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Plague Charges.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers :—

G.O., No. 720, Financial, dated 4th September 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Recapitulating the orders already passed on the incidence of plague charges and requesting the Accountant-General to submit separate accounts for all the expenditure incurred in connection with plague, whether direct or indirect, Provincial or Local.

G.O., No. 547, Financial, dated 18th June 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Directing, with remarks, that the plague expenditure incurred in frontier districts shall, with effect from 1st April 1898, be distributed, in certain proportions, among all the districts of the Presidency.

READ—also the following papers :—

From R. B. CLEGG, Esq., Acting Collector of the Tinnevely District, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 19th April 1898, No. 183-A.B.G.—Acc.

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 900 M., dated 13th April 1897, on the question of the apportionment of the charges incurred on account of bubonic plague, I have the honour to submit the following matter for orders.

2. The Accountant-General in his letter No. I.A.C.B.—114, dated 26th November 1897 (copy attached), required information as to the apportionment of plague charges incurred in this district as shown in the statement appended to his letter. All the charges referred to therein were incurred at Tuticorin on account of the medical establishment deputed there on plague duty.

3. This establishment, consisting of an apothecary and a female hospital assistant, was first entertained (*vide* G.Os., No. 149, Marine, dated 22nd February 1897, and No. 184, Marine, dated 2nd March 1897) solely with a view “to prevent the importation of plague into Colombo.” Even the

* *Vide* paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 861 M., dated 10th April 1897. Ceylon Government made liberal offers * to meet the cost of the establishment which

Government did not accept. It would

thus appear that the Government in the Marine Department was primarily interested in the services of the establishment at the Tuticorin port.

4. Subsequently, however, the Plague Regulations having been extended to the Tuticorin municipal town as per G.O., No. 540 M., dated 15th March 1897, the services of the plague establishment were directed to be utilized for the purposes of the regulations (*vide* this office Ref. B. on Cur. No. 194—G.B.Gl., dated 6th March 1897, read in the Government Order quoted above). The Port Health officer, among other duties, was directed to inspect all arrivals at the Tuticorin Railway station. I considered it proper that the Tuticorin Municipal Council should also bear a percentage of the pay of these establishments, and accordingly decided with reference to the quantity of time employed by the establishment in the respective interests of Government and the municipality that the establishment charges should be borne half by

Government and half by the municipal council—the Government bearing the contingent charges in full. In accordance with this decision, the municipal council has paid the moiety due from it and the other moiety has been paid from Provincial funds.

5. The Accountant-General in his letter quoted in the margin (*vide* copy enclosed) objects to paying a moiety from Provincial under the authority of G.O., No. 720, Financial, dated 4th September

1897, and suggests that the whole matter be laid before Government for orders in view of the peculiar circumstances of the Tuticorin port.

6. The municipality, I understand, although it has made no official protest, objects to the payment of one half of the above charges as decided by me.

7. The arrangement was apparently made to fill up the time of the special establishment, and the expenditure is, no doubt, greater than the municipality would have incurred to carry out the plague regulations but for the special circumstances of the port.

8. I therefore request the orders of Government as to apportionment.

From J. P. BEDFORD, Esq., Deputy Accountant-General, to the Collector of Tinnevely, dated Fort St. George, 26th November 1897, No. I.A.C.B.—114.

Government having in its order, No. 720, Financial, dated 4th September 1897, decided that the cost of the subordinate medical staff employed on plague duty and all expenses incurred in plague camps and inspecting stations should be borne by Local Funds and Municipalities and all the precautionary charges by Provincial departments, I have the honour to enclose a statement showing the expenditure incurred on that account up to September 1897, and request you to be good enough to inform me how much should be debited to Provincial and how much to Local bodies. Steps should be taken to recover as early as practicable the latter amount. In future all charges on account of the pay and travelling allowance of the subordinate medical staff, as well as any other expenses which will in accordance with the above Government order be borne by the Local bodies, should be drawn *direct* from those bodies by the officers concerned. The treasury officer should be instructed to refuse payment of such claims on behalf of Government.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the expenditure on account of plague from April to September 1897.

	RS.	A.	P.
Pay of apothecaries and hospital assistants	1,040	14	1
Pay of temporary establishment	132	4	2
Travelling allowance of establishment	22	10	0
Plague allowance to hospital assistants	215	5	2
Postage	6	13	0
Telegrams	25	0	0
Contingent office expenses	6	3	6
Miscellaneous	0	13	0
Total ..	1,449	14	11

From J. P. BEDFORD, Esq., Deputy Accountant-General, to the Treasury Officer, Tinnevely, dated Fort St. George, 30th March 1898, No. I.A.C.B.—155.

With reference to your reply to item No. 10 of the objection statement for January 1898, I have the honour to observe that the Government orders quoted by you do not contain any ruling on the subject of the incidence of plague charges incurred in Tinnevely, and that the Collector's decision to divide the charges in equal halves between the Provincial and Municipal funds is opposed to G.O., No. 720, Financial, dated 4th September 1897.

