

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(1899)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 928

Dated 11-4-88

Despatched 13-4-89

VIII

[Despatch Abstract.]

Reduction of Plague Establishment

Passing orders on letter from the
Collector of Cuddapah on the —
in his Ld.

BA.

1,000-4-10-98

NOTE FOR THE I.C.

The Collector's Subsequent letter (Cuo 3209) stating that these appointments may be held in a bygone is with the I.C., to whom it was submitted on the 23-3-88.

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Letter paper
27/3/88

No action necessary at present
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Letter paper
27/3/88
sent to the
Director
27/3/88

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 1885

Progs.
Letter
Ref.

41P

Forwarded to the Sanitary
Commissioner, Madras for perusal
of early opinion.

From

The Collector
of Coimbatore

Plague Commission

Ref. C. No. 347 of 98

Long
13/2/88

Letter paper
27/3/88

In reply telegram in 6
despatched to Madras of
Cuddalore: —

Pending orders of
Govt. your proposed
Observation Scheme approved.
1 Sanitary & Special Revenue
Inspector. Four clerks
Require sanction of Board
& Govt. through the
Commissioner.

Cuddalore

Despatched
27/3/88

Copy this
despatched
27/3/88

Dated

9-2-88
10-2-88

Received

Registered

Enclosures 1/1

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Coimbatore Observation
Scheme

Suggesting the appoint-
ment of 5 Special
Revenue Inspectors in
connection with the —
and also of 4 clerks
for the by mail & San. Officer
at Coimbatore.

BACK PAPERS.

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Cuddappah Collector's Office.

PC No 224 311/4/99 (Camp) Madanapalle

27 9. 2. 99.

From,
H. S. Harding, Esquire,
ag Collector of Cuddappah.

To,
The Plague Commissioner
Madras.

Sir,
With reference to your
letter No. $\frac{264}{20}$ of 27th January 1899,

I have the honor to report as follows:-

2. You ask me to employ 7 Circle
inspectors on Rs 70 Each in Madanapalle
Kallu and Kadiri Taluqs, and you
ask me to consider what further
measures are necessary by reason
of plague in Kolar and also
whether a ^{frontier} ~~present~~ Station may
not be established on the Hindupur
road and at Mianuli, Tadum and
Amadapur.

3. I have in consequence today held
a meeting of the Tahsildars of Kayalpottu
Madanapalle and Kadiri and the
District Medical Officer and to

Have decided that we want one Revenue Inspector on special duty in each of the five Taluqs of Vayalpad, Madana-palli, Kadiri, Pulivendla and Jammalamadugu. You agree with me that Revenue Inspectors are preferable to Sanitary Inspectors. So I say no more on that point.

4. The seven circles originally proposed for Madanapalli and Kadiri were designed to observe the Mysore frontier. Now we are threatened on all sides — right round our frontiers from Piles to Badvel — since North Arcot, Anantapur and Kurnool are all sources of danger. That being so the 7 original circles have no particular value. If it be seriously contended that Circle Inspectors to guard the frontiers to a depth of 20 miles all round are to be employed, I shall want some 30 men and they at Rs 200 a month each ^{with} cost Rs 2000. I have not got Rs 2000 a month and I presume Government is not prepared to give it. I also think such expenditure is out of all proportion to any results that can be got from it. I gathered in conversation with Mr. Hammond ere last year that he was of opinion that

that Circle Inspectors were useless, and am therefore surprised at your proposal to re-employ them. A man with some 20 or 30 villages several miles apart can practically do nothing worth doing in the way of searching for plague. His very presence frightens the people and makes them conceal cases if there are any. He has difficulty in entering villages and gets no information. The whole thing both on grounds of finance and common sense must depend on the people themselves. If we trust them and they trust us, as is the case in my district, we have a better assurance of getting information of the first outbreaks than we should have by employing a lot of strolling meddles who would cause trouble and learn nothing. I therefore and my district medical officer and Tahsildars agree with me, object absolutely to the re-employment of Circle Inspectors at all. If you think this opinion wrong, I shall be glad to know what actual use these men are found to be in other districts and whether they have ever kept plague out. We think then that the actual observation work can and must be done and done for nothing by the people themselves, but at the same time, we think

