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[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving the action of the Commissioner of Police
in redistributing the circles among the
Superintendents and sanctioning the employment
of certain Ex. at Koper. Belley D.

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The Collis proposes to redistribute the circles of the Superintendence as as best free him. Shute to attend to the disinfection work at Kospet and Chitney and to appoint a third Asst. Survey Super & an extra Hoapl. Asst. for the town of Kospet and a staff of three Super & on Rs 25 each with 4 peons & 24 Blues to take a census of the people in the health Camps and for other Survey arrangements in the town, are approved.

2. The Collis is requested to report whether Mr. P. and his sefays cannot move from Poddaholm to Kospet.

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The Collis action in redistributing the circles among the Supervisors is approved.

2. Sanction is accorded to the employment of the following staff

- (1) one Hospital Asst
- (2) one Asst. Sanitary Insp. (Rs 25)
- (3) Three Assts. on Rs 50 each
- (4) Four peons
- (5) 24 Blues

3. The Collis is requested to report whether at least this detachment of troops may not now be moved from Poddaholm to Kospet

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

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SUBJECT.

Making certain proposals
in connection with the
plague at Hospital.

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Copy of arji dated 21. 2. 99 from the Jalsildar of Hospet to the Collector of Bellary.

I beg to submit the following proposals regarding the measures to be adopted to check the progress of the plague in Hospet and its spread to other places round Hospet and to Bellary and other parts.

2. The Plague appeared in Hospet a month and a half ago and within a short time of its appearance the Boyas and the Ingathars whose quarters were first affected were induced by me successfully to move out into health camps. But a few stuck up a little longer to their houses and paid the penalty for it, as a few cases occurred among them. The other classes and the wealthier part of the population could not move out so readily. The Boyas being the working population moved off to the Sugarcane mills and other places where their services were much needed. The other

had to wait till their shutts could be
ready and for the last one week or so the
whole town is evacuated. The disease
appeared in the western part of the town
and spread in a sporadic form here &
there to the eastern part. The infection
seems to have been carried through rats
and cats all over the town & hence it
has become absolutely necessary to
disinfect all the houses in the town. There
are about 2574 houses in Hospet of
which 500 have been disinfected & 2074
still remain. Chitwadgi forming part
of the Hospet Union has 771 houses
and its freedom from plague cannot
be ensured for any length of time.
There have been 3 cases of plague
discovered in this part of the Union
and it is also affected and the work
of disinfection has increased very
materially. In addition to the work
of disinfection other sanitary measures
have also to be adopted, such as
clearing off and cleansing the main

drains, which are covered over in many
places and filth allowed to accumulate
unseen under ^{them} & under the orders of
the Collector the Plague Supervisor ^{has}
Shutie has remained at Hospet since
the appearance of the plague here. His
supervision work in the outside villages
has not been done and could not be
under these circumstances for some
months more. The spread of the disease
to other places like Narayana devarakesi
Kamalapur, Hampi, & eventually into
Bellary & other parts could be checked only
by efficient supervision. I therefore
consider it absolutely necessary that
another Supervisor should be appointed
to relieve Mr Shutie or rather to take
up the supervision work of the outside
villages. Such an appointment may be
temporary at present, unless unfortunately
the villages of Kamalapur, Narayana de-
varakesi happen to catch the infection, as
there is every danger of it on account

of the ceaseless communication between them and Hospet. In the latter case the Supervisor may have to be appointed for a longer term.

3. At present there are only one Sanitary Inspector of the Ambulance Staff on Rs 50 and an Assistant Inspector on Rs 25 to assist the Supervisor in the disinfection work of the town. There are about 60 coolies appointed, but this number must be increased to about 100 almost immediately. Hence I think that at least another assistant Inspector on Rs 25 should be appointed to make the work of disinfection efficient to make it proceed at a faster rate.

4. The people of Hospet numbering about 13,000 are now spread over an area of about 10 sq miles (5 by 2 sq). The working classes and mirasidars having sugarcane fields are camped in the wet fields of Amarawati, Hosur, Ippitheeruru, Basavanadoorg and Nagarahalli. A

portion of the Boyas and Lingayets are in Annikeri fields about 1 1/2 miles to the South. The better and wealthier classes are camped on the spacious maidan to the East of the town extending from Kamala-Jom road to Jambunathachalli across the Bellary Road. It is now necessary to take a census of the people in these health camps to provide for daily inspection and for Sanitary arrangements. Hence a few Superintendents with a staff of totis and peons are necessary. I give below the camps & the groups of camps requiring a superintendent etc vide para 44 page 106 of Plague Regulations.