2. You are, therefore, requested to take steps for the recovery of the full amount from the local body concerned agreeably to the Government Order of 4th September 1897 or to lay the whole matter before Government for orders in view of the special circumstances of the Tuticorin port explained by you. The favour of a very early reply is requested, informing me what action is being taken in the matter.

Ref. No. 8 P.

The Collector is requested to report, with reference to paragraph 6 of his letter No. 183-A.B.G.—Acc., dated 19th April 1898, whether the municipal council of Tuticorin has accepted his decision regarding the payment of a moiety of the charges, and, if not, to forward with his remarks any representation the council may have to submit on the question.

(Signed) H. TREMENHEERE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

28th April 1898.

To the Collector of Tinnevely.

From R. B. CLEGG, Esq., Acting Collector of the Tinnevely District, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 5th May 1898, No. 183-A.B.G.—Acc.

With reference to Government memorandum No. 8 P., dated 28th April 1898, I have the honour to state that, as pointed out by me in paragraph 6 of my letter read in the memorandum under reply, the Tuticorin municipal council has accepted my decision regarding the payment of a moiety of the plague charges and has paid up the moiety without protest. My reference to the objection of the council was based upon the opinion expressed by the Sub-Collector that the council considered that it was hardly treated with regard to the apportionment, and this opinion was expressed by him as a reason for not saddling the municipality with the whole of the plague charges as apparently required by the Accountant-General in his letter No. I.A.C.B.—155, dated 30th March 1898 (copy of which was submitted with letters read in the memorandum under reply).

2. I await, therefore, the final orders of Government on the subject.

Endt. No. 20 P.

Transferred to the Financial Department. The apportionment made by the Collector seems fair.

12th May 1898.

(Signed) H. TREMENHEERE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

ORDER—No. 576, Financial, dated 4th July 1898.

The orders recapitulated in G.O., No. 720, Financial, dated 4th September 1897, distributed the cost of precautionary measures adopted in this Presidency against the appearance of bubonic plague. These orders have since been confirmed and the apportionment of the charges more clearly defined in G.O., No. 547, Financial, dated 18th June 1898.

2. The papers read above show that an expenditure of Rs. 1,450 was incurred at Tuticorin between April and September 1897 in subordinate medical establishments entertained at the port—

(i) for the protection of Ceylon and other places against plague, by ensuring that vessels leaving the port and passengers on board such vessels were free from infection;

(ii) for the protection of Tuticorin and the tracts in the interior entered through Tuticorin from the chance of the importation of plague by vessels coming from infected ports.

3. The Collector of Tinnevely has decided that half the cost should be borne by the municipality and the remainder by Government; but the Accountant-General contends that, according to the principles laid down in the orders quoted in paragraph 1 *supra*, the whole of the charges should be debited to Municipal funds.

4. The Government is of opinion that, as every tract of country is bound to protect itself from disease, from whatever source it may originate, the charges incurred for the purpose specified in paragraph 2 (ii) *supra* should be borne by Local and Municipal funds and (as regards expenditure from and after 1st April 1898) redistributed among the several districts of the Presidency in the proportions indicated in G.O., No. 547, dated 18th June 1898. On the other hand, the charges incurred for the protection of Ceylon and other foreign ports, though debitable partly to Port funds, have been rendered necessary on account of work undertaken by Government as a duty incumbent upon it as a Government and are therefore rightly debitable to Provincial funds.

5. In view of the fact that Port funds are already committed to expenditure on lighthouses and other objects to such an extent as to require substantial aid from Imperial funds, the Government resolves to accept the distribution of plague charges at Tuticorin as proposed by the Collector of Tinnevely in equal proportions between (a) Provincial and (b) Municipal and Local funds.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Local and Municipal Department.
„ Marine Department.
„ Accountant-General.

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 602 P



From

The Collector of
Tinnevely

No. 183 A.B.G. of 98
Acc

Dated 19th April 1898

Received 21-4-1898

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SUBJECT.

The Collector is requested to report with reference to para 6 of his letter No 103 A.B.G. of 18-4-98 whether the Municipal Council of Tuticorin has ~~consented~~ accepted his decision regarding the payment of a moiety of the charges, and if not, to forward ^{with his remarks} any representation the Council may have to submit on the question.

Requesting orders on the incidence of 28 4 98 of Plague charges incurred at Tuticorin.

20/4/98 J. M. C. of Tinnevely P. S. Ref.

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	629	m dy	19-3-97
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	184	Marine dy	2-3-97
	338	M dy 1-	3-97
	149	Marine dy	22-2-97
	219	A. no dy	15-2-97

Statement showing the expenditure incurred on account of plague.

	Pay of Apothe- caries and Hospital assistants	Pay of temporary Establish- ment.	Travelling allowance of Establish- ment.	Plague allowance to Hospital assistants	Postage	Telegrams	Contingent office Expenses.	Miscella- neous.
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
April 1897	180 - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
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September "	170 9 "	" "	4 "	115 5 2	1 13 "	" "	1 2 6	" "
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L. C. no 1092

Sept 1897
of December. The Ag
Maw's charges
On no R. 2283.

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as per R 432

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1/signed H. G. Tomkins
For Dy Asst Genl.

