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Local & Muni. (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 763 G

DATED 22-5-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Troops & Special Plague Officers

Approving the proposals of the Collector of North Arcot to send back the troops employed at Arcot and to dispense with the services of the Special plague officers at Arcot & Kuppam.

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

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~~Progs.~~
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~~Ref.~~ G.O. No 762 Mily dated 12-5-99
Recd 17.5.99

The Collector's proposals to send back the Sepoys on plague duty at Arcot and to dispense with the services of the Special Plague Officers at Kuppam and Arcot are approved. Lt H. P. Ainslie, 3rd M.I, and Captain S. A. Pearse, 17th N.I will accordingly rejoin their regiments as soon as they are relieved by the Collector.

From The Secretary to Govt North Arcot

Ltr No. 1237 of 99

Dated 8—5—99

Received 11/5/99

Registered 11—5—99

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Reporting that the presence of Sepoys in Arcot Town is no longer necessary & recommending that the Special Plague officers may be dispensed with in 10 days time if no more cases of plague occur.

Mily
15 v. 99

To collector of N. Arcot
D. A. G Matters Commg

dated 13/5/99

Sanctn. 13/5/99.

Endt

Copy to Govt of India Home dept, with the request that Lt Ainslie & Capt Pearse may be released at the disposal of the Military dept.

Secy 13/5/99
Mily 15/5/99

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Plague

NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Camp Mordanna 8—5— 1899

No. 1287 OF 1899.

FROM

R. A. Campbell Esq.

Ag. COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,

North Arcot,

To

THE Plague Commissioner

Madras.

SIR,

Put up for the Collr's letter re: Kuppam now out soon.

With reference to your letter, Reform No 4632, dated 3d May 1899, I have the honor to inform you that I consider the presence of the Sepoys in Arcot Town is no longer necessary. They may be withdrawn at once. The special plague officers may be dispensed with in 10 days time if no more cases of plague occur.

Last Cases in Arcot - 16-4-99
" Kuppam 11-4-99

2 I have recommended the withdrawal of Sepoys from Kuppam also in a separate letter. The special plague officers there also are no longer required and I make the same recommendation regarding them as in the case of Arcot. As regards Vellore I will address you as soon as I hear from the Special plague officer. ole

Send up to Govt with draft order

has already been asked to report as to the advisability of withdrawing sepoys. I have asked the Chairman, Municipal Council, Wallajah, to dispense with the services of the plague establishment in that town retaining only such of the establishments as are required for observation purposes. I have also called for proposals for reducing the plague establishment in the remainder of this District.

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

Acknowledged

for Collector.

DESPATCHED
10 MAY. 1899

further papers
C No 4911
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C. No 4632

Ref. on C. No 4632 dy 3.5.99

To
The Collector of N. Arcot.

Sir,

In view of the [x] disappearance of plague from Arcot, where the last case of plague occurred on 15th April last, I have the honour to ask if you consider the continuance of the sepoys in the town still necessary.

I have &c
H. Special Deputy
Collector

Lwm
3/5/99

Offices may now be dispensed with.

3/5

* Plague cases in Arcot Since 1.4.99

	S	D
2nd	3	2
3rd	1	1
7th	1	1
8th	1	1
10th	1	1
16th	1	1 occurred on 15th

x there is a detachment of 70 sepoys - vide Progs. 29.9.99.

Dewas 4/5/99
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H.S.
2.5.99

Arcot 24th April 99

From
The Special Plague Officer
Arcot

To
The Collector of
Arcot

Sir

I have the honor to report as follows on the Plague operations at Arcot

There being now but twelve to disinfect the Arcot underground cots do not have to disinfect their clothing and persons on return from their work their number too has been reduced making the quantity of work required from their cart is less than was formerly needed and I have reduced the amount to be paid on this account from 0-12-0 per diem

immediate reduction of establishment

from 0-12-0 per diem to 0-8-0 per diem

Cart for disinfecting Arcot underground cots 1 Cart 0-12-0 per diem

1 Bullock 0-4-0

1 Driver 0-3-0

Cart for disinfecting Plague clothes at the Arcot Plague Station 1 Cart 0-12-0 per diem

1 Bullock 0-4-0

1 Driver 0-3-0

diem to 8 carts.

