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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

From the Collector of North Arcot, Ref. on C. No. 1495/Eng. dated 23rd August 1898.

In continuation of my reports No. 1495/Ref on Cur. Eng., dated 18th August 1898 and No. 1495/Ref. on C. Eng., dated 21st August 1898, I have the honour to submit a further report in greater detail.

2. I met the Sanitary Commissioner at Arkonam on the evening of the 18th on his way to Jalarpet. He returned on the 19th but owing to having mistaken the route did not arrive at Tiruvallam until late on the night of the 19th. I accompanied him to Jangalapalli on the early morning of the 20th. He fully approved of all the steps that had been taken, but in addition recommended the burning of the thatch of the Kullappa Naik's house and the destruction of the grain and other food in the house, with the exception of that contained in such of the corn bins as have not recently been opened—compensation will of course be given. His recommendations have been carried out. He saw the places where the deceased had been buried which were in a water course which unfortunately owing to heavy rain became flooded with water on the night of the 18th. But nothing could be done as regards these graves; luckily the water flowed towards paddy fields and not to any village.

3. Further enquiries from the jutkah man and others show that Kullappa Naik and party at once got into the jutkah at Katpadi Railway station, one child died in the Jutkah near Bramalipuram on the road from the Katpadi to Tiruvallam but the Jutkah did not stop there. The jutkah was apparently stopped apparently about 8 or 9 A.M. on the road outside the Tiruvallam. Leaving his family with the Jutkah Kullappa Naik went and fetched a relation named Narayanan and then with the help of him, or his own family, and a woman named

named Kulli, buried the child. Two girls also witnessed the burial from a short distance. The child was buried on the banks of a dry water course outside the village. The grave was shallow and the corpse was dug up and consumed by wild animals. The grave site has been flooded with disinfectant. Narayanan and the other three persons who saw Kullappa Naik were under medical observation. Kullappa Naik does not appear to have gone into Narayanan's house, but to be on the safe side the house has been thoroughly disinfected. The Jutkah has also been thoroughly disinfected and the mats and the mat roofing destroyed. The Jutkah man has been ordered to be kept under observation. The Jutkah man denies having driven the party $\frac{1}{2}$ from Tiruvallam on to Jangalapalli, but there is no doubt that he really did so. I may mention that Tiruvallam is nearly two miles from the Railway station.

4. The Sanitary Commissioner was satisfied that the ~~two~~ deceased all died of real plague. But for various reasons (one of the chief ^{the absence of a} being furred tongue) he was from his experience of plague cases able to say that the surviving woman had not contracted plague, though the Civil Surgeon had been perfectly right in treating her as for plague. She probably has been suffering from milk fever. The fact that this woman ^{deceased} who was nursing the child at Jangalapalli escaped the infection warrants a strong hope that the infection will not spread. None of the others under observation have shown any signs of fever, and I am glad to say that the District Medical and Sanitary Officer reports that yesterday morning the woman's temperature was normal. Those under segregation will be so kept for another 10 days.

5. I consulted the Sanitary Commissioner at Jangalapalli on the subject of rats, but as the infection in this case had certainly not been carried by them, he recommended no special steps. But on the receipt of the telegram from Government on the subject I have taken steps to have the measures for the destruction of rats ordered in the telegram to be carried out.

6. Owing to the remissness of the Assistant Surgeon, Vellore, the District Medical and Sanitary Officer heard nothing of the outbreak until the evening $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 19th, when he was at Punganur. He started at once, met me at Chittoor on the morning of the 21st and reached Tiruvallam the same evening, where for the time being he has relieved the Chittoor Surgeon.

Order No. 931 F.418., dated 29th August 1898.

Recorded with the remark that in his inspection note relating to Jangalapalli, the Sanitary Commissioner has expressed the opinion that the illness of Kullappa Naik's widow is "a milk-fever" "a mild case of plague". As all the other members of the family are reported to have died of plague, the sanitary preventive measures should not be relaxed until all chance of infection is over.

2. Para. 6 of the Collector's report is communicated to the Surgeon General for his opinion as he may think necessary.

(true extract)

A. Edgington

For Secretary to Government.

To

The Collector of North Arcot.

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