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[Despatch Abstract.]

Road Inspection Stations and Observation Circles.

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and the S. C. requesting them to report at
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SUBJECT.

Sub 9 copy of his letter to the Colons of Frontier Desks & the San't Commr calling for an early report upon the working of the Road Inspection Stations and Observation Circles, and enquiring whether the results attained in that behalf would justify the cost incurred in retaining them, whether the number of the former can be reduced, and whether the latter ^{could} be worked on other lines

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Plague Commissioner's Office

Camp, Hospet

Dated, 23rd March 1899.

From

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

Plague Commissioner,



To

The Collectors of frontier districts
and the Sanitary Commissioners

Sir,

I have the honour to request you to report at an early date upon the working of the Road Inspection Stations and observation circles on your frontier, and to enquire if you consider the results attained justify the cost incurred. There is reason to hope that as the hot weather draws on, plague may disappear within the limits of the Presidency, but the probability of having to defend ourselves after the rains against a fresh attack from Bombay and Mysore and possibly Bengal has to be prepared for. It is possible that some modification of our present scheme of defence may be introduced with advantage. On this point I invite your opinion.

2. Road Frontier Stations are undoubtedly of use in places where the nature of the country forces traffic to converge between narrow lines, but where the country is flat and open there is reason to believe that they can be, and are as a rule, easily evaded. Gordons round even moderate sized villages have been found impracticable and it appears of doubtful expediency to attempt to maintain what is in reality more or less of a cordon along a frontier of great length in an open and flat country. I do not suggest that all Road Inspection Stations should be closed at once, but it is possibly advisable that many of them should be, leaving only those which are really efficient. It might be advisable to establish others in places where the nature of the country will render them workable, even though not immediately on the frontier; as an illustration of what I mean, I mention the passes in the hills in the south of Penukonda Taluk Anantapur District, the ghats between Hosur and Krishnagiri in the Salem District, and between Kollegal and the adjoining Taluks

3. The question of retaining observation circles with their numerous Inspectors and Supervisors is a difficult one to decide upon. It might be possible in the case of threatened districts to appoint special Inspectors to each Revenue Inspector's range on the threatened frontier, selecting for these posts, as far as possible, men known by the people and likely to have influence with them and placing all such special officers in a taluk under a special Tahsildar or Deputy Tahsildar. In rural areas experience teaches us that the only satisfactory method of grappling with plague is by evacuation and disinfection. It will probably be by the help of the special officers. I suggest, that we shall meet with the greatest success in inducing the people to evacuate, and Sanitary Inspectors and others might then be called in for disinfection work.

4. In the Deccan Districts and in Salem there has grown up among the people a sense of the importance of keeping persons from an infected area at a distance. Such a sense is to be fostered where it exists and created elsewhere, for on this we may to a great extent depend for the carrying out of equally if not more satisfactorily and certainly more cheaply of the work that we are now attempting to do by our road frontier stations.

5. The above are merely suggestions thrown out in the hope of discovering some efficient means of defence which may reduce to some appreciable extent our present enormous expenditure. Your past experience may suggest a scheme on other lines. I shall be glad, if in putting forward a scheme you will kindly show what saving you expect to make. I do not of course expect your scheme to be drawn up in any way but roughly; details need only be supplied if any of the proposals put forward is adopted by Government.

6. I shall be obliged by an early reply.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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for Plague Commissioner.

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