

BACK PAPERS.

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Copy of letter from the Divisional
Police Officer, Hosur, 89th March 1899,
to the Collector of Salem.

With reference to your endorse-
ment No. 584, 87th instant regarding
Sappers' conduct, I have the honour
to inform you that in the beginning and
until a British Officer was sent to
command them, the conduct of the sappers
employed here on police duty was
fairly satisfactory.

2. At first there was general dissatis-
faction amongst them owing to their not
getting their police Batta (which
they expected) in time and their having
come here without any money to buy
food. This caused some of them to give
a lot of trouble one way or another
and their conduct was reported to
their Commandant with the result
that at first a native Officer was
sent to command them and as they
still gave trouble, I represented
the matter and a British Officer
Lt. Howard, R. E., was sent to

take charge of them. Since then they have worked very well and I have had no reason to complain of their conduct.

3. I do not think therefore there is any necessity now to make a further report about them as it would only bring their name into bad repute. I have always known this corps to have a good name and it would be a pity to spoil it by reporting on their bad behaviour as a body which was principally due to the bad example set by a few men who were known to be bad characters and who were sent here, I believe, to get rid of them before the General's inspection of the corps at Bangalore.

4. Lt. Howard had sent these men back to Bangalore and

Since

Since their influence has been removed the conduct of the men has been good.

Indorsement No. 554, 8/3.3.1899.

Submitted to the Plague Commission. Before the arrival of Lt. Howard the men originally sent contained amongst their number some bad characters, who were addicted to drinking, fought with the Nattigiri Vernamite employees and were insub. ordinate and uncontrollable by their own native officers. They caused a good deal of trouble, but Captain French does not wish to report them for the sake of the corps as a whole. For my own part I think such men as we had at first ought to be weeded out.

(CD) W. J. Spalding Esq
for Collector

To the Plague Commission, Madras.

Refon. 2685-

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The Collr of Saline
is requested to furnish
a report on the conduct
of the Sepoys, working
at Mattigji, with
special reference to
the serious complaints
made against them
and their general behaviour
employed on police duty
in this district, so that the matter
may be brought to the notice
of the military authorities.

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To the Collr of Saline.

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Sepoys
PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

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Dated 20-3-88

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Miscellaneous

Recording letter from the Collector of Salem
reporting on the conduct of Sepoys employed on plague
duty at Hosur, Salem Dt.

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Report on the conduct
of Sepoys employed on
plague duty.

To The Plague Commission for
perusal & return.

Returned with thanks

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(Intd) L.B.

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