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PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

READ—the following paper:—

From C. H. MOUNSEY, Esq., Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Plague Commissioner, Madras, dated 2nd March 1899, R.O.C. No. 53-P.

I have the honour to forward copy of a letter from the Deputy Collector, Kollegal, reporting on the working of the plague inspection stations in that taluk and recommending the transfer of the inspection station at Chikkiyalur to Mudigundam and the appointment of two assistant sanitary (plague) inspectors on Rs. 15 each, one to be stationed at Mullur and the other at Chikkiyalur, and to request that the Deputy Collector's recommendations, with which the District Medical and Sanitary Officer who recently visited the taluk fully agrees, may be sanctioned.

2. I enclose a map of the district on the scale of four miles to an inch showing the present inspection stations and the routes and the places, Mudigundam and Mullur.

ENCLOSURE.

From M.R.Ry. V. CHAPPAN MENON Avargal, B.A., Deputy Collector, Kollegal, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 23rd February 1899, R.O.C. No. 990 (f)-Sub. of 1898.

In continuation of my letter, dated the 14th instant, R.O.C. No. 990 C-Sub. of 1898, I have the honour to submit the following report on the working of the plague inspection stations in the Kollegal taluk.

2. There are now three inspection stations at the marginally noted places. The work at Sivásamudram is being properly done except that the hospital assistant there has to be frequently changed owing to the unhealthiness of the place. This station protects Kollegal from persons arriving from Bangalore, Chennapatna and other places by train and by road.

3. At Kollegal, the inspection work is now done by the civil apothecary in addition to his own hospital duties, and this he finds it difficult to carry on efficiently without extra assistance. The work is done in the premises of the Local Fund hospital to which the ordinary patients have also to resort for treatment, and this circumstance interferes seriously with the ordinary attendance at the hospital. Further, the hospital is situated in the heart of the town and not at the entrance to it from the Mysore and Seringapatam side, and it therefore fails to fulfil the functions of a frontier inspection station.

4. Besides the Sivásamudram route there are, as you are aware, three important routes leading from the Mysore Province: one is the Seringapatam road passing through the Mullur village; the other is the Mysore road passing through Tagarapuram; and the third is the Yelandur road passing through Surapuram. In each of these villages a frontier inspection station was proposed to be established in the Collector's scheme for Kollegal. But the Government, in its Order No. 1508 P., dated 6th December 1898, considered that it was sufficient for the present "in addition to the existing stations to open inspection stations at Chikkiyalur and Kollegal." I believe that the Government intended to open a proper inspection station at Kollegal. But as the Collector, in his endorsement of the 10th idem, stated that Kollegal was already an inspection station, the previous arrangement was left undisturbed.

5. It is now found by experience that there is more danger from the influx of people from the Mysore City *via* Chamarajnagar, Tirumukkudal, Narsipur and Talakad, plague having established itself in Mysore City almost in the same virulent form in which it previously did at Bangalore; and it has, therefore, become necessary to review the situation and to open a fresh station at Mudigundam for the reasons to be presently explained. Of the three roads mentioned above, Nos. 2 and 3 converge at Mudigundam and as most of the arrivals from the Mysore City and other plague-infected parts adjoining it could be inspected at that place, an efficient check on arrivals is secured there without difficulty. There is, however, no need to construct plague sheds at Mudigundam as it is situated only two miles from Kollegal where ample accommodation exists for plague purposes. The apothecary at Kollegal will, of course, continue to check the arrivals in the Kollegal town with the passports received by him and be available for other urgent work. This arrangement will afford him considerable relief which is very much needed at present.

6. The Seringapatam road to Kollegal (No. 1) lies further away from the proposed station at Mudigundam and it is therefore necessary to make some other arrangement for examining the arrivals by that route. The arrivals do not, however, appear to be so numerous as to justify the opening of a special station at the frontier village of Mullur, and I would, therefore, suggest that an assistant sanitary inspector on Rs. 15 be stationed there to watch the arrivals and to send suspicious persons for the apothecary's inspection at Kollegal. This would not cause any serious inconvenience to passengers, as the distance from Mullur to Kollegal is only about three miles.

7. *Chikkiyalur Station*.—This station was opened on the 2nd January 1899. There have since been but few passengers from Mysore territory at that place. It is situated in one of the hill villages, the nature of which has been fully explained in my letter, dated the 10th January 1899, R.O.C. No. 1016 (a)-Rev. Sub. of 1898, and in my opinion and in that of the District Surgeon who recently inspected it, it does not seem to be necessary to retain it in its present condition. An assistant sanitary inspector on Rs. 15, who would be able to find out the required information about arrivals, might be posted there, and if there are any suspicious persons, they could be placed under observation and be visited there by a medical officer. This would set free the hospital assistant and his establishment whose services might be more advantageously utilized for the proposed station at Mudigundam.

PROCEEDINGS—No. 51, dated 6th March 1899.

The recommendations of the Deputy Collector, which are supported by the Collector, are approved and sanctioned.

Personal Assistant,
for Plague Commissioner.

To the Collector of Coimbatore (A—L).

„ Surgeon-General.

„ Sanitary Commissioner.

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„ „ Accountant-General.

„ „ Financial Department.