

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(1899)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 863

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague Commissioner's Diary dated 22.3.99

Containing his notes on the inspection
of Hospet.

No 863 of 28-3-99
22-3-99 Wednesday
Harper

The people of Harper have built camps similar to those at Chitradgji. They have also subscribed for a hospital which is in course of erection. They have adopted the plan of sick hospitals attached to the plague camp. If the work is properly carried out a contribution will be given. The people make a fuss ~~for~~^{from} the rule preventing their return to the town. The rich people say they want to ~~see the town~~ because to guard their property; ^{the} mechanics say ~~that~~ they cannot leave outside & they have come to the end of their resources; the Cultivators say ~~that~~ they ^{want} ~~such~~ to take their measure to their fields & the merchants say ~~that~~ they must store jagery in their houses. The Collector not being on the spot, I did not issue direct orders on the points, but obtained petition from the people & forwarded

it to the Collector with my remarks.

Coming & going was prevented the disease ended. I think there is some reason in the requests put forward at Haspel.

As regards the guarding of the houses, I have suggested to the Collector that one member of a family may be permitted to sleep in the house at nights provided he is inoculated & is disinfected before he returns to the camp. I have recommended the same with regard to ^{the} men carriers adding that the houses should be disinfected before work can be allowed in them.

As regards the carting of manure
some concession must be made & the
only way to arrange for it, is to prohibit
such carting except by persons to whom
passes are issued for the purpose. The case of
the jaggery merchants is a difficult one.
This is the time for them to levy & they do
not sell again for another 6 months or so.
They say it is impossible for them to
store the jaggery in their camp sheds,

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as it would ~~be~~ deteriorate
+ I believe there is some
truth in what they say. The only
way to arrange for the matter
satisfactorily, seems to be
to allow it only by passes + to
insist that the houses in which
the gaggery is stored are ~~really~~
thoroughly disinfected before
use.

A inoculation is fairly
 popular ^{except among the}
 merchants. This is accounted
 for by the popularity of Mr
 Stocking the Civil Apothecary.
 He is at present engaged on
 plague work in addition
 to his duties at the ordinary
 Hospital. I do not think he
 should do both things together.
 Considering his popularity & the
 confidence people have
 in him it would be better,
 I think, if he were ^{rather} allowed
 to do his ordinary work
 & set free from the plague
 work.

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