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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 111 L., dated 19th January 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to all Local Boards and Municipal Councils letter from the Sanitary Commissioner, No. 2403-S, dated 18th December 1896, with the request that they will, as far as practicable, undertake the method of observation suggested by him in connection with bubonic plague.

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MEMORANDUM.

No. 118.

The Chairmen of all Municipal Councils are requested to report by return of post what arrangements the Councils have made with reference to G.O., No. 111 L., dated 19th January 1897.

4th February 1897.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

READ—also the following papers:—

From the Chairman, Municipal Council,			Cuddapah,	dated	6th February 1897,	No. 140 M.
,,	,,	,,	Tiruppattúr,	dated	6th Feb. 1897,	No. 166-Eng. M.
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,,	,,	,,	Palghat	,, 6th	,, ,,	,, 520 M.
,,	,,	,,	Erode	,, 6th	,, ,,	,, 77 M.
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,,	,,	,,	Cuddalore	,, 6th	,, ,,	,, 607 M.
,,	,,	,,	Tirupati	,, 6th	,, ,,	Ref. on C. No. 83 M.
,,	,,	,,	Máyavaram	,, 8th	,, ,,	No. 153 M.
,,	,,	,,	Vániyambádi	,, 8th	,, ,,	Ref. on No. 119-Eng. M.
,,	,,	,,	Ongole	,, 7th	,, ,,	No. 662 M.
,,	,,	,,	Anantapur	,, 8th	,, ,,	Ref. on C. No. 472 M.
,,	,,	,,	Guntúr	,, 7th	,, ,,	No. 837 M.
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,,	,,	,,	Mannárgudi	,, 8th	,, ,, ,,	766 M.
,,	,,	,,	Periyakulam	,, 8th	,, ,, ,,	252 M.
,,	,,	,,	Kumbakónam,	dated	9th Feb. 1897,	No. 120 M.
,,	,,	,,	Calicut	,, 8th	,, ,, ,,	289 M.
,,	,,	,,	Conjeeveram,	,, 10th	,, ,,	Ref. on No. 30 M.
,,	,,	,,	Kurnool,	,, 8th	,, ,,	No. 642 M.
,,	,,	,,	Adóni	,, 9th	,, ,,	Dis. No. 66 M.
,,	,,	,,	Coonoor	,, 8th	,, ,,	No. 758 M.

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From the Chairman, Municipal Council,			Tirupati,	dated	9th Feb. 1897,	Ref. on C. No. 83 M.
,,	,,	,,	Masulipatam	dated	9th Feb. 1897,	No. 1007 M.
,,	,,	,,	Palamcottah	,, 10th	,, ,,	,, 50 M.
,,	,,	,,	Anakápalle	,, 8th	,, ,,	,, 24 M.
,,	,,	,,	Negapatam	,, 9th	,, ,,	,, 997 M.
,,	,,	,,	Palni	,, 9th	,, ,,	,, 18 M.
,,	,,	,,	Srívilliputtúr	,, 9th	,, ,,	,, 815 I.
,,	,,	,,	Chicacole	,, 8th	,, ,,	,, 111 M.
,,	,,	,,	Cochin	,, 10th	,, ,,	,, 30 M.
,,	,,	,,	Mangalore	,, 9th	,, ,,	,, 1081 M.
,,	,,	,,	Berhampur	,, 10th	,, ,,	,, 173 M.
,,	,,	,,	Chidambaram	,, 12th	,, ,,	Cur. No. 125-Eng.
,,	,,	,,	Tellicherry	,, 12th	,, ,,	No. 996 M.
,,	,,	,,	Coonoor	,, 12th	,, ,,	,, 771 M.
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,,	,,	,,	Chingleput	,, 9th	,, ,,	Ref. on No. 303 M.
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2. The Government is gratified with the active steps taken by municipal councils generally to give effect to the Sanitary Commissioner's recommendations. The most conspicuous and almost the only exception is the Anantapur Municipality, in which nothing has been done or apparently proposed to be done. His Excellency in Council notes this with dissatisfaction, the more particularly as the town is in a frontier district, where an observing staff would be of especial value.

3. His Excellency in Council is also glad to observe that almost all the municipalities, which are neither at ports nor on railway lines, have adopted the spirit of the rules and appointed an observing staff to watch halting places and the arrival of strangers and report cases of suspicion. No arrangements have, however, been made at Kurnool, and the Sanitary Commissioner is requested to report whether he considers that any special measures are required there, having regard to the fact of its proximity to Hyderabad territory.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To all Presidents of District Boards.
,, all Chairmen of Municipal Councils.
,, all Collectors.
,, the Surgeon-General.
,, the Sanitary Commissioner.
,, the Revenue Department.

Exd. C. Parthasarathy.

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G.O., No. 111 L., 19th January 1897.

