

Public (1897) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 605

DATED 1-6-98.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Directing the termination
of employment of Dr. T. W. Illingworth as
temporary ^{physician} doctor, & requesting the S.G.
to make arrangements for his relief &
passage home.

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Surgeon General with Govt of
Madras

No. *6/60*

Transferred to Chief
Secretary (Patna)

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Massachusetts
Ag Secretary of State
Lt in Dept

Dated 17th May 1899

Received 24. 5. 88

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1. Spare copies.

Forwards Copies of
certain Correspondence, and
recommends that ^{the services of} Tempy. Plager.
Dr. Ellingworth be dispensed
with at once.

To, The Public Dept

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...at the end of this month, the extra work
and I therefore recommend that the services of the addi-
tional clerk may be dispensed with at the end of this month.
6. Captain Allenby reports that it will be difficult for him to super-
vise the work of the Plague Inspectors of the remaining 3 circles in ad-
dition to looking after the plague cases in Ranipet and Wallaja. The
services of a Supervisor to manage the three remaining circles are there-
fore necessary.

Letter from the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras dated 30th May 1899
L. 257/T.

With reference to letter Nos. 2084 P and 2084 P dated 20th
25th May 1899, from the Collector of North Arcot forwarded herewith
have the honour to state in my opinion, the lull in plague prevalence
which seems now to invite rapid reduction of staffs, is not likely to
last beyond August and that if the disease follows its usual course
may be expected from that month forwards, during the cold season
may increase in severity. It is not known precisely how it is that recrudescence
occurs with such regularity in plague, in the absence of demon-
strated spore production. A continued vitality of the microbes in dwell-
ings (in possibly a modified form) in articles, by transference amongst
&c., may be the chief causes; but, it has always seemed to me
reasonable to assume that the vitality of the microbe in a locality
probably largely maintained by mild or undetected sporadic cases,
a belief in its absence has secured a want of care by the pub-
lic authorities responsible.

I preface my ^{2e} remarks on Mr. Campbell's letter with this state-
ment as it is desirable I should show why I would deprecate excessive
opinions. If there ^{be} ^{truth} is any ~~truth~~ in my suggestion and I grant no p-
roblem exists - it seems to me that in dealing with an indigenously
infected area as in the case of North Arcot, the best chance of escap-
ing recrudescence and thus finally getting rid of plague that has
shed

charged with the supervision of the observation

think that the sanitary staff of the Municipality could discharge both its ordinary duties and the duties of an observation staff. The additional expenditure caused by the retention of the 5 circle Inspectors and their peons is only Rs 105 a month, the advantage of having a separate staff for observation purposes is great especially in a town like Vellore where the concealment of plague cases is so easy. I recommend therefore that the five circle Inspectors their peons and two Divisional Inspectors may be retained. In anticipation of sanction I have ordered the abolition of the other establishments on the 28th instant. The Chairman's suggestion about entrusting the Secretary with the supervision of the observation staff may be given a trial and the appointment of Mr. M. may be abolished.

2. I have also ordered that the one clerk and two peons allotted to the Special Plague Officer should be dispensed with on the 31st and that the plague camp should be closed on the 31st when I discontinue the services of the Special Plague Officer and the Additional Medical Officer to be dispensed with. I request the early orders of Government regarding the relief of Captain French and Dr. Edwards with effect from 1st of June.

3. There are three passport issuing officers at Katpadi at present. I have requested the Chairman to abolish two of them on the 28th and to retain only one passport issuing officer on Rs 20.

4. The Medical Officer in charge of the Railway Inspection station at Arkonam reports that the staff of police employed in Arkonam at present is two Head constables and 21 constables. Of these one Head constable and 6 constables are stated to guard the camp and the rest are employed in keeping order at the station. The Medical Officer reports that the staff is barely sufficient for the duty as there are nine trains arriving daily at Arkonam. I recommend a reduction for the present.

5. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer reports that the extra work in his office in connection with plague has nearly ceased and will not have ceased until all plague operations are over.

