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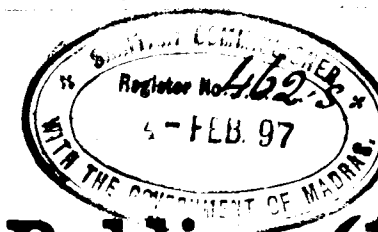
Receiving report from the Collector of Nellore
on an alleged case of plague at Sompaya
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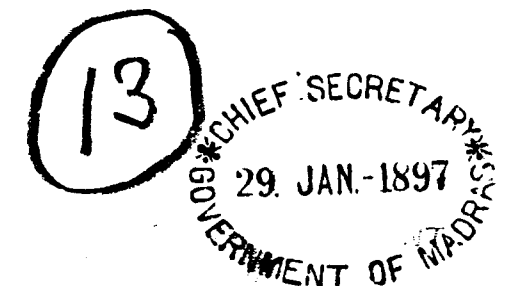
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Medicine

Chief Secretary From

The Collector of Nellore
Nellore

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for C.S.
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Dated 28th January 1897

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SUBJECT.

Submitting a report regarding
an alleged case of plague
at Singarayakonda.

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Mallore.

27-1-97.

My dear Meyer,

In reply to your letter I think there is no foundation for the rumour or very little.

I was at Singarayakonda on 23rd Inst and the Hospital Assistant in charge of the D. B. Dispensary there told me he had heard that some travellers from Bombay were camping on the Railway about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distant, and that a suspicious death had occurred amongst them the previous evening or night. I at once directed him to go to their camp, and make full enquiry and report at once to me. I also sent the B. M. Railway Hospital Assistant (a 1st class man) with him. They came to me an hour or so later and reported the people had gone, and they could learn nothing definite about them. Two B. M. Railway men (I think) names unknown were with them. One of them had told the Singarayakonda Hospital Assistant.

Assistant the rumour he had heard. He could not or would not tell how or from whom he had heard it, but said he had heard they came from Olapalem (which is 4 miles distant on the canal) and that 10 or 2 deaths had occurred there amongst them and again did not say his authority. The travellers it appears went towards Ongole. So I at once sent off the Railway Hospital Assistant on a pony to Tangatoor after them to make full enquiry and report. I shall send you tomorrow a copy of his telegram to me. I quite forgot to have told you about the whole circumstance on 25th evening. I am sorry I did not do so.

His report was that they were fakirs from Kholapore and were all healthy, men women and children, and were proceeding on same evening to Ongole and on to Bezwada. They said no deaths

had taken place amongst them at Singarayakonda.

I told Mr Bond Assistant Engineer B. M. Railway about the matter and asked him to have the sheds which were used there roughly fumigated by the Railway Hospital assistant and advised that they should be fastened so that stray travellers could not use them.

I saw the Railway Hospital assistant late in the evening and he said he had made full enquiry and he believed it was a false report. I warned both Hospital Assistants to be on the look out and report at once to me of any suspicious case and I have heard nothing since.

Yours Sincerely
Ed W. H. Thornhill

(True copy)

Ag Collector.

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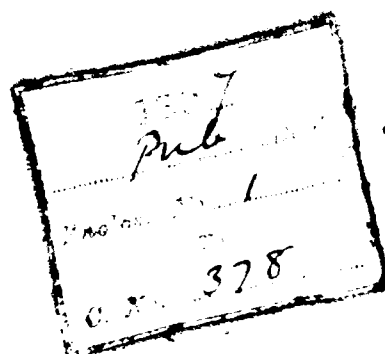
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My dear Meyer.

I send copy of the Railway
Hospital assistant's telegram
I spoke of.

Railway
Engineer

I went to Mitchell's this
morning & told him about the matter
& asked him to send 2 telegram
forms which he at once said he
would as soon as his office opened
(10 o'clock), one was to the Executive
Engineer V. M. Railway Singaraya
Konda requesting him to order his
Hospital assistant to go to Golapollim
& make thorough enquiry of the
village authorities as to the truth
of rumour of a death amongst pilgrims
there about 22^d & to enquire names of
man who said he had heard of a
death. The other to the Executive
Engineer V. M. R. Bezawada
requesting him to direct his Hospital
assistant to keep a sharp lookout
for pilgrims from Kholapore
going to Kasalepatam & watch their
movements. as there is rumour of a



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death suspicious of plague amongst them at Singarayakonda & another at Colapallam. also to send copy of the telegram to the District Surgeon, Krishna & to inform him of the result.

I intend writing now to the D. H. Hospital assistant Singarayakonda also on the subject.

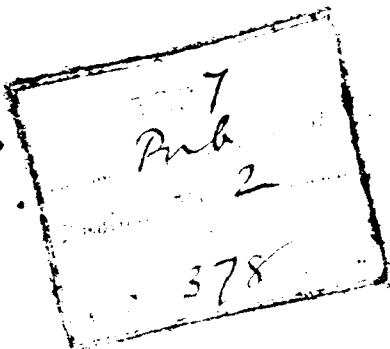
I fully intended reporting all I knew on the subject to you on 25th & regret very much that I forgot to do so.