JANUARY.

Bubonic Plague.

Communicating to all Local Boards and Municipal Councils letter from the Sanitary Commissioner, No. 2403-S, dated 18th December 1896, with the request that they will, as far as practicable, undertake the method of observation suggested by him in connection with —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated Fort St. George, 18th December 1896, No. 2403-S.

I have the honour to invite the attention of Government to the fact that plague shows no abatement in Bombay. Under these circumstances, I am of opinion that increased vigilance in this Presidency is desirable. On the 29th September 1896 and 7th October 1896 I forwarded to Government copies of correspondence and suggestions issued by me to local authorities on this subject. I now forward further correspondence for information.

2. It seems to me desirable that the method of observation laid down in this office letter, No. 2020-S, dated 28th October 1896, cannot fail to be otherwise than useful. I have reason to believe that most local authorities have followed the suggestion therein made; but one officer informed me that, on account of his subordinates being engaged on famine duty, he found he could not entertain the proposal. It seems to me if there be any danger of infection at all that it is worth attempting this simple mode of guarding against it, and that all districts in which there is danger of famine should be the last to look askance at measures of this description; for it goes without saying that should plague and scarcity go hand in hand, the mortality that must occur would be of a very heavy character.

3. Under the above circumstances, I advise that Government require all Local Fund authorities, aided as far as possible by Revenue authorities, and municipalities in whose areas of administration railway communication exists, to undertake the method of observation described. Importation by sea has, as far as possible, been guarded against by arrangements entered into with the Port Medical Officers (*vide* letter, No. 1886, dated 12th October 1896).

ENCLOSURES.

From Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to all Chairmen of Municipal Councils on line of Railway, dated Fort St. George, 28th October 1896, No. 2020-S.

I have the honour to invite your attention to the fact that the epidemic of bubonic plague at Bombay shows but little signs of abatement. Each day of its continuance undoubtedly increases the small, yet appreciable, risk of this disease entering this Presidency. Since the 7th of this month a system of observation of passengers has been in force at Adóni and Bezwada, and latterly at Guntakal. I think the time has now arrived when it would be advisable for this to be supplemented by observation at your own railway station. This could be accomplished, with the consent of the railway authorities, by one of your inspectors standing near the railway ticket collector during the passing out from the railway platform of all passengers who could possibly have arrived from Hyderabad or Bombay territory. On such passengers being discovered, the sanitary inspector should take their names and probable address. The list of addresses thus prepared should then be distributed to the inspectors of the part of the town in which each person has expressed his intention of residing. These inspectors should be instructed to daily call at the house of the new arrivals and ascertain their state of health. This should be continued daily for ten days in each case and the result should be stated in the inspectors' reports to you.

2. This arrangement sounds very troublesome and very theoretical; but I have personally worked this system with the result of checking importation of cholera, and, as a matter of fact, it is now being conducted without much difficulty in the large municipality of Madras.

No. 2024-S.

Copy forwarded to all Presidents of District Boards with the recommendation to attempt a similar system of observation by Revenue or Local Fund agency on all railway stations in the area under their charge.

28th October 1896. (Signed) W. G. KING, Surgn.-Lt.-Col.,
Sanitary Commissioner.

From Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to all Port Medical Officers, dated Fort St. George, 12th October 1896, No. 1886-S.

With reference to this office circular No. 1279-S, dated 10th July 1894, and circular letter communicated to you in your function of District Medical and Sanitary Officer, No. 1791-S, dated 28th September 1896, I have the honour to advise that, in communication with the local Port Officer, special efforts be made by you to inspect the health condition of all crews and passengers arriving from Bombay, more especially in the case of vessels commanded by natives where it is notorious the hygienic conditions are bad.

2. It should be possible in the case of passengers wishing to land to secure their future address prior to their doing so and to maintain a system of observation as to their state of health at their residence for at least a period of ten days. Should they pass through the port to other destinations, it should also be possible to telegraph to the District Medical and Sanitary Officer of the locality to which they intend to proceed, so that the system of observation may be extended if the total period be incomplete.

3. As it may happen that, under arrangements suggested in paragraph 2, persons may escape observation, it would be advisable to supplement them by a system of inspection at your railway station, conducted by the most intelligent medical subordinate available.

4. I would remind you that under G.O., No. 9, Marine, dated 17th January 1890, quarantine may be enforced against vessels infected with plague.

5. I request the favour of your communicating with me by wire in the event of any suspicious cases being discovered.

No. 2003-S.

Copy forwarded to all District Medical and Sanitary Officers for information with special reference to paragraph 2.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
26th October 1896. (Signed) W. G. KING, Surgn.-Lt.-Col.,
Sanitary Commissioner.

ORDER—No. 111 L., dated 19th January 1897.

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(True Extract.)

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Exd. C. M. Thumbuswamy.

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