded supervisors and circle inspectors had quieted the whole country. People had no more complaints, were happily pursuing their businesses and keeping private kavals in the villages. I found them doing this at Madanapalle and now hear from the Plague officer that they are, as they promised, keeping careful watch in all frontier villages. At the same time a case may come in and they may say nothing about it and some supervision is necessary beyond what is now given by the Plague officer himself and the ordinary revenue inspectors. I object strongly to supervisors and circle inspectors for various reasons. They are ruinously expensive. They are strangers to the people, they only excite fear and opposition and will not be allowed to enter villages or inspect anything. I am informed that the villagers have lost none of their objections to that and believe that if we put a lot of strangers on to them again we shall merely revive the troubles about inoculation and poisoned wells and so forth which are dying a natural death. If, however, we employ revenue inspectors—men whom the people know well—we can get a certain amount of observation due without causing harm. I have been doing this as far as is consistent with these men's ordinary duties. I would now suggest that two revenue inspectors be detailed from ordinary duty for plague work. They may be called special revenue inspectors—not plague officers—as the name plague officer is by some alone considered sufficient to cause death. They may be appointed one to Madanapalle and one to Kadiri to patrol the frontier villages as circle inspectors and they may be paid Rs. 40 only each, *i.e.*, the pay of a first-class revenue inspector from District Board funds. Various ignorant young men attracted by the high pay offered have been throwing up 15-rupees clerkships and after a brief training coming forward as sanitary inspectors. I asked one what he had really learnt of sanitary laws, and he gravely observed that he had studied earth, air, fire and water and knew all about them. A trained revenue inspector is worth six of these raw boys and some rudiments of sanitation could be driven into him by a ten days' course under the District Medical Officer. I would therefore suggest the appointment of two revenue inspectors on Rs. 40 each as circle inspectors for Madanapalle and Kadiri and nothing else. Mr. Hawkes, Plague Officer, constantly patrols the frontier and has made friends with all the people, so far indeed that some villagers are now asking to be inoculated. These revenue inspectors will work under him. If plague becomes much worse on the Vellore side, I would put one on at Píléru or Vayalpad also. It is a significant comment on this system of circle observation that my one case of plague occurred outside the threatened area, *i.e.*, Vayalpad taluk, where no scheme was even considered necessary at all. No scheme can prevent occasional stragglers getting through in a jungly country, and in my opinion we get far better protection by inviting and using the friendly help of the villagers themselves than we shall get by imposing again a scheme of expensive, distasteful, and not very useful sanitary inspection.

Letter No. 264/20 d 27·1·~~99~~

FROM

L. E. BUCKLEY, Esq., I.C.S.,
Plague Commissioner,

To

THE COLLECTOR OF CUDDAPAH. (A—2

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Ref. on C. No. 347-P. of 1898, dealing with the question of protecting your district from plague.

2. Under the circumstances reported by you, I agree with you that local officers already known to this people should be employed rather than sanitary inspectors. I consider, however, that two men cannot do much good in so large an area, and should like to see seven men employed, one for each circle shown in the map forwarded by you with your letter of 28th September. You may call them what you will, but I consider that they should draw the same pay and allowances as officers holding corresponding positions in other districts. I agree with you that no supervisors are required for the present.

3. Plague is now in Kolar district and in Hindupur. In your letter of 28th September you say that further measures may be required if Kolar district becomes infected; I have the honour to request that you will report if you now consider any further measures necessary. It is also possible that an inspection station may be required on the Hindupur road; this question and the question of re-opening the road inspection stations recently closed deserve consideration.

4. I note you say you have not been among the threatened villages since October; from the reports received in this office, this would seem to be a mistake for November. I have the honour to suggest that your presence on the frontier will be likely to allay any excitement which the introduction of the present scheme may arouse.

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
27th January 1899.

Personal Assistant
for Plague Commissioner.