Office of the District Medical Officer,
Belling, 2nd May 1888.
Dear Captain Donovan,

I request you will be good enough to remove the Additional Medical Officer Dr. Illingworth from this District, and I am sure you have practically done so when he was sent to report on Plague duty. He seldom went out of his tent and hardly supervised the disinfection of the town for which purpose he was sent there. Recently on the 8th April he was sent to Alur to do a little work from the 8th to 13th and from that date to 29th when I visited the place he had done nothing. He never went near the town except when he was disinfecting the houses.

Apparently as the Collector has no confidence in Dr. Illingworth I was sent to Alur to see whether the disinfection was properly carried out and also to decide regarding the evacuation of a part of the town. Extra work is given me because the Additional Medical Officer is I regret to say unreliable as regards the duties assigned to him, further he is not a man of steady habits. I have no doubt that the Collector will corroborate what I have said. Plague has practically disappeared from the District, there have been no fresh cases for a fortnight and the Additional

Medical

considered necessary for Bellary a more willing
man than Shingworth may be sent to help
him. This seems to me perfectly reasonable,
and I support the request.

Yours Sincerely,
C. B. Blomfield

(Signature)
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Madras - 27th May 1899
for Surgeon General with the
Govt. of Madras

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H. J. C.
Confidential

Through Secy. to Government Local Admin.
OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras, 17 May 1899.
From
SURGEON-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.J.,
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To
THE Honorable the Chief Secretary
to Government
Public Department.

Noted
Pub. Cus. 1439/99
reg. the encouragement
granted

With reference to para 2 of my
letter No. 58 dated the 14th instant, I have
the honor to forward for the information
of Government copies of D.Os from the
District Medical and Sanitary Officer
and Collector of Bellary regarding
Temporary Plague Doctor Shingworth.
Under the circumstances brought to light
I recommend that his services be dispensed
with at once. It is not in my opinion
necessary to send another Additional Medical
Officer to Bellary at present.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

C. Sibthorpe
Surgeon-General,
Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

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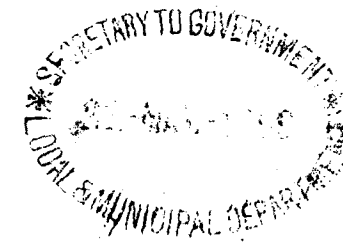
SURGEON-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I.,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 11057



From

Surgeon General C. Sibthorpe C.B.,
F.R.C.P.I.

Surgeon General with Govt of
Madras

No. 967

Dated 17th May 1899

Received 24. 5. 99

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Spare copies.

SUBJECT.

Forwards Copies of further
Correspondence regarding Tempy.
Plague Dr Illingworths dismissed

Order

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Office of the District Magistrate
Bellary dated 15th May 1897
No. 1196P.

From Lt. Col. R. P. Burton S. A. S.
By Dist. Magistrate Bellary

To The Secy. to Bangalore forward
with the Government papers.

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that
the Collector of Bellary almost a month ago
directed me to send Dr. Ellingworth, the
Additional Medical Officer to superintend
the operations and to remain there until
recalled. The Collector asked me to visit also
which I did on the 28th April, the disinfection
of the town was then being carried out by a
detachment of Sepoys under a British Officer.
I found on arrival that Dr. Ellingworth had
practically done no work for about a fortnight,
he had not been near the houses being
disinfected nor had he for a fortnight visited
the plague patient in the Camp. He informed me
that he had had fever for about 4 days but
that he was at the time of my visit convalescing.
I wrote to you and the Collector semi-officially
on the subject.

On

On the 8th May he returned to Bellary,
the day after a fresh case of plague occurred
at Alur. I directed him to return at once, his
reply is enclosed. I have to add that I have
seen him almost every day at the Club since
he returned to Bellary. I have the honor also
to enclose in original a letter received to day from
Dr Illingworth. His complaint about the badge
is an imaginary one as I have not as yet
received it from the Collector. As regards bullying
him I have the honor to state that I have always
treated him with consideration notwithstanding
his unsteady habits and disinclination to do
any work. I request you will kindly forward
the whole correspondence to Government for
disposal, as I consider Dr Illingworth had no
right whatever to address such an impertinent
and insubordinate letter to me his superior officer.