Arcot having been free from plague for the last ten days I am reducing the no. of carts maintained at each Plague Station from two to one. This leaves me two carts one at each Plague Station. As I mentioned in my last Plague report I propose to close one Plague Station at the end of the month and I shall then have only one cart left. I intend to dismiss at the end of the month.

I propose also to reduce the number of Plague circles within the union from two to four which will enable me to make a corresponding reduction in the number of circle inspectors and peons.

I have &c.

carts etc	
From 4 carts at 0-7-0 per cart per diem to 2 at the same rate	
Reductions to come into effect at end of the month.	
1 Plague Station storekeeper at 15/- per mensem	
1 cart at 0-7-0 per diem	
1 cart at 0-7-0 per diem from the Plague Station still maintained	
2 circle inspectors at 15/- per mensem	
2 circle peons at 6/- per mensem	

Special Plague Office
Arcot 27-4-99

From

The Special Plague Officer
Arcot

To

The Collector of
North Arcot

Sir,

I have the honour to report as follows upon the action I took in regard to the Festival at Vepperi.

The first I heard of it was on the 18th inst. when the Head Accountant who appears to be acting for the Tahsildar came into my office & asked for advice about the Chairman's letter to him. The arrangements for preventing visitors from attending the Festival seemed to me to be such as might very properly be called on to carry out & told the Head accountant to forward it to me. It did not at the time occur to me to question the desirability or otherwise of the prohibition. Accordingly I sent the Plague Head Constable to post the

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the required Cordon. I may mention that my enquiries left me under the impression that very few visitors might be expected

There appeared to be two days on which visitors would attend the Festival - One being the 22d in the daytime & the other the night of the 23d.

Being misinformed as to exact hours of the ceremony on the 22d I arrived at Vepper just after it was over but as I drove there it struck me from the number of people I saw on the road that many more people must have tried to attend & than I had been led to suppose.

On my arrival at Vepur I inspected the Head Constables dispositions & found them defective so I gave him precise orders where & how to post his men so as to be ready for the ceremony on the night of the 23d.

Before I left Arcot on my visit to Vepper my clerk had drawn my attention to the G.O. re: festivals, the provisions of which he told me had not been carried out. I did not know of the regulations as I should possibly not have given the Head Accountant the advice I did but it was not until my return to Brot Agrs that it occurred to me that as Vepur is within the Union limits and as Special Plague Offrs I was at liberty to decline to carry out the Chairman's requisition & to overrule his arrangements. When I thought over the matter from the point of view I aimed not avoid the conclusion that the prohibition was quite unnecessary since all the visitors were residents in a plague infected area & that to prevent them from attending was to subject them to considerable disappointment & trouble. More especially as no sort of notice of the intended prohibition had been given.

I therefore took the matter into my own hands on the morning of the 23d & withdrew my orders to the Head Constable & his men at Vepur telling them to do no more than

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Ascertain from visitors what villages they came from

I have &c
C/ S. A Clarke Captain
V. P. Offrs

Duplicate

J. Clarke Captain
& Pl Deputy

Brot Special Reports
Brot P/o 27-4-99

From
The Special Plague Offrs
Brot

To
The Plague Commissioner
Madras

Sir,

I have the honour to report as follows upon Plague Operations in Arcot for the week ending the 29th instant

During this period the number of plague attacks & deaths & houses disinfected is as follows:-

attacks nil As against one last week.
Plague deaths nil - - - One - - -
Houses disinfected nil - - One - -

Plague operations I have sent 1 Non-Commissioned officer and 10 men to Kuppam under orders from the Collector. I am preparing a map of Brot with some explanatory notes which I hope will be found useful.

I have submitted proposals for the reduction of the Plague Establishment here (Copy attached) to the Collector

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As Arcot has been clear of plague since the 15th Instant I presume I shall shortly receive orders regarding the reduction in the number of the Sepoys now at Arcot & their final withdrawal also with regard to the probable duration of my own appointment here.

A heavy fall of rain occurred on the night of the 21st but neither that nor the rain of the preceding week appears to have produced any revival of the plague.

I have nothing fresh to report under this head. With reference to the attitude of the people.

action taken with regard to the Vepperi Festival, I am submitting a special report to the Collector a copy of which I attach.

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

T. A. Pearse Captain
Special Plague Officer

Plague

From The Special Plague Officer
Arcot

To The Plague Commissioner
Madras

Dated 27
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Submitting weekly report

For the week ending 27th April 99.

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