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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

Plague.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 849

DATED 3-6-99

Dpd. 7. 6. 99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Observation of contacts.

Stating that the Govt. agrees with the Surgeon General in approving of the suggestions of the Health Officer that he should be furnished by the Senior Medical Officer in ch. of the Gen. Hospital, with a list of contacts who reside outside the hospital premises, immediately after the occurrence of a case of plague therein; and that the Senior M. O. shd be responsible for nurses & others residing within the hospital premises.

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Plague

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1205 P.

29 MAY 1899
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P. Cs
Cks. 3709, 4326, 4768
&
C. No. 1205 P

Order No 849 P Mis 3-6-99

The Government agrees with ~~the the opinion expressed by~~ the Surgeon General.

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H.S.
3-6-99

From
Surgeon General C. Sibthorpe,
C.B., F.R.C.P.I.,
Surgeon General with the Govt. of Madras.

No. 256.

Dated 26th May.
Received
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To
The Surgeon-General
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" Prest., M. C., Madras.

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Ref 3709-A.
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1205-A.
3/6/99
H.S. 7-6-99

SUBJECT.

Stating that in his opinion the suggestions of the Health Officer in his Endorsement dated 2nd May 1899 regarding the examination of contacts at their homes meet the case.

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This is ~~been~~ apparently because Section 368 of the Madras municipal Act provides for this, while the Mofussil Act does not

14/4/99

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SIONER'S OFFICE.

19)

CURRENT No. 3709

From The Sanitary Commissioner, Madras

No. 1031/S

Dated 27-3-1899

Received P. C. 29 MAR 1899

Registered 29-3-99

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SUBJECT.

Formarding remarks regarding a case of suspicious plague that occurred in the General Hospital and requesting to make some ruling re plague cases occurring in a hospital not meant for receipt of such cases.

Dsp 15/4

Ref

To the S.M.O. General Hosp.

In forwarding to you the accompanying papers I h. t. h. to note that the report desired of the [illegible] seems to have been furnished by you at the earliest possible opportunity, & to enquire what system of disinfection you have adopted with regard to the [illegible] servants in the absence of special regulations. The bag, bottle, &c., [illegible] the [illegible], they did in a previous case, though with my more recent experience [illegible] this [illegible]

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Plague Desp No. 1150

Enclosure No. 3 to Letter No. 256 d / 26.5.99

GENERAL HOSPITAL,
Madras, 21 March 1899

From

SURGEON-LIEUT-COLONEL W. R. BROWNE, M.D.,
SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER,
GENERAL HOSPITAL, MADRAS,

To

The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras

P. C.
19 APR. 1899

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that an Eurasian man who came down from Kolar ill from Remittent fever and was admitted on the 19th instant has presented symptoms suspicious of plague and has accordingly been transferred to the Egmore Plague hospital this morning.

2. The usual precautions of disinfection &c have been taken.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
H. Innes
Capt. IMS
Ag. Resident Med. Officer
for Senior Med. Officer

P. T. O.

Dep 15/4

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SANITARY COMMISSIONER WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
1564-S
21 MAR. 99

II

Would you oblige by stating the number of contacts in this case and what action has been taken with respect to them. Please state the form of plague diagnosed.

W G King

Lt Col. I. M. S.

San. Commr for Madras.

1187

Plague Input

Refr no 1187

22-3-99.

III

The persons brought into 'Contact' with the suspected case of Plague are as far as is known as follows:

Two nurses
Two ward boys
One Toty.

The Clothing worn by all of them while in attendance on the patient has been changed and disinfected and the two nurses have been moved into a room by themselves.

Three medical officers and one apothecary were also brought into contact in examining the patient but I am not aware what steps, if any, have been taken by them.

It is possible also though improbable that some of the other patients in the ward may have come into contact with this man.

2. Captain Niblock I.M.S., whose clinical experience of Plague is great, informs me that the case is suspicious of the bubonic form of plague.

General Hospital
Madras 22 March 1899

W. R. Browne. MD
Lieut Col I.M.S.
Senior Medl Officer

No $\frac{987}{S}$ III.

To The Health Officer Madras Municipality

It would be advisable that the Health Officer satisfy himself as to daily "observation" of the "contacts" of a class likely to conceal attack, namely the menial servants. (To be returned).

W G King

Lt. Col. I.M.S.

San. Commr for Madras

A. no $\frac{1715}{\text{Dr}}$ d/24.3.99 IV

24-3-99

The Sanitary Commissioner

The man's relations are all in segregation camp.

2. If any of the hospital contacts are sent to the Municipal camp or specially put under my charge I shall be delighted to deal with them but I cannot otherwise undertake

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the observation of the hospital staff.

3. Understanding that they had made all their own arrangements I made no enquiries about possible contacts among the servants, but will now do so.

C. Cornwall
Health Officer
24.3.99.

C.N. 3709

NO. 1031/S

Enclosure No. 4 to Letter No. 256 d/26.5.99

Forwarded to the Plague Commissioner.

Case 737 Outside proper

2. In a previous case in the General Hospital, two toties who had been in " contact " absented themselves from duty. One was found dead of plague in a paracherry in Madras, the second was, after much trouble, traced to Ennore and being found suffering from fever was compulsorily segregated. The occurring of plague in a Hospital not meant for receipt of plague cases, is not provided for. It seems undesirable that the local authority should be one whit less responsible than if the occurrence took place in an ordinary house. Medical Officers in charge of Hospital may be reckoned upon to do what is necessary, but this will not prevent the infected menials bolting, or render these menials legally chargeable for the act. I would therefore suggest that it be ruled that the Medical Officer in charge of a Hospital in which a case of plague, or a case suffering from symptoms suspicious of plague, occurs, should be required to report the fact under Regulation 1 (City of Madras Epidemic Disease Regulations) and that the President or Health Officer, after consultation with the Medical Officer, should thereupon decide what system of observation of "contacts" should be conducted, having regard to the question as to whether the persons can be trusted to report

any

any deviation from a state of health.

