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G.O., No. 496 L

DATED 13th March 1896.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Medical Opium.

Recording G.O. Revenue Department communicating to the Board of Revenue for report letter from the Government of India issuing instructions in regard to transit without a pass of agent from the Patna Opium Factory to other parts of India.

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report, letter from the Govt
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in regard to transit without
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sent from the Poona Opium
factory to other parts of
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(with a copy of Govt. of India's letter)

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Calcutta, the 19th February 1896.

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 5923 S. R., dated the 29th November 1895, forwarding a list of offices and places to which medical opium is supplied from the Patna Factory, and requesting that the Government of India may be moved to issue the necessary instructions to the Governments of the Provinces concerned for the transit of the drug without a pass.

2. In reply, I am to enclose a copy of a letter from this Department, No. 838 S. R., dated 19th February 1896, requesting the Local Governments concerned to issue such instructions as may be necessary to ensure that the import or transport of medical opium consigned from the Patna Factory to a Government Medical Store Depot or to the Administrative Medical Officer of any Local Government or Administration shall not be interfered with, although such opium may not be protected by a pass. As morphia sent from the Ghazipur Factory has on no occasion been detained for want of a pass, it has been considered unnecessary to make any reference to morphia in the instructions.

3. The Government of India have considered in this connection the necessity for continuing the direct supply of medical opium to the dispensaries, municipalities, and Civil Surgeons mentioned in the list received with your letter, and have decided that these institutions and officers should not be supplied with opium direct from the Factory. I am to request that the Opium Agent, Bihar, may be so informed.

4. Separate instructions regarding the manner in which charitable dispensaries and hospitals should obtain their supplies of medical opium will be issued shortly.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. M. DANE,

Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
Finance and Commerce Department.

To
THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

No. 839 S. R.

Dated Calcutta, the 19th February 1896.

Question of the transit, without a pass, of medical opium sent from the Patna Opium Factory to other parts of India.

No. 4259 S. R., dated 6th August 1895.

From—H. H. RISLEY, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department,
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

I am directed to submit, for the favourable consideration and orders of the Government of India, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Board of Revenue, No. 625 B., dated the 16th July 1895, regarding a proposal to insert a new rule after Rule 4 (12) of the Rules made under sections 5 and 13 of the Opium Act, I of 1878.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor supports the Board's proposal, and desires me to request that the Government of India may be moved to sanction the insertion of the proposed rule.

No. 625 B., dated 16th July 1895.

From—The Officiating Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces,
To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Revenue Department.

In June last the Board were informed by the Opium Agent of Bihar that nine cases of medical opium had been detained by the Collector of Ahmednagar in transit from the Opium Factory at Patna to the Medical Storekeeper to the Government of Madras, for want of a passport. The opium was subsequently released by the Collector on a telegram being sent to him by the Opium Agent asking him to do so. A similar incident occurred at Ahmednagar in 1891, the same action as in the present case being taken by the Opium Agent for the release of the opium. No pass to cover the opium in transit accompanied the consignment in either case.

2. To provide against a recurrence of such detentions in future, the Board, after consulting the Opium Agent of Bihar, recommend the addition of the following rule after Rule 4 (12) of the Government Opium Rules, for the approval of Government:—

(13) "No pass is required for medical opium sent from the Patna Factory, or morphia from the Ghazipur Factory, to any part of India.

No. 4412 S. R., dated 12th September 1895.

From—R. M. DANE, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT,
To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 4259 S. R., dated the 6th August 1895, proposing the insertion of a new rule after Rule 4 (12) of the Bengal Opium Rules, with a view to provide for the transit, without a pass, of medical opium sent from the Patna Factory, or morphia from the Ghazipur Factory, to any part of India.

2. The object in view cannot, I am to say, be secured by any alteration in the Bengal Opium Rules. The Government of Bengal may, with the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council, make a rule under section 5 of Act I of 1878 to regulate the transport of opium within the territories administered by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, but the proposed rule would not be operative in Bombay or in other Provinces.

3. The matter may, however, be arranged by the issue of executive instructions to the Governments of the Provinces for which such consignments of medical opium and morphia are intended, and through which the consignments have to pass, and the Government of India are prepared to issue the necessary orders, if His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor will be good enough to say to what places in India medical opium and morphia are supplied.

No. 5923 S. R., dated 29th November 1895.

From—H. H. RISLEY, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department,
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

With reference to your letter No. 4412 S. R., dated the 12th September 1895, I am directed to submit the accompanying copy of a letter from the Board of Revenue, No. 1017 B., dated the 8th November 1895, forwarding a list of offices and places to which medical opium is supplied from the Patna Factory, and to request that the Government of India may be moved to issue the necessary instructions to the Governments of the Provinces concerned for the transit of the drug without a pass. As regards the issue of morphia from the Ghazipur Factory, it will be seen from paragraph 2 of the Board's letter that these alkaloids are sent all over India, and that they have never, so far as is known, been detained for want of a pass.

No. 1017 B., dated 8th November 1895.

From—The Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces,

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department.

