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Active measures, I find, must now be

resorted to, by making the sentries at our frontier stations patrol more ~~over~~ the ground which intervenes between stations and if this is properly carried out and supervised by "Circle Supervisors" who are mounted and men are kept constantly on the move, I feel sure ~~these~~ There will be very little chance of foot passengers and carts getting through unobserved.

Besides this system will enable one to do with less men as sentries at stations themselves and employ more between stations

4. Taking therefore, the roads and paths in the order in which they stand I beg to submit the following measures to be adopted for their observation. provided the village munsiffs help as well.

A — This road or rather path is simply used by people coming from Mailavadi in Mysore territory to "Shandi" at Talli and Jowlagiri. and the village munsiff at

Talli who issues passes can observe them and if he finds any suspicious cases bring them at once to notice.

B.– is never used as the entrance through Devarapalli ghaut is very difficult being by a precipitous dry water course.

C – As there have been no known cases of people coming this way without passes, I shall leave this road to be guarded by village authorities at Gummalapuram and Tammapuram.

D. This being the road through the Camp itself, one stationary sentry would do here with two reliefs (i.e. 3 men) to guard the road to Gummalapuram village. Three other men to be employed in patrolling between that sentry post and the road D1.

D1. The village munsiff at Gochanapalli to be responsible for this road.

E. Three men at Kempati village

relieving each other and patrolling up to D1 on the South West and F on the north east, the village munsiff at Kempati arranging to observe people during the absence of the patrol.

I. Three men to watch these two roads and three others to patrol to road F and road to K.

K. The village munsiff at Bomaadapalli has already made arrangements to have this road and the one from M watched by villagers paid locally.

M. "Kotakondapalli Camp." Three men here to guard the main road and patrol to L & N. The Hospital Assistant arranging to have the main road watched during their absence by one of his staff.

The road between N and Zuzuwadi will not require much patrolling as it is more or less swampy and cultivated.

N. "Zuzuwadi Camp" Three men to guard main road and two extra to patrol between it & O

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O. P. Q & R. – village munsiffs of Begapalli and Bagur can arrange to have these observed as they have been issuing passports.

S. "Kaganur" Camp". Three men here to guard the road and two extra to patrol as far as R. Village munsiffs of Chikarakkanapalli and Krishnapalli making arrangements to guard road S.

T. "Bagalur Camp" Three men to guard the main road and two others to patrol to Bailalur and Bagalur bridge and see that no one comes through Berikai at the bridge without a pass.

Village munsiff at Bagalur arranging to guard ford at Bagalur when water is low.

V. "Berikai Camp" Three men at the Camp and two extra to patrol ~~the~~ to road V up to X and two to roads W + Y. to prevent people going down to Shulagiri through Berikai village.

The village munsiff of Allur and

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Timmasantiram arranging to guard roads U and V and village munsiff of Berikai is to do likewise regarding roads W & Y in addition.

5. This will make 40 men altogether required for the present to guard the whole frontier (including the one we have at present who are 32, so 8 more will be required.

This is ten less than what I asked for before.

No extra sentry boxes will be required as all that were necessary have been put up. The guard at Kempati will, I am sure, be able to obtain accommodation in the village.

6. I would now like to represent that the salt peons and police Constables who are employed on patrolling duty be given some kind of reward for each person they catch trying to evade the frontier stations and ~~on~~

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who have no passports from Hospital Assistants or village munsiffs as I have had continual complaints from them saying that they are losing between three and four rupees a month by being on plague duty which money they would be earning as rewards in their own department for apprehending people selling illicit liquor etc and are getting nothing extra for plague duty as other officials so employed receive; this I think is but a fair request and I hope you will consider it and represent the matter to the Plague Commissioner as this would I am sure make the men more keen to be on the alert. .....

Your letter no. 36 is herewith returned.

I have the honor etc
Sd/ T. French
Capt.
Special Plague officer

Ref. no. 642 & 253/P.C. d/ 27. 11. 98.

Submitted to the Collector with reference to his Ref. no. 521/P.C. d/ 8-11-98.

2. I think that the plans and statement of evasions will make the whole situation quite clear. These proposals may therefore now be approved. I request early orders.

(Signed) C. G. Spencer
Ag Sub Collector
27-11-98

Ch. 1157
put up

Endorsement. Ref 521/P.C. dated 2-12-98 Despd 3-12-98

Submitted to the Plague Commissioner for approval with the map of the frontier prepared by Captain T. French in continuation of this office telegram of the 9th November 1898.