W E King

M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

Lieut-Colonel, I.M.S.

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

Office of Sanitary Commissioner,
Madras, 27th March 1899.

TO

The Plague Commissioner, Fort Saint George.

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 4316

Enclosure No. 2 to letter No. 256 d / 26.5.99

From The Senior Medical officer
General Hospital
Madras

Order

No.

Dated 18-4-99
Received 9-4-99
Registered 9-4-99.
Enclosures C to 3709 retd.
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SUBJECT.

Stating that the occurrence of the plague case in the General Hospital was made and that he does not consider it is at all likely that the Hospital servants will be ill from having been brought into contact with a patient in the early stage of plague

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Ref: M.C. no: 3709. with encl.s to be returned

Plague Commissioner's Office,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
Dated 15th April 1899.

Enclosure No. 5 to Letter No. [illegible]

GOVERNMENT GENERAL HOSPITAL
No. 1537
17 APR. 1899
MADRAS.

From
L. E. BUCKLEY, Esq., I.C.S.,
PLAGUE COMMISSIONER,

To
The Senior Medical Officer,
General Hospital.

SIR,

In forwarding to you the accompanying papers I have the honour to note that the report desired by the Sanitary Commissioner seems to have been furnished by you at the earliest possible opportunity, and to enquire what system of observation you have adopted with regard to the menial servants, who in the absence of special precautions may bolt, as, according to the Sanitary Commissioner, they did in a previous case, though with my more recent experience I think this unlikely.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.
L Buckley
15/4
Plague Commissioner

A.E.S.
15/4/99

H.C.
15-4-99

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III Ref on No 1537

I do not understand what the Sanitary Commissioner wishes. He states that he would suggest "that it be ruled that the medical officer in charge of a Hospital in which a case of plague or a case suffering from symptoms suspicious of plague, occurs, should be required to report the fact under Regulation 1 (City of Madras Epidemic Disease Regulations)" –

NHS

In the case under reference such a report was made.

I may add that I do not consider it is at all likely that the Hospital Servants will 'bolt' from having been brought into 'contact' with a patient in the early stage of Plague. Nor do I consider that it is in the least likely that the disease will spread from such patients to the Hospital servants.

General Hospital
Madras
18 April 1899

A. R. Browne M.D.
Lt Col, I.M.S.
Senior Medical Officer

~~III~~ ~~Madras~~

Ref on C. No 4316 d/ ~~21/4/99~~ 24/4/99

29/4

Forwarded to the Health Officer, M. M. C. for favour of remarks

29/4

Ref. on C No 4316

Letter

To

The Senior Medical Offic
General Hospita
Madras

Sir,

Adverting to your ref. on No 1537 d/ 18.4.99 I hav the honour to point out that you have not stated what system of observatio if any, was adopted wit regard to the menial servan From the view expressed in the last sentence of you letter I am inclined to infer that, in your opinion, ~~the~~ observation ~~[illegible]~~ need not be insisted on in the case of hospital servants. I request to know if tha is your meaning.

M. Mm.

Re-submitted with the Act.

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24/4/99.

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C No 4768: IV

HO 249/Cro of 14-5-99

Enclosure No. 6 to Letter No. 256 d/ 26.5.99

The Plague Commissioner

In this case, at the suggestion of the Sanitary Commissioner in his minute III of 24.3.99, I obtained the names and addresses of the menial contacts from the Resident Medical Officer and arranged to have them observed at their homes.

2. If other cases of this nature occur, I think the best plan would be for the Senior Medical Officer to at once send me a list of the names and addresses of all contacts, who reside without the hospital premises, and to be himself responsible for nurses & others who may reside within.

J. L. Cornwall
Health Officer.

Madras.
2.5.99.

C. No 4768. IV

The Plague Commissioner

H No 249/O.O. of 4-5-99

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

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CURRENT No. 4768.

18/5/99

Enclosure No. 1 to Letter No. 256 d/ 26-5-99

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The whole Correspondence is forwarded to the Surgeon-General for favour of opinion. The Suggestion of the Health officer in his endt dated 2-5-99 seems to meet the case

A Edgington
for Secretary to Govt.

To
The Surgeon-General.

From
The Health officer
Madras Munl. Commn.
Madras.

H. No. 249/O.O.

D/H

Dated 4 May 1899

Received

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Enclosures C. Nos 3709, 4316 & 4768 with.

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SUBJECT.

Remarking with reference to the endorsement of the Plague Commissioner No 4316 of 20-4-99 that in future cases it would be best for the Senior Medical Officer to send the Health officer at once a list of the names and addresses of all contacts who reside without the hospital premises holding himself at the same time responsible for nurses and others who may reside within.

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C.N. 12059

C. Nos 3709, 4376 & 4768

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To
The Surgeon-General.
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17.5.99

[1] Plague

No. 256.

Office of Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras,
Madras, 26th May 1899.

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To

The ~~Hon'ble the Chief~~ Secretary to Government,
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I have the honor to be,
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W. Evans

Captain, I.M.S.,
For Surgeon-General with the Government
of Madras.

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