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Order Ind. No 20 P.d/12-5-1898

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made by the Collector seems
fair.

No. 183 ABQ
Acc 698

Dated 5th May 98.

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Registered 9-5-1898

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10/5/98
By *Tremendous*
Secretary to Government

SUBJECT.

Informing the Government
that the Tuticorin Municipal
Council has paid, without
protest, a moiety of the
Plague charges and requesting
the orders on the subject

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149	dj 22-2-97	"	
547	= 18-6-98		
93P	= 26-2-98		

G O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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C. No. 1402

Incidence of Plague charges in
Tinnevelly.

Loc. }
 Name } No. &
 or remarks

it was submitted that the incidence of Plague charges should continue to be determined in accordance with the principles laid down in G.O.No. ⁷²⁰ ~~402~~, Finl d/ 4-9-97; but in these papers nothing was said about Port funds as they are excluded local funds like municipal. ^{91 appears to be however} it is clear that where charges of this character are incurred by Municipal & Local Boards in Marine ^{time} ports, Port funds should ~~have~~ ^{pay} their due share ~~in~~ ^{of} the ~~ex~~ expenditure. The exact proportion which ought to fall on Port funds should, it is submitted, be determined by the Collr., the Port Officer ~~&~~ ^{the} President of the Dist. Board & Chairman ^{of} Municipal Council concerned, any difference of opinion being referred to Govt. for decision in the L. & M. ~~Dept.~~ & Marine Departments. In ^{the papers are in} C.No. 1402 the Collr. of Tinnevely reports that he directed an equal division between Provl. & Munl. Funds of the charges incurred by the Tuticorin

Municipality

The G.O. lays
down how the charges
are to be apportioned.
H.A.

Para 2 of G.O. No. 861 M of 10-4-97

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Incidence of Plague changes in
Tinnevely.

I am not sure if this will dis-
pose of all the questions requiring disposal
for document filed C 11-1325 referred to
in the note below. Hs

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445 two papers

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C. No. 1402.

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The statement in the previous note
that Port Funds are at the unfettered
disposal of Govt" should ~~to~~ have
been qualified by adding "as
provided in the Indian Govt Act"

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Plague charges:

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July 1898.

No. 720, Financial, dated 4th September 1897, the cost of precaution of bubonic plague in this Presidency, and the apportionment of the charges more No. 547, Financial, dated 18th June 1898.

read above that an expenditure of Rs. 1,450 in 1897 and September 1897 towards the cost of port—

and other places against plague, by ensuring passengers on board were free from infection; and the tracts in the interior entered the importation of plague by vessels coming

decided that half the cost should be borne by Government; but the Accountant-General laid down in the orders quoted in paragraph 1 debited to the Municipal funds.

that, as every tract of country is bound to bear source it may originate, (i) the charges in paragraph 2 (ii) *supra* should be borne by its expenditure from and after 1st April 1898) of the Presidency in the proportions of 1898, whereas (ii) the charges incurred at foreign ports, though debitable partly to Port account of the work undertaken by Government and are therefore rightly

already committed to expenditure on an extent as to require substantial aid from to accept the distribution of past expenditure apportionment between Provincial and Municipal

Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

These papers have been awaiting the order of the Council

such vessels

on the other hand,

plague charges at Tuticorin

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Note

With reference to the H. M's remarks at flag it is submitted that the whole of the charges should fall on Municipal & Local funds according to G.O. No. 720 of 1897 & 547 of 1898. But as the H. M. has decided that Provincial funds should bear a fair share of the expenditure on political grounds & that Port funds should not be burdened unnecessarily, the simplest course is to debit $\frac{1}{2}$ to Provincial & $\frac{1}{2}$ to Local & Municipal funds—H. M. 4/7/98.

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ORDER—No. 576 Financial, dated

In the orders recapitulated in 1897, the Government had adopted precautionary measures against the spread of these orders have since been confirmed clearly defined in the appendix G.

2. It would appear from the papers that the expenditure incurred at Tuticorin between medical establishments entertained at

(i) for the protection of Ceylon that the vessels leaving the port and

(ii) for the protection of Tuticorin through Tuticorin from the chance of from infected ports.

3. The Collector of Tinnevely has by the municipality and the remainder of the objects that, according to the principle *supra*, the whole of the charges should

4. The Government is of opinion that the Port should protect itself from disease, from what incurred for the purpose named in paragraph 2 (ii) *supra* in part by Local and Municipal funds and (as regards the redistribution among the several districts) indicated in G.O., No. 547, dated 18th June 1898, for the protection of Ceylon and other funds, have been rendered necessary as a duty incumbent upon it as debitable to Provincial funds.

5. Considering that Port funds are not sufficient for lighthouses and other objects to such Imperial funds, the Government resolves as authorised by the Collector in equal shares.

20/6/98

To the Local and Municipal Department.
" Marine Department.
" Accountant-General.

Ed. C. M. Thumbarwamy.

should be met wholly from local & Municipal funds under G.O. 720 of 1897.

note corporations Local & Municipal funds will contribute from 1-4-98.

In view of the fact

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