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[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague Commissioner's diary According —
for the 8th March '99 of the work done during his
visit to ~~Benipet~~ *Benji* ~~Watta~~ certain places
in the North Arcot Dt.

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Diary of the Plague Commissioner.

8-3-99. Tuesday.

I have spent the last two days in inspecting Ranipet, Punji, Walaja and Arcot. Captain Allenby of the 13th Madras Infantry and Dr. Hanna are in charge of the operations in the first three named places; Captain Pearse and Dr. Lubeck are at Arcot. The latter officer is doing far better work than I expected of him at the beginning. I think that all the other 3 officers are good men and are doing their best. The state of affairs in all the places is, in my opinion not worse than it was and possibly better. The great thing we had to contend with is, the concealment of cases especially among Muhammadans. I made careful enquiries in Walaja. The number of Muhammadans there according to the census is about 800; the Chairman delegate is himself a Muhammadan and he tells me that about half the Muhammadans have left the town and this I believe to be true. Considering the number of Muhammadans in the town and the number of deaths reported and from an inspection of the one burial ground in the town, I am inclined to think that we are getting a fair return among the Muhammadans in Walaja. As for the Hindus the deaths are registered, but as before they continue to dispose of the corpses before we have an opportunity of deciding whether it is a case of plague or not. In Arcot & Ranipet we have, I can say, a fair record of the attacks among Hindus, but about Muhammadans we know very little. There are over 300 burial grounds in Arcot alone and there is a very large number also in Ranipet. Considering that the greater part of Ranipet consists of Muhammadans mostly of lowest type and that there have been no cases of plague recorded among them, I have not the slightest doubt that concealment is freely practised among them. How to catch them is the

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I will not interfere with the P.C.'s discretion,
but unless the whole town is tainted, the
measure seems superfluous. Quarters of the
town - if there are such - where no plague case
has occurred w^d seem to be quite safe
without the annoyance ^{to the people} & expense to the public
funds of disinfection.

At 27.3.89

To P.C. in

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Sent to P.C.
since 29/3

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There is reason to believe that almost every
part of the town is infected. It is not
forward, in the case of Arcot, to
disinfect all the houses in the town, but
to carry out a general disinfection of houses
in particular quarters where the number
of outbreaks gives reason to believe that a
whole block or lane is infected. I
think this is very necessary in parts

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very firm faith in disinfection by fire and they have re-
sorted to this freely, giving compensation and I do not
think that the people are in any way alarmed at the action
taken provided they get their compensation quickly.

The necessity for placing Plague Officers in
sufficient funds came to my notice. I have settled the
matter with the Collector.

The attacks and deaths during the past fortnight
in the places I have visited are noted here.

Date & Month.	Arcot.		Ranipet.		Punji.		Walaja.	
	S.	D.	S.	D.	S.	D.	S.	D.
22nd February.....	5.	5.	1.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.
23rd. Do.....	7.	3.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
24th. Do.....	3.	3.	4.	2.	1.	1.	1.	1.
25th. Do.....	1.	1.	4.	2.	1.	1.	1.	1.
26th. Do.....	9.	2.	1.	2.	1.	1.	1.	1.
27th. Do.....	5.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
28th. Do.....	1.	4.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
1st March.....	4.	8.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
2nd. Do.....	9.	4.	2.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
3rd. Do.....	3.	3.	3.	3.	1.	1.	1.	1.
4th. Do.....	2.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
5th. Do.....	2.	2.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
6th. Do.....	2.	1.	2.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
7th. Do.....	5.	3.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
	56.	39.	17.	12.	3.	3.	11.	9.

Plague Commissioner.

H.S.
18.3.89

In the ^{of Salem} ~~locum~~, we have been able to
 carry out evacuations with out the
 use of force, even in such large
 towns as ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~as~~ ^{as} (10,000 in 1885)
 & Hosur (with Chitradig 16,000) - If a
 town is evacuated I consider a general
 disinfection is necessary. Experience tells

us that ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} villages which have
 been evacuated the disease continues as long
 as people go back to their disinfected houses
 (even though no case may have occurred in the)
 & unless one who coming & going is
 prohibited till disinfection is complete.
 Recently when at Hosur I sanctioned
 the entertainment of no increased staff
 of order to complete disinfection (at
 Hosur) ^{sanctioned} ~~sanctioned~~ - the ~~order~~
 (but up.) 2 towns not evacuated, it
 may nevertheless be necessary to disinfect
 block. It costs a lot no doubt, but I have the
 feeling that it is likely to be cheaper in the long run.

Plague Commission
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 A general disinfection
 has been made in
 all the affected
 villages in Salem &
 Salem.

Very well.

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