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"THE QUEEN'S HOUSE",
Colombo, 30th August, 1919.

My Lord,

I have the honour to inform you that it has been brought to my notice by the Deputation which recently visited Madras in connection with the question of the recruitment of Indian labour for Ceylon, that certain erroneous ideas seem to be prevalent in Madras in regard to the Cooly Camp at Mandapam.

2. I would point out that the object of the Camp is prophylactic, and intended to prevent the importation into Ceylon of diseases such as cholera, small-pox, etc. The enclosed copy of a report dated the 31st July, 1919, with its annexures, furnished by the Principal Civil Medical Officer and Inspector-General of Hospitals, Ceylon, will prove the success attendant on the efforts of the Medical Department of Ceylon to keep these diseases out of the Colony.

C.F.

3. I shall be glad to furnish you with any further information which you may desire to have in regard to the Mandapam Camp.

I have the honour to be,
My Lord,
Your most obedient servant,

W. H. Manning

GOVERNOR.

His Excellency the Right Honourable,
Baron Willingdon, P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.B.E.,
Governor of Madras.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) DEPARTMENT

PRESS COMMUNIQUÉ

Dated Ootacamund, 19th September 1919

MANDAPAM CAMP

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that certain erroneous ideas prevail in this Presidency in regard to the coolie camp at Mandapam. The object of the camp is prophylactic and its regulations are intended to prevent the importation into Ceylon of epidemic diseases such as cholera and smallpox. A report with its enclosures prepared by the Principal Civil Medical Officer and Inspector-General of Hospitals, Ceylon, printed as an annexure will prove the success attendant on the efforts of the Medical Department of Ceylon to keep these diseases out of the Colony. The Government publish this report in the hope that the public may be led to a juster appreciation of the purposes for which the camp is designed and the realization that those restrictions which have been the subject of adverse comment are imposed as much in the interests of passengers themselves as for any other end.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

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ANNEXURE

A statement outlining the value, as a prophylactic measure, of detention under thorough medical observation of immigrant coolies and passengers at Mandapam, which has proved a very satisfactory barrier against the introduction of diseases such as cholera, smallpox, plague, leprosy, etc., into Ceylon.

Previous to 1894 the immigration route was overland known as the North Road via Mandapam, Pamban, Rameswaram to the nearest immigration port on the Island of Mannar. The absence of systematic and organized quarantine provisions resulted in the more or less continuous or frequently repeated introduction of infectious diseases by immigrants from infected districts in South India.

2. In 1897 consequent upon the outbreak of Bubonic Plague in India the Ceylon Government abandoned the North Road as an immigrant route and all immigration from South India to Ceylon was carried out via Tuticorin and Colombo. A systematic examination with detention in quarantine was established at Tataparai (a station 9 miles from Tuticorin) and at Ragama (a station 9 miles from Colombo). Persons other than estate labourers underwent quarantine, under observation, but without segregation at Tuticorin before taking ship to Colombo.

3. On the opening of the Indo-Ceylon Railway route in March 1914, it became necessary to provide systematic examination of passengers. The present Mandapam Camp is the outcome of this requirement.

4. The object of this camp is to

(*a*) detect immediately the occurrence of cases of infectious disease amongst passengers for Ceylon ;

(*b*) isolate and treat such cases;

(*c*) disinfect the person and effects of passengers ;

(*d*) detain under medical observation contacts with infectious diseases for a prescribed period ;

(*e*) segregate under medical observation persons known to have arrived from a locality officially reported to be infected.

(*f*) report to sanitary authorities in Ceylon the fact that certain individuals have arrived from infected localities with a view to their being kept under Medical or other surveillance for a further period.

5. It will be seen from the above that the objects of the Mandapam Camp are as much in the interests of the passengers and travelling immigrants themselves as in the interests of the resident population of this Island. It has been the object of the Ceylon authorities to make provision for the comfort and welfare of the passengers or immigrants, and for protecting the resident population from imported infection. The loss of life by the introduction of infection to the towns, villages and estates in Ceylon would undoubtedly be very considerable in the absence of strict precautions. The infection might be widely disseminated, and might break out in different districts entailing much expense, alarm, and loss of life.

