[L. & M. 5,000—5-4-99.]

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 750 P & 750 AP
Secs

DATED 19-5-99.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Lt Hawks, Special Plague Officer, Cuddapah

Directing Lt Hawks to rejoin his regiment as his services are no longer required for plague duty; and Communicating Copy of order to the Govt of India

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C.W.o	P.C. 4976	7.99					
C.W.o	1383	P.99					

[L. & M.]
250—19-12-98.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. 3966 dated 189 .
Again G.O., No. 4890 dated 189 .
Current No. 3966 of 1899, dated 1.4.99, from the Coll.r of Cuddapah
" " 4890 " 1899, " 4.5.99, " do.
" " 4929 " 1899, " ?.5.99, " do.

ORDER. No 750 Pub dt 17.5.99

Lieutenant Hawks will be directed to rejoin his regiment, as his services are no longer required for plague duty. The Collector of Cuddapah is requested to relieve him at once.

(From Orders).

Dept. Sp. 17/5/99

To, The Collector of Cuddapah
Lieutenant Hawks, Asst. the C.W.o. the Dy Adjutant-Gl., M.C., with C.L.

Dept. Sp. 19.5

Please communicate the contents to the Coll.r Cuddapah.
Comd by postcard
for Sec.y to G.G.
Sp. 18/5/99

Dept. Sp. 19.5

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Endt No. 750A-P.D. 17.5.99
Copy to the Government of India, Home Dept.

Sp. 17.5.99.
Remit to Regimental duties

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

189 .

Again G.O., No. , dated

Current No. 3966 of 1899, dated 1. 4. 99 from the Collr. of Cuddapah

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Current No. 4529 6. 5. 99 from the Collector, Cuddapah

SUBJECT.

Special Police Officer.

FOR ORDERS.

When sanctioning the Cuddapah Observation scheme, the Government of its own motion decided to post a special officer to that district to assist the Collector in the supervision of the plague preventive arrangements - vide last sentence of para 1 of G.O. No 1243 P. d/4-10-98. Civilians being not available then, Lt Hawkins was sent there. He has been serving there since the 15 October last and is now anxious to revert to his regimental duty. The Collector does not require him. If his reversion is sanctioned, there will be a saving of Rs 525-12-0 per month.

Submitted that it may be done at once

15.V.99.

Revert to Regimental duty

month. Mr Coller may be informed
of the orders by telegram.
2. Case 3966 put up for
reference in this file in one of
the replies to the Plague Cases
Reference calling for a report
with plan of observation
circles a road frontier inspection
stations, & proposals for reducing
plague expenditure. These
replies are being printed
& will be submitted shortly for
orders. It is desirable that
12/5/99

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 3966

IX

From Mr. C. Maclean
of Cuddapah

Ref on Case No. 341/P of 99

Dated 1st April 99

Received APR 1899

Registered 7-4-99

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Forwarded

Mr Coller's proposals may be sanctioned, but the S.C. has asked that he should be given an opportunity of sending his views before making any change in the present policy.

Progs.

Letter

Ref. Lang 7/6/99 on C. No 3966 of 99

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Forwarded to the
Forwarded to Mr
H. for favour
S.C for favour
of very early remarks
& early return
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D. S.C. with letter no 341/P dt 1st inst
2 S Curtis letter in original Dft
Recd 13/4/99
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SUBJECT.

Reporting on the reductions in the present Plague Establishment in Cuddapah Dt

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

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SANITARY COMMISSIONER 14 APR. 99 WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

CURRENT No. 3966

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Urgent

From The Collector of Cuddapah.

Ref. on C. No 3966 of 99.
~~Order~~

Forwarded to the Sanitary Commissioner for favm of very early remarks—

Ref. on C. No. 341/P of 99

Dated 1st April 99

Received 7th April 99.

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H.S. 13/4/99
For Plague Commissioner

To

The Sanitary Commissioner, with letter in original to be returned.

SUBJECT.

Reporting on the reductions in the present plague establishm in Cuddapah Dt.

Remit to Registrar of Madras

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C.No 8966.

Cuddapah Collectors office

Ref on Cur. 341/P W(Camp) Madanapalli dated 1st April 99

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From,

H. C. D. Harding, Esquire,

Ag Collector of Cuddapah.

To,

The Plague Commissioner,

Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your letter current No. 3556 dated 23.3.99, I have the honor to report that I have only one frontier Station in my district, no observation circles and have only had one case of plague. I can't therefore offer remarks of great value based on experience but I am entirely of accord with you in the views laid down in your letter under reply. I propose to retain my one frontier Station at Chigalabailu till all danger from the Mysore side has ceased

That

that Station fulfils the conditions essential to a road frontier Station, ie, it is on a road where it passes through hills and the frontier inspecting Officer can observe all passengers, save such as deliberately leave their carts and evade him by walking through the jungle. Such people none can catch. Up to date he has not detected a plague case - due no doubt partly to the fact that plague has never come very near my frontier and partly to the fact that the existence of the frontier Station and also of private Kavalgars round Madanapalle town deters plague fugitives from coming that way. Any other proposed frontier Stations were never opened because fortunately when the violent opposition of the people made me visit all the proposed sites in person, I found the country to open that the Stations would have become useless.

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As regards observation circles, finding that the young men who came as Sanitary Inspectors and the unknown Supervisors simply terrified the people, we also abolished all these. If they had been working for the last 6 months they would have been absolutely useless, and the one case of plague which we did have, occurred beyond the guarded area. The chances are about 1000 to 1, that that man would not have been caught en route by any number of Inspectors or

or Supervisors. I am opposed entirely to a preventive force of Inspectors and Supervisors. They are very Expensive and the best most they can ever hope to do is to catch a case of plague soon after it occurs and so enable us to apply measures to prevent its spreading. Whether in Sher districts any Inspector or Supervisor ever has caught a case of plague in that way - except perhaps while inspecting near an already infected town - I am unable to say, but I consider the odds are so very heavy against his doing so that any money spent on such an Inspecting Agency is money thrown away.