2. Being open country it is a most difficult frontier to guard and as it is impossible to have inspection stations on every path the present proposals carefully worked out by Captain French may be tried.

3. As regards extra payment to the

Police Constables and Salt peons on this duty,
I have addressed you in this office no. 735
dated 28th November 1898 and await orders.

I may also draw your attention to this office no. 576 of 24th November 1898 regarding employment of sepoys as guards. Anticipating sanction I have as directed in your telegram dated 10th November 1898, wired to day for eight extra salt peons to make up the full complement of 40 guards for the five road frontier Stations. Please return the map.

F. C. [illegible]
For ag Collector

Salem Collector's office
2nd December 98

illus x [illegible]
2.12.

C No 1769 [illegible]

C No 1661 [illegible]
Collr's letter
sent in [illegible]
[illegible]

D [illegible]

P. N. 1908

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1898)

CURRENT No. 1/15/4

C/o Branch

noti for P.A.

The report promised in the Collector's telegram does not appear to have been received subsequently.

[illegible]
28-11-98

See if the report referred to is the reply to remarks on the Plague [illegible] applic for its return [illegible]
28/11/98

The Collector's reply to the remarks on the Plague Estimate [illegible] does not appear [illegible] that the report promised in the telegram [illegible] is represented by it.

From The Collector of Salem

Order

Refer C No 1157 of 98

(See within)

Ref on C No 1157 [illegible]

The Collr. of Salem is requested to expedite his formal applic for extra men to guard frontier stations referred to in his telegram d/ 9-11-98

[illegible]
for P. C.
1/12/98

Desp. 2/12/98

No.

Dated 9-11-1898

Received 10-11-1898

Registered 10-11-1898

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Stating that the guards employed for frontier stations are insufficient and requesting to be informed by wire whether he can employ necessary extra salt peons or constables.

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

C.M. 1900

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DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE COLLECTOR
AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
Salem.

To

The Plague Commissioner,
Fort Saint George
Madras.

Dated 2nd
Despatched
Received
December 1898.

Recd 5/12/98

Ref No. 521/P.C.

4/12/98

ENCLOSURE. 2. (1 plan)

SUBJECT

Submitting proposals for strengthening the guards at five of the road frontier Inspection stations & for patrolling the frontier to watch arrivals by bye paths cart tracks

Three currents 1900 + 1990 / 2608

Approved.

(a) [illegible] papers [illegible]

The [illegible] of [illegible] is worth consideration. [illegible]

(b) must be [illegible] [illegible] if [illegible]

4/12

(a) [illegible] 1641 [illegible]

(b) A reference has been made to [illegible] Bombay as regards plague allowances & the reply has yet come

[illegible] 31/12

Papers put up.

Papers [illegible] put up. Apply for them [illegible] 7/12

6/12

Recd 8/12

Reply on the [illegible] shall I keep this till the paper is available?

Yes [illegible]

Papers available from the [illegible] Dept only this morning. They are put up. 36 1611/20.11.98 not yet sent [illegible]

C No 6990

No.

SALEM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

6th December 1898.

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FROM

Robert B. Clegg Esq.,

COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,

Salem,

TO

THE Plague Commissioner

Madras.

SIR,

C No 1900.

~~on 1746~~
on 7/12

This c[illegible] may be read with that

In Continuation of my Endorsement No 521 of 2nd Instant, on the report of Captain I. Ffrench, Special Plague Officer, for strengthening the guards at the frontier stations, I have the honour to state that the Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue to whom I applied for 8 extra Salt peons required under the proposals, wires to say that no more Salt peons can be spared for plague duty — I have therefore ordered that 3 Salt peons now attached to the Plague Supervisors and 5 Constables be deputed to form the additional guard. As for the peons under the

Supervisors, three Taluk peons will be sent and temporary men employed in their place from Local Funds. I request that you will be good enough to approve of my action.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. servant

T. V. Gopalaswamy
Actg Collector

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Board of Revenue.

(1898) Department.

General Register No.

Resolution.

From The Collector of
Salem

No.

A.G.

Dated 6
Received 7
Registered 7
December 1898

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Reporting that he has ordered ~~the~~ 3 peons now attached to the Plague supervisor & 5 constables, ~~he deputed~~ to form the additional guard at the frontier stations, and requesting that this may be approved.