Name of camp	No of people in huts	No of Superintendents	Peon	Totis Required
1 Athi Basappa	1500	-	1	6
2 Bellary Road	2000			8
3 Jambunathachalli	500			2
4 Annikeri	1000	1	1	4
5 Sannakkeppagudi	1000	-	-	4
6 Ippitheeruru	3000	1	1	nil
7 Hosur	2000			
8 Bavuripetta	1000			
9 Kalli Rampur	1000	1	1	nil
+ Nagarahalli				

I propose that the Superintendents should be of the grade of Revenue Inspectors of experience and Local knowledge and hence their pay cannot be less than 50 rupees. Hence on financial grounds I have not proposed as many Superintendents as the regulations would allow. To be of real use, the Superintendents unlike the plague inspector that are now appointed must be men of some standing and must talk the language of the people and men of tact and ability. The first five camps are conveniently situated around Hospet and though rather large on the whole can be managed by an efficient officer.

The 2nd and 3² groups are scattered over a large area in the fields and the Superintendents would have much knocking about, so that the moving about from one hut to another will take a material part of their time. It is necessary that each Superintendent should have a person to assist him.

5. The Local Officer has had an

Hospital assistant to relieve him of the ordinary duties and of examining the passports. This relieving Officer has since been placed on the sick list and it is hoped that another will be soon sent in his place. Even then a single medical Officer cannot be expected to inspect all the health camps noted above and when a call from two different directions is made he cannot be present in both the places. Considering the wide area of the health camps and the number of people to be taken care of, I deem it urgently necessary to employ another Hospital Assistant on special plague duty to visit the camps and to inspect cases of fever.

6. One important reason why the higher and middle classes have been rather slow to move out to the health camps is the insecurity of their property at home. They cannot conveniently carry it to their sheds in the open fields.

The proximity of the Mizamb dominions
has always been a source of anxiety to
the British Police especially when the
river goes down in summer. At present
the plague has been raging along the
villages bordering on our taluk and it
is reported that pillage and plunder
is also raging along with the disease.

Under regulation, it is the duty of the
Government to guard the property of
those who have been compelled to evacuate
their houses. Else the owners have a
tendency to go into the infected parts
unobserved now and then and thus endanger
the safety from the disease of even
the health camps. Some of the owners
of the town have left their property
at home and they have necessarily to
go home at night for that purpose.

One of them applied to the Superintendent
of Police for a party of police at his
own cost. The Superintendent has replied
that he could not comply with his

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of plague
regulations

request. The Inspector of Police informed
me that there are 6 reserve Police and
6 salt police men and 3 of the Kasta
station constables are 15 in all available
for general patrol duty in the town.
With these men the Inspector manages
to arrange for a party of 10 men to
patrol the town between the hours of
11 & 3 at night & 5 at other times.
But there are no constables posted in
the health camps. There must at least
be 4 constables in each camp during
nights. The necessity for more constables
could hardly be exaggerated. The Super-
intendent of Police in reply to your requi-
sition on my copy of diary to the
Plague Commissioner states that he
cannot spare any more constables for
plague duty as there are already 52
constables for Plague duty at Hospet.
I respectfully beg to submit that he
takes into account the constables on

duty at the observation camp and plague
camp and also those attached to the
Kasaba Station (permanently), but the
number available for guarding the town
and the health camps is only 15. As
Chitwadgi which is a rich and merchantile
place is also now affected and as the
people of the place are to evacuate their
houses at once I think it necessary
to guard the village of Chitwadgi as
well as the health camps there, so sepoy
with a native officer will be most essential
for guarding the Hospet town and Chitwadgi
village besides 30 police constables for
guarding the health camps to look to
the safety of both persons and property.
The people of Hospet evacuated their houses
without giving least trouble, on the
simple advice given them, placing full
confidence that there is no risk of losing
property left at their houses, but if
this confidence is lost the evacuation
in other places where necessary will be

rather a difficult task. In the Hospital
Taluk of Vizian's dominions where the
property of the people who have evacuated
their houses was not safe, the Govern-
ment had to send sepoy to guard the
town recently.