I have &c

Sd/ R. Pemberton, Lt. Col. I. M. S.

Asst. Dist. Insp. & San'y Officer -

Bellary

(True Copy) *[Signature]*

for Surgeon General with Govt of
Madras

Bellary
9th May 1899

From Dr J. W. Illingworth M. A., B. S. C.

Additional Insp. Officer

Bellary

To The District Insp. & San'y Officer

Bellary

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your
Nos. 1145 P and 1146 P. The former was to say
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the least of it unnecessary as I have been
following out those directions for the last 12 months
and never under any circumstances allow a
subordinate to diagnose cases of plague and
make it a point of visiting every one reported
sick in or near the affected villages.

I have the honor to inform you that I had
to come in from Alur, because I have had
serious attacks of fever there which I thought
I had shaken off but a relapse compelled me
to come in as I felt I could not get better quickly
enough with the food &c obtainable there. The
Collector has never hitherto required me to
notify him before coming in, he has always
left it to my discretion.

Bellary

13th May 1899

To The Acting District Officer

Bellary

Sir

Some time before you came to Bellary I applied to the Collector for a badge for my second peon. The Collector told me it should be supplied.

I see one of my peons is wearing an old badge of the District Officer. I request that my own badge be forwarded to me for the use of my peon as I am not District Officer & Sanyasir and not now acting as such, so that my peon has no right to wear such a badge, nor are you the special officer on plague duty called the Additional District Officer so that your peon or servant has no right to wear my badge. I trust you will rectify this at once - no English man would appropriate another man's name or symbols of office simply because it is new. I am getting tired of the way in which you treat me. I have endeavored to treat you as a gentleman and you seem to think I am afraid of you,

I never was afraid of a white man yet and I will
not be bullied by a man of no race who is
not even a white man.

I am
Sir
Ed J. M. Ellingworth

(True copy)

~~Honorar~~

Capt. S. M. S.

for Surgeon General with Cont

Ballay
13-5-99.

to

The District Medical Officer Ag.

Sir,

I cannot yet say when I shall be
able to go to Alor. In this hot weather
one does not readily recover from such a
severe attack of fever as mine was. The
debility and muscular weakness are marked
symptoms and still remain although I am
taking tonics.

A fortnight in a cool atmosphere
would brace me up and make me as fit as
ever.

I am, Sir
Yours truly

(Ed) J. M. Ellingworth.

P.S.

I am writing to Head Quarters.

(initialled) J. M. S.

(True copy)

~~Honorar~~

Capt. S. M. S.

for Surgeon General with Cont

No. 11518
8-5-99

Office of the Distt: Indla Sany: office
Bellary, dated 8th May 1899.

From Lt. Col. R. Pemberton I.M.S.
Distt: Indla Sany: office
Bellary

To The Collector of Bellary
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that Dr Ellingworth returned to Bellary this morning without any orders from me, nor did he inform me of his intended return and it was only last night that I received a telegram from the Tahildar of Alur of a fatal case of plague in fields having occurred on the 6th May.

Dr Ellingworth in accordance with your orders, was directed to remain at Alur until recalled. I enclose a letter I sent him this morning regarding his return.

As additional Medical officer he is of no use - he has done ~~practically~~ no work whenever he has been ordered out to supervise plague operations and if you consider that there is still necessity for an Additional Medical officer I request you will

ask

ask Government to send a more willing man.

I have &c

Lt Col. Pemberton, Lt Col. I.M.S.
Ag. Distt. Ind & Sany. Office

(True Copy)

[Signature]

Capital & S.

Surgeon General with font

Office of the District Ind & Sany
Office

Bellary, dated 8th May 1899.

No. 1146P
8-5-99

From Lt. Col. R. Pemberton I.M.S.

Ag. Distt. Ind and Sany. Office
Bellary

To Mr. F.W. Illingworth
Addl. Ind. Office
Bellary

Sir I have the honor to request to be informed under whose orders you returned to Bellary. The Collector of Bellary asked me to direct you to go to Alur to supervise plague operations and I consider it was your duty to inform me of your intention to return. If you have not the Collector's sanction to come into Bellary I request you will be good enough to return to Alur immediately.