6. To emphasise the necessity for protection from imported infection, I would point out that since the re-opening of the coastal ports of the Northern Province of Ceylon to native craft from the South Indian ports there have been repeated outbreaks of infectious disease, traceable to infection through those ports, and in certain instances the disease escaped detection until a more or less severe epidemic had established itself. To further exemplify the necessity for adequate provision for detection of disease and avoidance of unnecessary risk to immigrants from South India, apart from the question of introduction and dissemination of epidemic disease in Ceylon, I beg to attach

(A) Statement showing the number of cases of cholera, etc., during the year 1914 to 1919.

(B) Return of cases of cholera amongst estate labourers and passengers at Mandapam Camp during 1918.

(C) Return of cases of smallpox during the same period.

(D) Return of cholera cases from January to July 1919.

(E) Return of cases of smallpox during the same period.

E. L. HUNT,

Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer and Inspector-General of Hospitals.

COLOMBO,
31*st July* 1919.

A.—Statement showing the number of cases of cholera, smallpox, plague and leprosy in Camp during the years 1914 to 1919.

Years.	Cholera.				Smallpox.				Plague.				Leprosy.
	Number of cases among		Number of deaths.		Number of cases among		Number of deaths.		Number of cases among		Number of deaths.		
	Coolies for Ceylon.	Passengers for Ceylon.	Coolies.	Passengers.	Coolies for Ceylon.	Passengers for Ceylon.	Coolies.	Passengers.	Coolies for Ceylon.	Passengers for Ceylon.	Coolies.	Passengers.	Number of cases rejected.
1914	5	..	3	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	12
1915	18	..	15	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	28
1916	4	1	2	..	5	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	33
1917	22	3	4	3	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	23
1918	18	3	14	3	8	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
1919 till July	24	1	24	..	20	..	1	..	..	..	.	..	54
Total ..	91	8	62	6	47	4	6	..	2	..	2	..	181

The comparatively large number of cases occurring in Mandapam Camp during the current year is due to—

(*a*) the widespread infection in the districts of South India,

(*b*) the great increase in the number of immigrants coming from such districts probably due to food scarcity in India resulting in increased recruitment.

B.—Return of cholera among estate labourers and passengers during the year 1918 in the Mandapam Camp.

Number and name of patient.	Bound for	
	Estate.	District.
1. Mohideenkutty	(Passenger).	Colombo.
2. Ahamed Mohideen	Do.	Do.
3. Thathammal	Maha Dova.	Madulsima.
4. Sandanam	St. Heliers.	Dickoya.
5. Arockiam	Do.	Do.
6. Suppiah	Do.	Do.
7. Adaikan	Blackwater.	Nahegamuwa.
8. Suppammal	Putupaula.	Kalutara.
9. Velammal	Kugagamga.	Do.
10. Chinnakuppan	Craigielea.	Dimbula.
11. Madasamy	Siriahena.	Kalutara.
12. Irulayee	Knuckles Group.	Madulkellie.
13. Uttiriam	Norwood.	Dickoya.
14. Mariarasu	Do.	Do.
15. Perumal	Mirishena.	Kalutara.
16. Perumal	Craigielea.	Dimbula.
17. Sankaralingam	Mirishena.	Kalutara.
18. Sinnammal	Kepitigalla.	Matale.
19. Sanku	Pambagolla.	Balangoda.
20. Lakshmanan	(Passenger).	Kurunegala.
21. Gurusamy	Badugama Group.	Kalutara.

C.—Return of smallpox among estate labourers and passengers during 1918 in the Mandapam Camp.

Number and name of patient.	Bound for	
	Estate.	District.
1. Manickam	(Passenger).	Jaffna.
2. Saravana Muttu	Do.	Do.
3. Edwin Sheriff	Do.	Colombo.
4. Lakshmi	Seaforth.	Dolosbage.
5. Pudhukuppan	Bogahawatta.	Dimbula.
6. Mari Muthu	Nayabedda.	Haputale.
7. Sellammal	Do.	Do.
8. Muthan	Welawela Mukalana.	Ratnapura.
9. Munion	Yatawatta.	Matale.
10. Ponnammal	Do.	Do.
11. Palani Ammal	Rosita.	Dimbula.

D.—Return of cholera among estate coolies and passengers from January to July 1919.