Extract from the Diary of Captain French dated 21 November 1898.

x x x x

(d) There is however a cart track about a quarter of a mile from the Toll gate marked .X. in red ink sketch which I did not notice last time owing to it having got very late and the track being faint, but the Tahsildar informed me that this was very much used by people wanting to avoid the Toll gate, it leads into Rozacotta village and people could slip away into their [illegible] by this leaving the camp, &c. this will necessitate having a guard room built at this spot .X. as the Sentry and his two men in relief will have to live there entirely, it being too far from the camp to send relief from there

(e) On the other hand if the camp were moved up there the road from Kalamangalam would not be guarded

(f) I had another look at the cart track running North in continuation of the Palacode road, it runs through a part of the village and is a cart track, I was told, for about three miles and then a path onwards ~~[illegible]~~ across the river to Thulagiri; although this is not much used now, I am sure it would be as soon as the camp was built by people wishing to avoid going to the camp; so another sentry would have to be posted here, as already stated with his relief on the spot cannot be seen from the ground selected to day.

(g) A sentry or guard shelter need not be built here as there is already a local building used as a Chatram at the corner marked S. in red ink and the corner I have shaded can be used as a guard room.

(h) Thus you will see that three ~~[illegible]~~ sentries are absolutely necessary for Rozacotta camp one at the camp itself, one at the spot marked ·X· and one at the Chutram - S., also two guard rooms one at the camp and one at ·X· and the three sentries will require three reliefs of 2 men each. So nine Police Constables or Salt peons will be required. I am afraid that having one guard at the Camp only of 3 men and patrolling the road north and south to ·X· & S. would not be sufficient for such an important place as Rozacotta where we want to catch every one who evades the Frontier station.

So I would strongly urge having the arrangement I have suggested above.

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(True Extract)

Sd/. C. G. Spencer
Agent Colr

(True copy)

for the Collector

CN 2608

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Rep No. 521

Salem COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

25 December 1898.

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FROM

Robert B. Clegg ESQ.,

COLLECTOR & Dt Magte OF Salem.

TO

THE Plague Commissioner

Madras.

25/12

SIR,

In continuation of my endorsement No. 521 dated 2nd instant I have the honor to enclose an extract from the diary of Captain Francis, Special Plague officer in which he brings to notice that beside the main road there are two cart tracks leading into the village of Rayacotta through which the Chaul station can be evaded and that each of these should be guarded by a sentry guard of 3 men each. In my letter disposed of in your Proceedings No. 661 dated 14 November 1898 I proposed only a guard of one Police Constable and two salt peons. As indigenous plague

C.W. 1900

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DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE COLLECTOR of Salem

TO

THE Plague Commissioner
Fort St George
Madras

Dated 25-12-1898

28/xii/98

No.

ENCLOSURE. 1

SUBJECT.

Requesting that sanction may be accorded for the entertainment of 6 constables at Rs 7 each for the two cart tracks leading to the village of Royakottai.

now prevails at Mattigiri Kuthubada and Chalagiri it is essential that arrivals from above the ghauts should be carefully watched. I request therefore that you will be good enough to accord your sanction for the entertainment of 6 constables on Rs 7 each per mensem for the two cart-tracks in question 3 for each track. As a temporary measure I have deputed 6 police constables pending your sanction.

I may add that the Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue has intimated in his Proceedings No: 6836 dated 3rd December 1898 that no more salt peons are available.

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

[illegible]
for Collector

Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner.

READ—

Cus 1157, 1900, 1990, & 2608.

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Order:—No. 8, **Dated** 4-1- 1899.

Note. I approved of the proposals made in [illegible] C. no 1900 [illegible] papers have been delayed [illegible] Please [illegible] of delay [illegible] sanction to be [illegible] 3/1

The Coll. had been already authorised by telegram on the 10-1-98 to employ extra peons &c as only a formal order had to be issued, the papers were kept back ~~for~~ pending the receipt of papers about [illegible] which P.C. had called for. These were recd from L & M Dept only on 30-12-98.

[illegible] 4/1/99

Seen [illegible] 4/1

The Collector's proposals to employ 14 extra men to guard the routes are approved.

2. Separate orders will issue as regards the question of (1) granting allowances to salt peons & Police constables on plague work ~~duty~~ & (2) employing these peons on guard duty. 3/1

To the Coll. of Salem with file [illegible]

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