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Disinfection

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 719

DATED 15-5-88

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Ordering that shoes, instead of sandals,
should be provided for coolies employed
in disinfection work.

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

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Letter

Ref. on Cho 4484/88

Forwarded to the Sanitary
Commissioners, Madras, for
favour of remarks.

28 March 1899
for Plague Commissioners

To the Sanitary Commissioners
Madras (in original the
return).

From

The collector of
North Arcot

Re No. 1649 of 98
Dated 22-4-99

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Order No 719 of 15-5-99

The Government agrees with
the Sanitary Commissioners and
considers that shoes ^{instead of sandals} should
be provided for coolies and
employed in disinfection work.

SUBJECT.

Requesting to be informed
whether the use of sandals
by the coolies employed
on disinfection duties
at Nampet may not
be continued.

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To the Collr of N. Arcot
Sanitary Commissioner
15-5-99

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FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

No. 150.

From,

The Special Magistrate
Kallakudi and Kaniyapuram.

To,

The Collector of
North Arcot District
Chittoor.

Sir,

I have the honor, with reference to Proceedings of Magistrate Commission, no 832, dated 24-3-99, forwarded under your no 966 dated 5-4-99, purchase of boots for the coolies employed on disinfection duties at Kaniyapuram, to point out that sandals were supplied instead of boots or shoes for the following reasons.

I considered boots were not suitable for men unaccustomed to wearing them, for, if supplied with these and they are not of a good fit, the wearers invariably get blistered feet or shoe bite, which then become sores, and should dust or dirt get over the top of the boot when carrying out

out disinfecting operations and comes in contact with these sores, it would render the individual more than ordinarily liable to take infection and seeing the very great difficulty of getting proper fitting boots, they were not provided. Shoes though not liable to give blisters or shoe bites have this objection that dust or dirt gets over the top of the shoe and lodges inside, remaining in close contact with the foot (which if the matter is infected is dangerous) till the operations on which engaged are concluded. Sandals protect the soles of the feet from contact with the floor (the ~~most~~ part most probably infected) whilst the upper part of foot is free to the air and sun and disinfecting lotion when it is being used and dirt is not likely to lodge there.

I would request that this may be kindly taken into consideration before the purchase of boots is carried out.

I have etc

(sd) A. H. Allenby, Captain
Special Plague Officer.

(True copy)

(True copy) No. 1649 of 99.

Forwarded to the Plague Commissioner for favor of orders as to whether under the circumstances reported by the Special Plague officer the use of sandals may not be continued. I concur in Captain Allenby's objections to boot and shoes for coolies.

North arcot Collis
office. camp
Nalmanur.
dated 22-4-99.

for of Collector

24 APR. 1899

Mr
of

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

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From The Sanitary Commissioner,
for Madras

No. 1431
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Dated 9th May 1899

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SUBJECT,

Stating that shoes are better
than sandals for the use of
coolies employed on disinfection
duties at Ranipet.

No. 1431
stOffice of Sanitary Commissioner,
Madras, 9th May 1899.

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Enclosure. /

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No: 4484 dated 26th April 1899, I have the honour to state that I see no reason why boots suitable for disinfecting coolies at Rani-pet should not be obtainable, and, if so, why, in the absence of extensive marching, which is not incidental to the work, blistering should occur. Personally, I advised the use of shoes, as being a fair compromise, having regard to economy. In comparing the respective qualities of shoes and sandals, the special Plague Officer forgets that the function served is not only the protection from contact with dust, but protection from abrasions during work- the contracting of which actually places the man in danger, in respect to infective matter. This being so, it may reasonably be held that the much greater area of the skin protected by shoes than by sandals, is an advantage. In regard to the benefit derivable from sun claimed in the latter case, I do not think the coolie, whilst actually disinfecting the interior of average native houses, is likely to have his feet much in the sun, or that he would care to expose them subsequently, for the purpose of disinfection, the necessary number of hours to the sun's action. The action of air, in modifying the plague microbe on a coolie's foot need not be seriously considered. As regards the advantages of accidental wetting with disinfectant solutions

solutions, I think it is obvious that the tendency to secure a shoe-fit would be a greater protection than the flow-off in the case of sandals.

2. As a Superintendent of a Jail, I have been, in a large way, a manufacturer of sandals and recipient of complaints as to their fit, from the Police, who had the misfortune to use them; and my belief is that unless a man happen, of the many descriptions of sandals made, to be supplied with the special pattern that he has been accustomed to, the chances of abrasions and blisters are considerably greater than if a shoe, and quite as great as if boots, were adopted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

W. B. King

Lieut-Colonel, I.M.S.

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

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