one Special Revenue Inspector, a well known and trusted man, may well be employed in each of the most threatened Taluqs as above named. His object will be mainly to keep the people constantly on the alert to move about among them and familiarize them with what they should do to keep plague out, and if it comes. All my ordinary Revenue Inspectors are now doing this, and as I rely on the people rather than on Circle Inspectors to catch and report plague cases, I consider one Special man per Taluk quite sufficient. I would pay him Rs 40/-, his ordinary pay, plus Rs 15/- travelling allowance in consideration of his range being larger than usual. I must still protest against Rs 70, 75 as being far more than is necessary or our finances can meet. If an ordinary Revenue Inspector ~~tour~~ and works hard for Rs 40/- a month, this Special Revenue Inspector can cheerfully do more touring, but less work, for Rs 55/-. It is absurd to squander our exhausted finances in overpaying the Special men who have less work than many kinds of ordinary touring officers such as Revenue Inspectors, Junior Magistrate, overseers, St Board overseers, Taluk Inspector and so forth. If therefore

you

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You still think Rs 70 or 75 should be paid I beg you will refer the matter to Government.

5. Regarding frontier stations I do not understand why I am asked to reconsider the matter. They were abolished because being in open country, they were found useless. This was clear in my previous letters. They are still useless for the same reason. It is no use spending Rs 500/- on sheds and 100/- a month on staff for a station at one out of a hundred ways of entering the district. Birauli, Nadrin, and Anandapur can serve no useful purpose and I do not propose to revive them.

6. Regarding the Hindupur Road, I am again informed by the Tahsilदार that people enter his Taluk by a dozen or more ways from Anantapur and that the traffic on the road is small. That is, of course, no argument as plague fugitives would ^{not} be affected by that. The road enters the district between hills. So could be effectively guarded. Effectively, that is, excepting that as soon as a station is constructed, people will come in by other roads. It should be as effective as Chigalabail.

but I am told the place for the station
should be in Anantapur District at
a place between the hills called
Sranivacipattu. My Tahsildar says
that when you enter this district the
country is open and people could escape
and come in anywhere. I don't myself
think frontier stations of much value.
Even at Chiglabailu, it is said that
people who wish to evade the station
leave their carts half a mile on the
Mysore side, walk through the jungle and
rejoin the cart half a mile on the
Madanapalli side. Nothing can pre-
vent this, so that a frontier station
even in favourable circumstances,
is of small utility. I am therefore in
favor of any stations at all.

7. If you will sanction the (5) five
Special Revenue Inspectors, I will
appoint them at once.

8. I think also that for protecting
the Taluk Head Quarters of Kadiri
and Vayalpad, a few salt peons
may be sanctioned as at Madan-
palli to assist the private guards
appointed by the people. I should
like

like therefore to have 5 more peons
for that purpose - either 50 peons
or 500 talayaris who might be
paid from the Village Service fund.
9. Then, my District Medical Officer
and the Tahsildars of Kadiri, Vayalpad
and Madanapalli, all complain
that their establishments cannot
cope with the extra work involved
by plague correspondence. I think
this is true and I should like you
to authorize to appoint an extra
clerk at Rs 15/- in each of their offices.
I don't know what other districts
are doing in this matter, but the
ordinary staffs in Cuddapah are
so bad, that extra work cannot
be got out of them.

10. As your policy seems to differ
from that of your predecessor
and as all the questions which
I thought were settled when Mr.
Hammick came here have now
been revived, I have the honor

BACK PAPERS.

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CG No 1243-P	4-10-98

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REFERENCE No. *275*
DISPOSAL *17-88*

ENCLOSURES.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Dated *14th March 1899*

Recd 17.3.99

FROM

H. C. D. Harding Esquire
COLLECTOR OF *Madras*

TO

THE

Plague Commissioner
Madras.

SIR,

Part of your letter of 11-3-99 regarding the request to send kindred certificates for April 99 and stating that, as plague is decreasing with the advance of the hot weather, an endeavor who he might be able to recover the cost of the expenditure so

With reference to your letter Ref on CG No 3096, dated 11-3-99, I have the honor to state that I have called on the Subcollector and Deputy Collector, Jammalamasala, to nominate Special Revenue Inspectors for plague work but have not yet received their nominations. In ^{view} of the hot weather and decrease of plague I think that we can well do without those officers at present. Our risk of infection

is less now than it has been any
time these 6 months. So I propose
that these appointments be held
in abeyance till found necessary.
I will consider what further reductions
can be made. We have little going
on except two Ambulance Corps and
one frontier Station at Khigilalye.
I am inclined to think that the
Cuddapah Ambulance Corps may
be disbanded at once, but do
not know how long Government
propose to retain these corps.

I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most obedient
servant.

Assuredly

Ag. Secretary

16/3/98.

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When examined _____
When signed _____

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Reference
made to
Order R 73
Station with
all the troops
to be P.C.

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