I sincerely hope it will prove as I believe a false alarm. I shall bring you copies of the telegrams on my way home this morning.

Yours sincerely
(Signed) W. H. Thornhill

(True copy)

Acting Collector



Telegram.	
To Singarayakonda.	From Tangatur.
To The District Medical and Sanitary Officer.	From Hospital Assistant Ougole Division

Inspected the Maharata gang arrived from Singarayakonda and found them all in good health. There are about 16 men 12 women and 43 children. They are all fakirs travelling all the long by road from Kolhapur. Informed me that none of their people died at Singarayakonda. Leaving tonight to Ellustipatam via Ougole.

23-1-97

(True Copy)

(Sg) W. H. Thornhill M.D.
Surgeon Major I.M.S.
District Medical Sanitary Officer
Mellor.
To The Collector & District Magistrate
Mellor.

Mellor
28-1-97

(True Copy)

Mellor
Collector's office
28th January 1897

By Collector.

Nellore Collector's Office

28th January 1897

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CURRENT NO. 378

From

W. S. Meyer Esquire.,

Acting Collector of Nellore

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Public Department, Madras

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your telegram No. 42 dated 27th Instant, calling for information regarding an alleged case of plague at Singaroyakonda reported in the Madras "Standard," and to confirm the following telegraphic reply despatched yesterday evening.

" your 42 - District Surgeon was at Singaroyakonda 23rd was told of doubtful death among travellers from Kolhapur but on enquiry found no evidence. ~ Letter follows "

2. I had heard nothing on the subject prior to receipt of your telegram. As the District Medical Officer ~ (Surgeon Major Thornhill) had been at Singaroyakonda within the last week I referred to him and received in reply two letters (Demi-official) of which I now forward copies*. It will be seen that the para in the

* The copy of the telegram referred to in the first letter

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the "Standard", of which I have since seen a copy, evidently refers to the report which Dr. Thornhill heard when he was at Singaroyakonda on the 23rd Instant. The enquiries he caused to be made show that there is no evidence of there having been any case of plague among the party of travellers from Kolhapur who formed the subject of the rumour; that the two Hospital Assistants in the locality (one attached to the Local Fund Dispensary and one to the railway now under construction) were warned to keep a sharp look out and report at once any suspicious cases that may occur hereafter; and that further telegrams have now been despatched directing further local enquiry and warning the railway authorities at ^{Belgaum} ~~Belgaum~~ ^{Belgaum} ~~Belgaum~~, whither the travellers were going, of the rumour of plague in connection with the gang.

3. It is much to be regretted that Surgeon Major. Thornhill omitted to inform me of what had occurred till I sent him the Government telegram. He returned from tour on the 25th instant and saw me on more than one occasion but said not a word about the matter.

4. I have now wired urgently to the Local Fund Hospital Assistant ^{at Belgaum} asking whether he has any further information to give and am directing the Tahsildar of Ongole to report about the

2nd
hospital
has
received
the
news
from
Belgaum

further movements of the travellers above referred to. If I should get any further information worth communicating to Government I shall forward it without delay. At present the Standard's informant seems to have lighted on a "mare's nest"

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

your most obedient servant

Acting Collector

*Original
Dec 27-17*

Telegram to

Collector, Nellore.

"42. Is there any truth in statement
in Standard 27th case of plague Sin-
garayakonda?. if so wire particulars."

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Telegram
From Collector of Malore.

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Dated 27- Jan'y 97

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SUBJECT.

Communicating that the
suspected cases of plague
at Kathapur were not
really such.

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Await letter - see within

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To *Madras* From *Mellone*

Words. *346* Day. *27* Hour. *21* Minute. *40* Official Instructions. *urc*

To *Madras* From *Collector*

your 42 District Surgeon was at Singarayakonda 23rd was told of doubtful death among travellers from Kuthapur but on enquiry found no evidence letter follows

from *LN* Sent to *MADRAS 27-1-97*

Hrs. *1* Mts. by *1* At *1* Hrs. *1* Mts. by *1* Telegraph Master.

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CURRENT No. 954



From

*The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.*

No. 610
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Order

Dated 9th March 1897.

Received 10 D^o.

Registered 11 D^o.

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returned).

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SUBJECT.

*Returning the Correspondence
forwarded with ^{Public Dept} ~~the~~ endorsement
No 287 dated 3rd February 1897.*

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OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Fort St. George, *9th March 1897.*

From

SURGEON LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE

*Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Fort Saint George.*

Enclosure.

SIR,

*I have the honor to return with
thanks the correspondence forwarded with
your endorsement No 287 dated 2^d February
1897.*

*I have the honor to be,
Sir,*

Your most obedient servant,

W. G. King

*Surgeon Lieutenant
Colonel W. G. King*

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