With reference to Mr. Egerton's endorsement No. 524 T. F., dated the 25th September 1895, forwarding copy of a letter from the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, to your address, desiring to be informed of the places in India to which medical opium is supplied from the Patna Opium Factory, and morphia from the Ghazipur Factory, in connection with the proposed insertion of a new rule after Rule 4 (12) of the Bengal Opium Rules to provide for the transit, without a pass, of medical opium and morphia to any part of India, I am directed to submit herewith, for the information of Government, copy of a list received from the Opium Agent of Bihar, showing the names of places in India to which medical opium is supplied from the Patna Factory.

2. In reply to a reference made to the Opium Agent of Benares in regard to the issue of morphia from the Ghazipur Factory, the Board have been informed that the alkaloids sent from the Ghazipur Opium Factory are not subject to detentions, and have never, so far as is known, been detained for want of a pass. The alkaloids, the Agent adds, are sent all over India to those entitled to receive them, and he is of opinion that nothing but a general order of Government would meet the case.

List of offices and places where the medical opium is supplied from the Patna Factory.

Name of officers to whom the medical opium is supplied.	Name of places where the medical opium is supplied.	REMARKS.
1. Surgeon General to the Government of India	Simla.	
2. Medical Storekeeper to Government	Meean Meer.	
3. Principal Medical Storekeeper to Government	Madras.	
4. Senior Surgeon in charge of Medical Stores, Mysore Government	Mysore Government, Bangalore.	
5. Medical Storekeeper to His Highness the Nizam's Government	Hyderabad.	
6. Controller of Stores, East Indian Railway	Calcutta.	
7. Medical Storekeeper to Government	Calcutta.	
8. Civil Surgeon of Jalandhar	Jalandhar.	
9. District Surgeon, Vizagapatam	Vizagapatam.	
10. District Medical and Sanitary Officer	Madura.	
11. District Medical and Sanitary Officer	Trichinopoly.	
12. Ditto ditto ditto	Coimbatore.	
13. Ditto ditto ditto, Anantapore	Anantapore.	
14. Chairman, Municipal Council, Tuticorin	Tuticorin.	
15. District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Cuddalore	Cuddalore	
16. Civil Surgeon of Amritsar	Amritsar.	
17. Ditto Rawal Pindi	Rawal Pindi.	
18. Manager of Dispensary, Sawyerpuram, Tinnevely	Tinnevely.	

No. 838 S. R.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
 " " " " BOMBAY.
 " " " " THE N.-W. P. AND OUDH.
 " " " " PUNJAB.
 " CHIEF COMMISSIONER, CENTRAL PROVINCES.

Calcutta, the 19th February 1896.

SIR,

I AM directed to forward a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin, regarding the transit of medical opium from the Opium Factory at Patna to other parts of India.

From the Government of Bengal, No. 4259 S. R., dated the 6th August 1895, and enclosure.
 To the Government of Bengal, No. 4412 S. R., dated the 12th September 1895.
 From the Government of Bengal, No. 5923 S. R., dated the 29th November 1895, and enclosure.
 To the Government of Bengal, No. 839 S. R., dated the 19th February 1896.

2. I am to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, such

executive instructions may be issued as will ensure that the import or transport of medical opium consigned from the Patna Factory to a Government Medical Store Depot or to the Administrative Medical Officer of any Local Government shall not be interfered with, although such opium may not be protected by a pass. The Hyderabad and Mysore Medical Store Depôts may be treated in this respect as if they were Government institutions, and the free transport, through British territory, of medical opium consigned to them may be allowed.

3. The list, forwarded by the Government of Bengal with the letter of the 29th November 1895, shows that, besides Medical Store-keepers to Government, medical opium is at present supplied direct to dispensaries, municipalities, and Civil Surgeons. This arrangement is in the opinion of the Government of India unnecessary and inconvenient, and the Government of Bengal has been informed that in future medical opium should only be supplied to Government Medical Store Depôts and to the Administrative Medical Officers of Local Governments. Charitable dispensaries and hospitals should, therefore, in future obtain their supplies of medical opium from Administrative Medical Officers, and

orders regulating the conditions under which the opium will be supplied to these institutions will be issued shortly.

I have the honour to be,
SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. M. DANE,
Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Copy forwarded to the Home Department.

By order,

R. M. DANE,
Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Finance and Commerce Department.

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No. 838 S. R.

Dated Calcutta, the 19th February 1896.

Instructions in regard to transit, without a pass, of
medical opium sent from the Patna Opium Factory
to other parts of India.

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Revenue Department.

CURRENT No. 667 L

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Copy attached.

Read letter from the Government of India
Finance and Commerce Department, dated 19th February 1896, No. 838 S. R.

Order thereon, dated 28th February 1896, No. 854 Mis.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue) with the request that it will report what executive instructions should be issued with reference to para 2 of the Government of India letter read above.
2. The attention of the Public and the Local and Municipal Departments will be invited to para 3 of the letter.

(True Extract)

Lone Davidson
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Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

~~To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue)~~
To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue)
To the Public Department.
To the Local and Municipal Department. ✓