

Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Calling upon the Colls of
Govt to explain how two of the undertrial prisoners
came to be marched to such an extent as to cause their
death from exhaustion the day after their admission to jail.

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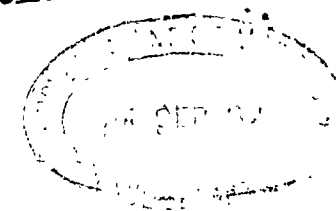
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Revenue Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

The Hon. Mr. Croze C.D. &
The Hon. Sir H. Bliss K.C.J.
H.E. The Governor.

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From

The Sanitary Commission
for Madras.

No. 1911
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In Order

circulated for information.

Dated 22nd September 1897.

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Spare copies

Notice of the late deaths always
die when brought down to the prison
at my much enhanced rate.

SUBJECT.

Forwarding for the information
of Government Copy of Surgeon
Captain Fearnside's report on
the condition of certain pri-
soners of admitted into the
Lajahmundry jail.

I don't think there were men
from Rampe - They were not, I guess, the condition of certain pri-
soners of admitted into the
Lajahmundry jail. - I think Mr. Bode should be
asked how they came to be over-
manned that day after
their arrival - I think it is
a very much enhanced rate.

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General Remarks.

Owing to grain riots, the result of the famine, large numbers of undertrial prisoners were admitted to the jail during the month. They were extremely dirty and emaciated and many were quite unfit to have walked the distance they did-as a result two died on the day following their admission to jail. The malaria to which these two men had been exposed, increased the gravity of their famine stricken condition. The Parriahs and Chucklers presented a better fed appearance than the Hill Kols, no doubt owing to the fact that the former have not such a -- restricted diet as regards caste. The general appearance of -- the Kols was very bad, their gums were retracted and of an unhealthy state, blue colour, their legs were ulcerated and sealey, their bodies were pale and anemic and they looked in a woe-be-gone condition. Having such large numbers thrown upon the jail so suddenly, a difficulty presented itself as regards quarantine. The Quarantine block was full and to meet the emergency huts and tents were erected for their accommodation outside the jail. The appearance of the arrivals was such ^{that should} an epidemic of any sort arise amongst them it would spread very rapidly. To meet this the cholera camp was put in order. Many of the under-trials came from villages in the hills where cholera was rampant. Hence the above precaution. As it was considered injudicious to give these half starved creatures the full under-trial diet, it was somewhat reduced in quantity. I need not say that a full rich diet given to such men with weakened digestion would have been sure to have set up diarrhoea in epidemic form. Notwithstanding their segregation and careful dieting cholera broke out amongst them first one case and then on the day following two others. I took it upon me to send all out into camp at once to prevent the disease spreading amongst the convicts inside the jail. Complete isolation and quarantine as regards camp was insisted upon. Though against rules the under-trials were made to do work on medical grounds as it

was necessary to work into energy the good food now supplied to them and to prevent toxic fermentation of the food in their intestines which would have probably resulted had they been made to remain ~~idle~~ idle. 3 cases of cholera occurred. Of the four deaths amongst the undertrials two were from exhaustion on the day following their admission and two from cholera. As regards the other death in jail during the month it may be remarked that this patient convict No: 2484 Appadoo had cholera in the epidemic in March and has been ^{bed-}ridden in Hospital ever since. Excluding these deaths amongst the under trials this has been the only death since 14th May which is favourable -- considering the previous state of the Jail. The deaths of --- course amongst the under trial prisoners above mentioned is not in any way due to the incarceration or jail life. The weightments of the prisoners are gradually improving and the convalescent gang is now 37 in a population above 1100 which compares favourably with the state of the convalescent gang, viz, 300 in a population of ^{about} 800. In spite of the 4 accidental deaths amongst the under trials I am very pleased to think that so few deaths has occurred amongst them considering their delapidated condition and it speaks well for the nursing and care of the Hospital Assistants.

(Signed) C.F. Fearnside

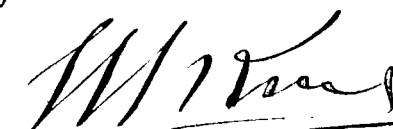
Surgn Captain,

Medical Officer. Central Jail.

Rajahmundry

10th August 1897.

(True Copy)



Surgeon Lieut: Col:

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

Rajahmundry Central Jail

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Rajahmundry Central Jail,

No: 647.

17th July 1897.

From

Surgeon Captain C.F.Fearnside, M.A.M.B.

Superintendent, Central Jail,

Rajahmundry.

To,

The Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

Sir,

*Mr. Duffin
Rajahmundry
11/7*

I have the honour to report for your information that nearly 300 prisoners have been recently admitted into this jail from the Rampa Hill tracts. All of them are in bad health owing to famine. They are accommodated in sheds erected on the jail premises and the quarantine yard. One suspicious case of cholera occurred among these new arrivals to day. a separate quarantine and epidemic hospital has been arranged. Every precaution is being taken to keep these new arrivals already in the jail and great care is taken to keep them in a sanitary condition.

I have etc,

(Signed). C.F.Fearnside,

Superintendent.

(True Copy).

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Surgeon Lieut:Col:
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

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Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

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Rajahmundry Central Jail
July 1897.

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From

Surgeon Captain C.F.Fearnside
Medical Officer, Central Jail,
Rajahmundry.

To

The Sanitary Commissioner
to Government of Madras, Madras.

Sir: *my*

I have the honor to inform you that a second case of cholera has occurred amongst the new arrivals and that I considered it advisable to send the new arrivals into camp. The first case died last night.

These admissions nearly 300 have arrived in extremely bad health from Rampah where I believe cholera is raging. They are ^{all} famine stricken.

These cases have occurred outside the jail. The new arrivals are all in huts because I did not think it advisable to allow them inside the jail.

The usual sanitary measures are being adopted and it is hoped with complete isolation at once that it will be prevented from entering inside the jail.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

(sd) C.F.Fearnside

Surgeon Captain
Medical Officer, Central Jail, Rajahmundry.

(True copy)

[Signature]
Surgeon Lieut: Col

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

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OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,

Fort St. George, 22 Sept 1897.

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From

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

SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE Secretary to Government,

Revenue Department, Fort Saint George.

Enclosure.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of Government copy of Surgeon Captain Fearnside's report on the condition of certain prisoners admitted into the Rajahmundry Jail.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,



Surgeon Lieut: Col:

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

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Two of the under trial
prisoners appear to have died
from exhaustion the day after
their admission to jail. The
Collector will be called upon
to explain how the men came
to be overworked to such an
extent

(Discharge under)

11/6/97
The Collector Godanahalli
Copy to Famine Commr
Chennai 8/9

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6-10-97