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PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague Commissioner's Diary dt 12-2-99
being his notes on the inspection of
^{Hosur}
~~Kattigani~~ and other places in Salem D.

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It is not clear how plague got into Hissar. There is no doubt that people have all along been making the most strenuous efforts to keep it out & have ^{themselves} maintained guards for the purpose. There is no doubt their work has been very effective so far as regards strangers, but it would be expecting them to be more than human ^{not} ~~to allow~~ ^{not} their own relations backward & forward; ~~but~~ and inclined to think they have not ~~permitted~~ ^{not} this to any great extent. As far as can be made out the history of the infection is as follows. A hyacinth died under ~~the~~ circumstances which ^{arose} at that time ~~arose~~ no suspicion. a few days later dead rats were discovered in a house two or three doors off. Two or three days later the son of the hyacinth left Hissar for a neighbouring village & died there of plague. It is probable he was sick and

^{in the house}
again a girl died adjoining the house in which dead rats were found. The father of the girl had assisted to carry the body of the hyacinth to the grave. Two days later

he went. How the hyacinth fell
sick is not clear. The only clue
to be obtained is that his wife
had received some clothes from
Mattigiri. These houses are ^{at one end of}
the Brahmin street. Subsequently
a Brahmin clerk in the Sub-Registrar's
office living far away right at the
other end of the Brahmin street
died of plague. It is possible that
he may have been infected from a
different source, for he had staying
in his house a relation who had
been on plague duty in Bangalore.

Next a Golla died under ~~the~~
suspicious circumstances right at
the other end of the town. The ~~town~~ doctor
pronounced this case to be plague.

There is no doubt he had a bullock, but ^{as set}
all the people round about ~~say~~
had been sick for 6 months. However,
subsequent events will probably
tell us if ^{the doctor's} diagnosis was correct.

Two days ago a weaver family
fell sick & at once proceeded to the
fields & we found a woman dead
this morning while the man & ~~the~~
child of the same family also
sick. How they got the infection

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is not clear. They have lived at
a distance from the Brahmin
street & from Golla's house. I
believe the man used to go for
cooling & it is possible he contracted
the disease in this way. The
town is being rapidly evacuated
most of the Brahmins left it
& are living in the camp out
on the Malur road which they
have constructed for themselves.
The Tahsildar ^{lead} the way partly
to save his own skin & partly to
example. Other castes are
building up sheds in all direc-
tions. The poorer people find
considerable difficulty in ~~building~~
building huts & many of them
are utilizing the biggest rocks
that are to be found. I saw one
case that a man ~~was~~ digging
a regular hole ^{under rock} in the rock
& in several other cases
big rocks had been joined by
a mud wall & everything
was ready except roof. It is
impossible to build camps

for the whole town. When we do not
build or contribute it is difficult
to compel the people to camp in our ^{usual}
ordinary way. The collector proposes
to give bamboos free from the
jungle & get mats from Salem to
help the really poor to build
huts for themselves. In this case
where we give materials we should
be able to insist that the people
build their huts where we want
them to do. It is also proposed to have
bamboos & mats ready for sale for
those who are able to buy. The
whole of the Brahmin quarter is about
to ^{be} ready to ~~have~~ ^{be} ~~evacuated~~ and
over a quarter of the people
have ^{already} left. The blocks of
houses in which the first case
appeared have been unroofed
& disinfected & similar precautions
had been taken in case of other
infected houses. The pathpart
of Mattigiri which was previously
infected had been clear for the
last 14 days. The village consists of
a number of hamlets, & in the
last few days the hamlet
inhabited by Syces of the Remount

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Remount Keepôt has become
infected for the first time.
The history is not clear, but

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