Copy to the Secretary to Govt,
L. & M. Dept.
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" " " Surg. Genl.
" " " Collrs of Nellore (A)
" Anantapur (A)
" " N. Arcot (A)

Exd. P. Seetharam.

CN 237

[2,000—18-2 98.]

No. $\frac{38}{S}$

OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Madras. ~~Fort St. George~~, 6. 1. 1899.

From
~~Surgeon~~-LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,
SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To
THE Plague Commissioner
Madras

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
10 JAN 99
CUDDAPAH

Enclosure.

P.C. $\frac{264}{20}$ 7/1

SIR,

With reference to your Proceedings No 624 dated 7th Novemr 98, in which you communicated to me your approval of the Collectors opinion that "Observation Circles" should not be formed in the district of Cuddapah, I have the honor to advise that the subject be reconsidered. It seems improbable, considering the advance made by plague on the Mysore border that the Cuddapah District ~~Can~~ cannot much longer escape attack. Under present conditions, it is improbable that anything would be heard of the existence of the disease, till it had become firmly established

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
W. G. King
Lt Col. Ims
Sanitary Commissioner

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

SUB-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
19 JAN 99
CUDDAPAH

CURRENT No. 237

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
10 JAN 99
CUDDAPAH

Cur No 347 d/10-1-99
Plague

Ref. On. C. No. 237 of 1899.
dated 7th January 1899.

From The Sanitary Commissioner, Madras

Order

No. 38/S

Forwarded to the Collector of Cuddapah for favour of very early remarks. Observation circles are now being opened in the South of Anantapur, and it appears desirable that similar steps should be taken in Cuddapah; which otherwise will be the only district with an unguarded frontier.

Dated 6-1-1899
Received 7-1-1899
Registered 7-1-1899
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SUBJECT.

Advising the reconsideration of the Plague Commissioner's approval of the Cuddapah Collector's opinion that observation Circles need not be formed in Cuddapah.

9/1/99
for Plague Commissioner.

To

The Collector of Cuddapah.
(To be returned with reply)

C. No 91 of 1899
P

OFFICE
14 JAN. 99
CUDDAPAH

DESP[illegible]
11 JAN. 1899

Forwarded through the Dist. Collector to Mr. Hanley for early opinion. I do not [illegible] [illegible] has for the last [illegible] are [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] present [illegible] [illegible] travelling circles — or [illegible] the present [illegible] of a revenue Inspector & village [illegible] is [illegible] anything. I should be inclined to employ Rev. Inspectors or vaccinators who are known to the people rather than strangers who come — plague officers [illegible] decided accordingly.

H. Standing
10. 1. 99.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.
88	17-1-99.

1. Forwarded.
2. I personally have always been against abandoning the circles, and the recent petition from Tsadam confirmed me in the view that we should do our best to improve them. I am fully agree with the Collector however in thinking Sanitary Inspectors like "No Objection" are given them under, and if the circles are instituted, it will be better to employ [illegible] one R.I. [illegible] on leave, getting substitutes for them. 1 R.I. for Kadiri and 1 for Madanapalle should I think be sufficient. The supervision will be required so long as the Special Plague Officer is on duty.

[illegible]
A. J. [illegible]
11. 1. 99

Ref on C No 237 of 1899

D/ 7/1/99

Forwarded to the Collr of Cuddapah for further & very early remarks. Observation circles are now being opened in the South of Anantapur, & it appears desirable that similar steps sh. be taken in Cuddapah, which otherwise will be the only district with an unguarded frontier.

[illegible]

Desp 7/1/99

Desp'd 9-1-99.

Re 7/1

Plague Commissioner's Office,
FORT ST. GEORGE,

Dated 189 .

D.P. 24/1

From

L. E. BUCKLEY, Esq., I.C.S.,
PLAGUE COMMISSIONER,

To

Collr of Cuddapah

Drft/print

Sir,

I h. t. h. to request an early reply to my ref on C. No 237 d. 7.1.99

20/1 L.B.

O.E.

