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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

ORDER—No. 1122 P., dated 20th September 1898.

His Excellency the Governor in Council for some time past has had under consideration the appointment of a special officer for the supervision of all operations in the Presidency dealing with plague. The time has now arrived when the appointment of such an officer appears to be imperatively necessary. In spite of all precautions, plague has taken a firm hold of the districts of the Bombay Presidency adjoining Madras, and has begun to spread in certain villages in the Bellary and Anantapur districts. It is very important that all the precautionary and remedial measures ordered to be undertaken in the rules regarding plague which have been issued, shall be energetically adopted, and that immediately under Government there shall be an officer in sole charge who will be able on the spot to advise and assist Collectors in their labours. The Government therefore considers that the appointment of a Plague Commissioner is necessary. The notifications appended to this order define his powers.

2. The following rules are issued as instructions to all officers regarding their position towards the Plague Commissioner :—

(1) The Plague Commissioner shall have power and authority, through the Collectors of districts, to put in operation and carry into effect the rules already issued by Government in regard to plague and all rules which may be subsequently made by it.

(2) The Plague Commissioner may appoint special officers, either by name or virtue of their office, to carry out under his general directions any measures ordered by Government to be taken for the suppression or prevention of plague. Provided that in all cases of officers whose salary exceeds Rs. 200 *per mensem* the previous sanction of Government shall be obtained for their appointment, and that in all cases the Plague Commissioner shall report periodically the particulars of all appointments that he may have made.

(3) All correspondence about plague at present addressed to Government shall ordinarily, in future, be addressed to the Plague Commissioner, provided that, when in exceptional cases any head of a department considers it necessary to address Government directly, a copy of the communication shall be immediately sent to the Plague Commissioner.

(4) The Plague Commissioner, except in the case of gazetted officers, may transfer any officer appointed by him or by a Collector, as a plague officer from any local area to any other local area.

(5) The Plague Commissioner will control all expenditure connected with plague operations and is empowered to incur such expenditure as may appear necessary, subject to the approval of Government. He will have power to call for such returns and information as regards expenditure on plague operations as may seem to him to be necessary, and all returns from Collectors and other departments regarding plague expenditure shall be sent to Government through the Plague Commissioner.

(6) The Chairmen of mufassal Municipal Councils and all other public officers dealing with plague (including Collectors acting under section 36, Madras District Municipalities Act) shall to the utmost of their power carry into effect any measures which may be ordered by the Plague Commissioner having in view the suppression or prevention of plague.

(7) The Sanitary Commissioner and the officers in his department shall give every possible assistance to the Plague Commissioner in the conduct of his duties, lending him their assistance and advice to the utmost of their power, and carrying out his orders.

(True Extract.)

for *Secretary to Government.*

To the Plague Commissioner.
" all Collectors (A, J, K.)
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" the Surgeon-General.
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ENDORSEMENT—No. 1123 P., dated 20th September 1898.

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H. TREMENHEERE,
Secretary to Government.

APPENDIX.

Notification appointing a Plague Commissioner.

Whereas the Presidency of Madras is threatened with an outbreak of dangerous epidemic disease known as plague, and whereas the Governor in Council considers that the ordinary provisions of law for the time being in force are insufficient to prevent the spread of this disease, he is pleased, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act of 1897, and of the powers in this behalf conferred by the Governor-General in Council under section 2, sub-section (3), of the same Act, to appoint a Plague Commissioner for the purpose of carrying out, under the orders of Government, the measures to be taken to suppress and prevent the spread of plague in the Presidency of Madras.

Subject to detailed instructions which will issue separately, all correspondence relating to plague will, until further orders, be addressed to the Plague Commissioner, and all officers of Government will carry out his orders thereon.

Notification appointing the Plague Commissioner for the City of Madras.

With reference to Notification No. dated , His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that the responsibility for all plague operations in the City of Madras shall continue to vest in the President of the Municipal Commission, subject to the control of Government exercised through the Plague Commissioner as representing Government, and that he shall take such measures as Government, through the Plague Commissioner may order him to take in this behalf.

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