

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(1899)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 642

Dated 6/30/88

Despatched

[Despatch Abstract.]

Inoculation

Recording taken from the Sanitary
Commissioner submitting certain
proposals to allay the excitement
caused to people by vaccination
owing to — scare.

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

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From The Sanitary Commissioner
Madras.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting certain proposals
to allay excitement caused
to people for vaccination
owing to the inoculation
scare.

I will speak to
this matter

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to be put up
a tent.

From what I learn in
the Districts I have
visited, I understood
that vaccination is
at a standstill, owing
to the inoculations

Scarc. Can you suggest
any means of trying to

Sept 22 28 alms excitement! Per.

has a wife in the
 village head of the
 Saveto, viz the mother

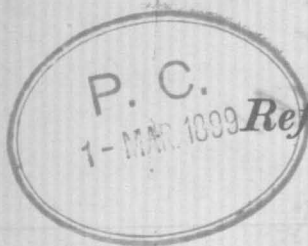
Voluntary, can it be performed?
 Yes, Sir, after discussion
 of the same effect. 132/2

Plague

C No 2405-

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NOTE by the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, dated 27th Feb.
February 1899



Reference.—

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Noted by the Plague Com-
missioner Ref in C No 2343 dated
27th February 1899.

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The matter is certainly one
of a very serious nature; we
shall have to pay dearly by
small-pox deaths in future
for the few that may be
saved from plague now.
Once vaccination receives
a check, it will be exceedingly
difficult to start it again.
You will note that, in reply
to my endorsement N° 3043,
dated 10 December 1898, you
have already issued a Proce-
ding N° 937, dated 18 December
1898, on the subject. This, I
think, is as far as I should
go in the way of public
notification. I have trusted
up to date & your request
being put into effect by
collectors

Collectors: but though they may have done so, I have not heard of an instance. A reminder might be sent out by you on this point. Further than this I would not go in the matter of public notification. The truth is it is the compulsory idea - the sacrifice of the lakhs of lives for saving of the life of the Queen or in revenge for the insult to the Bombay statue - that is at the bottom of the business.

2. The statement that none but such and such a class of persons is allowed to inoculate is just as likely to be muddled up as not, or be misunderstood; it is better to keep perfectly clear as to the position of vaccination, by not publicly mixing up their names with classes who do inoculate.

3. I think the best course is to require all Collectors to issue to each individual head of a village a personal notice that he will be held personally responsible if he

allows the absurd rumour that vaccinators have anything to do with inoculation preventing persons in his village undergoing vaccination. In such a takeed, it might be clearly laid down that the Vaccination Department has nothing to do with inoculation or any plague measure. It is, in short, no use trying to influence the general public, the village heads must be made to feel that however lenient the Collector may choose to be in respect to plague measures, no relaxation of formerly existing rules will be permitted as to vaccination. If a few good examples are made in each district, village heads will take care to make the difference known and to re-establish vaccination. At present the "inoculation" scare though very real in some places, in others may form a ready excuse for both the Village head and the Vaccination Department. It is much

How?
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easier for the Village head to
 give a Khyphiat stating
 that people will not submit
 to vaccination, on account of
 the "scare", than to tramp
 round the village with the
 vaccinator

W. W. W.

Leut Col. Dms
 Sanitary Commissioner
 for Madras

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The Chap. Commr. Madras.

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