Let me see docket of L.C.'s letter; I suppose a note was kept of the subject.

Docket of that Co letter.

Advising the re-consideration of the Plague Commissioner's approval* of the Cuddapah Collr's opinion that observation circles need not be formed in Cuddapah.

* apparently Orders No 624/5-11-98

Despd. 23/1/99.

R. 23/1

[L. & M. Dept.
500—23-9-97.]

NOTE FOR THE P.E.

I think I wrote to Collector Cuddapah the other day, re frontier circles &c. Please put up papers if any

19/1 JB

Ref. on C No 237. 999 put up. The Sanjy Cachar's letter was sent in orgl

15/1

P.E.
15/1

[L. & M. Dept.
500—28-9-97.]

NOTE FOR THE

O/P

No 986
24-12-97
Public
(a)

Has Horse allowance been withdrawn from Ambulance Sanitary inspectors?

20/ LB

P E

(b)

Has Collector of Cuddapah ever reported the dispensing with the services of Sanitary inspectors?

20/ LB

(a) Please see P.C.'s Procs No $\frac{986}{24-12-97}$ G.O. No 938 P. dt 26-2-98 & No 576 dt 9-8-98 do not seem to refer specifically to Sanitary inspectors of ambulance staff

It was [illegible] done with them in his letter disposed

(b) Please see P.C.'s Procs of No $\frac{622}{8-11-98}$ & $\frac{624}{9-11-98}$ & remarks in establishment for Nov 1898

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20/ 1.99

[illegible] vide Collector letter [illegible]

No 204 P. dt 14-3-98. A difference of Rs 3508.40 will make a great saving

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as Circle Inspectors for Madanapalle & Kadiri Talugs.

[L. & M. Dept.
500—23-9-97.]

NOTE FOR THE

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25/1

Ref on C No 237. 99 put up.

The same Cuddapah letter was sent in orig

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Plague Commissioner's Office

~~Local & Munl.~~ (1899) ~~Department~~.

P. C.
25 JAN. 1899

CURRENT No. 1027

Have we a map of the original scheme

26/1

G.O. 1243 P (containing the map for the first scheme submitted & as well as the map for the revised scheme) is put up

27/1

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From

The Collector of Cuddapah

Ref. on Current No. 347/P of 98.

Dated 21st January 1899.
Despatched 24-1-99.
Received 25-1-1899
Registered 25-1-1899
Enclosures ~~two~~ C No 237 with.
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For Orders.

There seems much force in what the Coll: of Cuddapah says. The men trained by the S.C. temporarily for plague do not seem very capable men & perhaps taluk gumastahs with 15 days' training would do just as well if not better, ~~be preferable~~ & would certainly be ~~lost~~ less costly. A plague Inspr's circle is not greater than that of a Rev Inspr who is paid Rs 35 or Rs 40 but the men sent by P.C. get Rs 45+15+15 & are often ignorant of the vernacular of the places they are sent on. This was urged as a reason for giving them Rs. - vide Collr's letter in G.O. No 204 P. dt 14-3-98. A difference of Rs 35 & 40 will make a great saving

25/1-99

25/1

SUBJECT.

Reporting that observation Circles need not be formed in this District and suggesting the appointment of two Rev Inspectors on Rs 40 each as Circle Inspectors for Madanapalle & Kadiri Taluqs.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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C N 1027

REFERENCE / DISPOSAL No. ——

ENCLOSURES.

Cuddapah COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Camp Rajampett.
Dated 21st January 1899.

FROM H. C. D. Harding, Esquire,
of COLLECTOR OF
Cuddapah,

TO
THE Plague Commissioner,
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Your most obedient Servant

Ag. Collector.
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Plague Commissioner's Office,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
Dated 189 .

From
L. E. BUCKLEY, Esq., I.C.S.,
PLAGUE COMMISSIONER,

Chas 237
– 1067.

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Collector of Cuddapah.

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Cuddapah in this print [illegible]

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