Number and name of patient.	Bound for	
	Estate.	District.
1. Amboo	Rilhena.	Pelmadulla.
2. Seeru	Do.	Do.
3. Mottai	Fernlands.	Punduluoya.
4. Thayee	Eduragalla.	Kalutara.
5. Arunasalam	(Passenger).	Colombo.
6. Seruvaran	Vedehette.	Nilambe.
7. Muniswami	Forres.	Maskeliya.
8. Nagan	Chesterford.	Kelani Valley.
9. Sappany	Bellair.	Do.
10. Asirvatham	Fordyce Group.	Dickoya.
11. Kandaswami	Marton.	Kalutara.
12. Vinayathan	Fernlands.	Punduluoya.
13. Periaswami	Hemmingford Group.	Kelani Valley.
14. Vyapuri	Fernlands.	Punduluoya.
15. Kuppu	Narangoda.	Pelmadulla.
16. Mari	Wewessa.	Badulla.
17. Ramayee	Chesterford.	Kelani Valley.
18. Vythilingam	Maussawa.	Galagedara.
19 Sankaralingam	Wereagolla.	Kelani Valley.
20. Madathy	Do.	Do.
21. Kadakarai	Do.	Do.
22. Ramaswami	Rasagalla.	Balangoda.
23. Sinniah	Wattakelly.	Madulkela.
24. Mari	Wewessa.	Badulla.
25. Chinnan	Goorookoya.	Kotmale.

E.—Return of smallpox among estate coolies from January to July 1919.

Number and name of patient.	Bound for	
	Estate.	District.
1. Narayanaswami	Diyagama.	Dimbula.
2. Arumugam	Hellbodde.	Pussellawa.
3. Sinnamuthu	Kiriwanaketiya.	Kalutara.
4. Chinnammal	Delwita.	Kurunegala.
5. Sadapillai	Rondura Group.	Ambegamuwa.
6. Sinnapapa	Gasnawa.	Kegalla.
7. Ramaswami	Narthupana.	Kalutara.
8. Ramaswami	Golinda.	Kegalla.
9. Sinnatamby	Tempo.	Kalutara.
10. Royappan	Labookelle.	Ramboda.
11. Muniammal	Do.	Do.
12. Ramaswami	Pambagolla.	Balangoda.
13. Veerappan	Nonpareil.	Do.
14. Kaliswami	Gonapattiya.	Maturata.
15. Suppan	Aranayaka.	Kegalla.
16. Nagamuthu	Alnwick.	Uda Pussellawa.
17. Muniammal	Labookelle.	Ramboda.
18. Veerappan	Nonpareil.	Balangoda.
19. Kaliswami	Gonapattiya.	Maturata.
20. Guruswami	Karandana.	Kelani valley.

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PRIVATE SECRETARY MADRAS

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
OOTACAMUND.

2nd September 1919

C.No. 5718 Home (M)
3.9.19

My dear Campbell,

p.c.f.

I am to send you the accompanying letter received by His Excellency from His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon regarding the Cooly Camp at Mandapam.

4 SEP 1919

Yours sincerely,

The Hon'ble Mr.A.Y.G.Campbell, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Ag. Chief Secretary to Government,
Stonehouse Hill, Ootacamund.

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D.O. Home (Mis) Dept.

5-7-18-1
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Dear Sir,

I am ~~directed~~ to

p. INF. acknowledge with thanks letter dated the 30th August 1919 from His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon to His Excellency the Governor of Madras enclosing a very instructive

C.F. report on the cooly camp at Mandapam

Yours sincerely

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To
The Private Secretary to
H.E. the Governor of Ceylon
The Queen's House
Colombo.

U.S. 6 Home (Mis) Dept.

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It is ascertained from the P.S.G's office that the letter from the Governor of Ceylon on p 1 ante has not been acknowleged. A draft acknowledgment to the Private Secy to H.E. the Governor of Ceylon is subd for approval.

CF. 2 The report on the cooly camp at Mantapam may, it is subd, be edited and published in the form of a Press Communiqué. If this is approved, a communiqué will be subd for ~~ap~~ consideration.

9.9.19

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Draft Press Note

9.9.9

U.S.

Draft subd. Acknowledgment sent.

2 It is subd that the change of "Communique" to "Note" has not yet been ordered - vide recent communiques below

Hon. Mr. Todhunter desires this to be done. Any thing to the contrary? 11.9.9

10.9.19

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May this course be adopted? 11.9.9

U.S.
In his note of 28.7.19 the H.M. ⑤ directed the change. Subsequently in the draft order dictated by him on 15.8.19 on the relations of the P.C. with Govt. & heads of Depts., the H.M. himself used the word "communique".
11.9.19

Let it stand then

H.E.

W. 15.9.19

May issue.
11/9/19

Done

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
17 SEP 1919
SECRETARIAT DEPARTMENT

U.S.

The press communique has issued.

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