3. Since plague has come apparently

apparently to stop for a time the heroic and expensive measures that were justifiable when we hoped to crush it out at once are now quite unjustified. We have a village agency in every district and so long as we have the confidence of the people, do not pester them with meddle-some and sometimes foolish Strangers and leave them in the belief which after all is natural to them that the local officers will help them when disease occurs.

We can believe with perfect safety on our village Reports plague cases as they occur and we shall have hear of a case through that ordinary channel far sooner and with far greater certainty than

than we should, were an Inspector
circulating vaguely and frighte-
ning people into concealment.

I would propose therefore to
retain my Chigalabailu Station
till Mysore is free of plague.
I would retain the Madana-
palli Ambulance Corps
till North Arcot and Mysore
are of both free of plague.
I would abolish the Cuddapah
Ambulance Corps at once and
not re-employ it unless
surrounding danger makes
it necessary after the hot
weather. I would employ
no inspecting agency at
all. I thought at one time
of employing Special Revenue
Inspectors in each threatened
Taluq, but think now that
even they will not be found
enough to earn their pay.

I rely on my village officers
and people and think one
Inspecting man for 5 or 10 or 20
miles will be no Extra use. Of
course should plague invade
us Sanitary Inspectors might
then become necessary for
disinfecting purposes and
should any villages be
attacked Special Revenue
Inspectors under a Special Deputy
Tahsildar would as you
suggest be the most suitable
agency for encouraging Evac-
-uation.

It is obvious that with
plague as a yearly visitor
or permanent disease
we cannot maintain
our present Establishments
Expenditure. Your proposals
are

are practically on the lines we have been working on in this District. As I have never done much more than is now proposed I cannot show great savings but I think the ambulance Corps at Cuddapah may go. ~~and~~ The Sub Collector proposes to send away also the Madanapalle Ambulance Corps retaining only one spare hospital Assistant for emergencies. I am inclined to agree with him, but seeing that I have no experience of the actual working and usefulness of the Corps, I hesitate to recommend its abolition while Vellore continues to threaten us.

4. The only other expenditure of importance that we incur

at Madanapalle and an extra Medical Officer at Cuddapah. I think that both these Officers may be dispensed with and that we can manage with the District Staff till we are really attacked.

5. I think the Special Medical Officer who examines persons alighting at Rajampet is also hardly necessary any longer.

6. To sum up I would dispense with 1. The Cuddapah Ambulance Corps

2 The Special Plague Officer and his Clerk

3 The Special Medical Officer

4 The Hospital Assistant at Rajampet.

and 5. I would not employ the five special Revenue Inspectors which you sanctioned in your Proceedings &c.

The monthly savings involved

Telegram was sent cautioning the 5 Revenue Inspectors (on Rs 1875).

KS/M

in these proposals amount to
Rs 1425 Rs 1436. My experience of plague
has fortunately been a very
negative but the impression
left on me is that we have
made a great mistake in
many of our attempted preventive
measures and that it will
be ~~for~~ wiser in future to
reserve our resources to
fight the disease when it break
out.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

H.O Mackay
Asst Master.

4. 4. 99.

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 4890

Progs.
Letter
Ref.

From The Collector of Cuddapah.

Rejts (1) 1243 Poll 4-10-98
(2) not available. was published in 4742 Poll 15 Oct 98

Car No. 223/P of 99.

Dated 4.5.99.

Received P. C. 10 MAY 1899

Registered 5-11

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SUBJECT.

Requesting early instructions as to whether Mr Hancock, Special Plague Officer, Madanapalli, is to be retained or not.

Remit to Regimental Indent

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C No 4890.

Cuddapah Collector's Office,
(Camp) Madanapalli
Dated 4th May 1899.
Despatched 8-5-99.

Car. No 223/P of 99.

From,

H. O. D. Harding, Esquire,
Acting Collector of Cuddapah.

To,

The Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to request early instructions as to whether Mr. Hawkes, Special Plague Officer, Madanapalli, is to be retained or not. He is now anxious to return to duty, and proposes to resign, if not relieved. I think, as already stated, that he may go, and beg that early instructions may be issued.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient humble servant

H O Harding
Actg Collector.
6/5/99.

office of the Special Plague Officer

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(189)

CURRENT No. 4929

Progs.
Letter
Ref.

From

The Collector of
Cuddapah

Ref no bur No. 223 Town of 99

Applies to open shop in [illegible]

Dated 9-5-99

Received P.C. 12 MAY. 1899

Registered 12-5-99

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding to Government through the Plague Commissioner's letter from Spl Plague Officer requesting permission to convert to Regimental Lodg

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Office of the Special Plague Officer
Madanapalle 2nd May 1899

Plague

R.C. 223/Tour of 99 dated 9-5-99.

CW 4929

From

15-7-99 P

Lieutenant G.A. Hawkshaw 1st L.I.
Special Plague officer

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
8 MAY 99
CUDDAPAH

The Collector of Cuddapah
Cuddapah

Sir

I have the honor to forward this my application for favorable consideration and transmission to the higher authority viz. that I may be relieved from my duties as Plague officer and be permitted to revert to Regimental duty at such an early date as may be sanctioned

I have the honor Be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

G. A Hawkshaw
1st Lt. L.I.
Special Plague Officer

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