Government have appointed you as Additional Ind. Office on plague duty and according to recent orders, of which you are aware you are to be utilised to the best advantage. You are reminded that a fatal case of plague occurred in the Alur fields on the 6th May and you should not have left your post as long as there was any possibility of the

disease spreading. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to the Collector for his information.

I have &c

By R. Pemberton, Lt. Col. I.M.S.
Ag. Dist. & Sany Officer.

(True Copy)

[Signature]
Captain I.M.S.

for Surgeon General with Govt

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

No.

6/67

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 17th May 1899.

From

SURGEON-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I.

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Honorable the Chief Secretary,
to Government
Public Department

SIR,

In continuation of my Confidential letter No. 6 of the 17th instant, forwarded through the Secretary to Government in Local and Municipal Department, I have the honor to forward for the information of Government Copies of further correspondence regarding Mr. Illingworth.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

[Signature]

Surgeon-General,

Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

now forward copies of
correspondence from the
Collector & the Dist. Mags.
& sundry others.

regarding Dr. Mingworth's
conduct, & recommends
that the Director's services
be dispensed with at once.
Attention is invited in
particular to the letter from
Dr. Mingworth flagged A,
which forms one of the
enclosures to the report.

3. Dr. Mingworth is one
of the doctors who signed
the renewed agreement
attached to G.O. No. 309 Public
dated 11.3.99. The agreement
was for six months from 25.11.98,
& if his services were required
for a further period, he
was to receive 30 days notice
before the expiration of the
first period. No such
notice was given. His
engagement expires on
25.5.99, & the Surgeon General
may be told to terminate
his employment at once.
Under the terms of his
agreement, if he returns
to England forthwith, he
is entitled to a return

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passage, & pay up to the
date of his arrival in
London; otherwise he
is entitled to pay for 16
days after the termination
of his employment. The
Surgeon General might be
told to ascertain his
wishes ^{as regards his departure} & to arrange
accordingly.

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A. H.

He should be got rid
of at once.
A. H.

I think Dr. Mingworth's services
should be dispensed with at once.

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C. No. _____ From the Surgeon Gen. No. C/66, dated 17.5.1899.
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D. J. C. Hingworth's
present employment, which
was instituted in 80.
By 309 Public Act 11-
March 1889, expired on
March 25 - May 1889, and
~~in view of the report on~~
~~his conduct and service~~
~~from the Surgeon General,~~
the Govt. resolves to
terminate his employment

2. The Surgeon General, will be requested to return Dr. Hingsworth of his duties at the earliest possible date.

provide him with a
relief, he will, under his
agreement, be entitled to
pay up to the date of his
departure; if
not, he will be paid
up to the sixteenth day
after the termination of
his employment.

(Transmitted)

10/1/99

Submitted that a
copy of the order, with
a sketch of the correspondence
as is necessary, should
be sent to the India
Office. These temporary
doctors sometimes reengage
at home & come out
again.

10/1/99

Public Dept

Do.

8th June 1899

My dear Fraser

Dr. J. W. Ellingworth,
a temporary doctor, who
came out in March 1898,
under a nine months
agreement with the Govt.
of India, for plague duty
in this Presidency on a
salary of Rs. 500 per mensem,
was re-engaged by this
Govt. in November last
under a contract which
provided for pay at Rs.
600 a month, and employ-
ment for six months
certain, with option on
the part of Govt. of
retaining his services
for a further period
of six months, if necessary.
His conduct however
having lately been very
unsatisfactory, culminating
in gross disobedience

his superior officer,
 this Govt. has declined
 to re-engage his services
 on the expiration of the
 first six months of his
 agreement, & has terminated
 his employment. I
 mention these facts, as
 it may be advisable
 to communicate them to
 the India office, in
 case Dr. Hingworth
 applies for further
 employment in India.

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A. H. L. Fraser Esq
 C.S.I.

Offg. Secy. to the Govt.
 Home Dept.

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