7. In some of the camps there is diffi-
culty for water for drinking purposes,
and as the summer season has already
begun, I think we must make some
arrangements for water. I beg to propose
that 10 wells at a cost of 30 Rs each may
be ordered to be dug.

8. The following materials as required by
the regulations may be ordered to be supplied
for disinfection purposes as no Chinese
pumps are supplied except one to the
2nd Ambulance Staff.

4 Chinese pumps.

R. L. Lawrence
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Collector

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BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Dated 26. 2. 1899.

FROM

R. H. Campbell Esq.

as COLLECTOR OF

BELLARY.

TO

THE Plague Commissioner

Madras

SIR,

In forwarding herewith copy of the arzi dated 21. 2. 99 from the Tahsildar of Hospet, I have the honour to report as follows:—

2. The Tahsildar proposes that a Supervisor may be appointed to supervise the work of disinfection of the houses at Hospet and Chitwadgi. Mr Shukie, the Plague Supervisor from II, has been attending to this work under orders of Mr Elwin ever since plague appeared at Hospet and has not been able to do his regular work also. With a view to avoid additional expenditure I am redistributing the villages in some of the existing groups so that the Plague Supervisor of group

XII who was transferred from group V to that group may be sent to group V in place of Mr. Shukie, who will attend only to the disinfection work at Hospet & Chitwadgi.

Group XII at present consists of 3 circles while all the other groups consist of 4 each.

As plague in the Mysore province is not very near the borders of this district I would add one circle to each of the groups VIII, X & XI so that the Supervisors of these groups may have 5 circles instead of 4 each as at present. The circles in each of these groups will then be as follows:—

Group VIII circles 17, 18, 19, 20 & 47

" X " 37, 38, 39, 40 & 41

" XI " 42, 43, 44, 45 & 46

In anticipation of your approval I am ordering the Supervisor group XII to take charge of group V and the Supervisors of the three groups named above of the Supervisors of the 3 groups named above to look after the 5 circles noted against each group and trust that my action will be approved.

3. In para 3 of the argi, the Tahsildar recommends the appointment of an additional Assistant Plague Inspector

to assist the Supervisor. There are now two Assistant Inspectors sanctioned for Hospet Union, one is working at Hospet the other at Chitwadgi. As there is more than enough of work for a third Assistant Inspector, I strongly support the Tahsildar's proposal and request your sanction for the same. The number of coolies for disinfection work has been raised to 100.

4. I request your orders on the Tahsildar's proposal in para 4 of this argi. I think the Tahsildar's proposal may be approved, but the pay proposed by him viz Rs 50 for camp Superintendents, seems to be too high. I would suggest that their pay may be fixed at Rs 25 each.

5. With regard to para 5 of the Tahsildar's proposal, I consider that the two Hospital Assistants and one nurse attached to the Ambulance staff at Hospet will do for all the requirements in the health and observation camps and that one Hospital

approved, but cannot be done
the delay must be from
P.O. delay in Hospet

There is no objection
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11 Assistant and a nurse will be required for
that duty in the hospital camp. As Captain
Pereira states that he cannot undertake
to treat all hospital cases in his hospital
camp with his present staff and as the
Ambulance staff consists of two nurses
and two hospital Assistants, I recom-
mend that an extra Hospital Assistant
may be sanctioned for duty at Hospet
as a special case.

6. As regards para 6 of the arzi I
understand from you that it is irregular
to employ Sepoys for mere police duties.
I have requested the District Superintendent
of Police to inspect Hospet and Chitwadi
in company with the Special Deputy
Collector and the Tahsildar and to
decide after inspection and let me know
what extra police force is required to
guard efficiently the two vacated villages
and the plague and health camps.
As the people have gone out believing
that Government will guard their

property, we must have sufficient
police to form an effectual guard.

Necessary action will be taken in the
Local Fund Branch as regards para 7.

7. As regards para 8 of the arzi I
consider that ordinary garden watering
cans are really more useful than Chinese
pumps. I shall send to Hospet a dozen
tin cans similar to those in use at
Piddahotur. They can be procured in Bellary.

I have the honor to be

Yrs,

Your most obedient servant

R. S. S. S.
Collector

28/2/99

When examined _____

When signed _____