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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

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G.O., No. 2314 L

DATED 8.12.96

[Despatch Abstract.]

Cholera

Comd^r to the Sanitary Comm^r. letter from the Govt^r of Bombay regarding the failure on the part of the Southern Mahratta Ry. Co. to take due precautions in the matter of removal & segregation of cases of — from trains, & referring to the Surg. General for remarks on the suggestion of the Agent of the said Co. in regard to the examination of passengers at Ry. Stations.

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CURRENT No. 3164 L

From
The Public Works Department
Railway Branch.

Order. No. 2314 Dated 8-12-96

Communicated to the Sanitary
Commissioner.

2. The suggestion of the agent of the
Southern Mahratta Railway Company
~~mentioned~~ in para 6 of the letter from the
Government of Bombay will be referred
to the Surgeon General for remarks.

V.R.
1/12/96

[Signature]

No. 1211 C
12-11-96
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
LOCAL MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Dated 17. 11. 96
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SUBJECT.

Cholera

Forwarding copy of letter from
the Bombay Govt. offering re-
marks in reply to the corres-
pondence submitted by the
Sanitary Commissioner of
Madras re the failure on the
part of the S. M. Ry authorities to
take due precautions in the matter
of removal and segregation of
cases of — from train

To
The Sanitary Commissioner. L Encl 100
" Surgeon General. L Encl 100
" Public Works Department. L Encl 100
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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Copy of Letter ^{N^o 87}₉₆₇₁, dated 29th September 1896, from the Agent, Southern Mahratta Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Bombay.

In returning the enclosures to you N^o 6977, dated 3rd September 1896, I have the honour to forward, a copy of the report by our District Traffic Superintendent, Gadag, on the subject of the complaints that have been made in respect of non observance of the rules in regard to the carriage of persons suffering from infectious and contagious disease, together with copies of the statements made by the staff concerned, and to inform you that I see no reason to doubt the correctness of them.

2. It is of course quite possible that persons, whilst travelling by rail, may be attacked by Cholera and escape the observation of the staff, more particularly on journeys such as that between Hospet and Bellary, where stoppages at intermediate stations are very short, and it is equally possible that a passenger so attacked may, on arrival at his destination, be able to pass off the platform undetected, and I would suggest that at important centres, such as Bellary, the practice

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practice of deputing a Medical Subordinate from the Civil Hospital to attend at the station at train times to scrutinize passengers alighting before they leave the platform, he adopted. Such a procedure has, I understand, been sometimes adopted at Military and other important centres in Upper India, when Cholera in an epidemic form is raging.

3. In conclusion, I beg to express my regret that I considered it my duty to contradict in the most positive manner Dr King's half assertion, half implication, that I ever admitted that laxity in carrying out the rules had occurred as also to protest strongly against the whole tone of his letter. I cannot admit that facts such as a man (name not given) having told our Medical Subordinate that he had vomited in the train; or the somewhat incredible assertion made by another that a man while in a state of collapse had travelled "some miles" to Hospet, thence by rail to Bellary station and thence to his house in the bazaar where he at last died some twenty four hours after arrival, warrant the wholesale strictures. Dr King is pleased to pass over the working of this Railway, or his contradiction of the statement

statement made by me in my letter of 7th July 1896 to his address that the result of my enquiries showed that the Standing Orders had, during April and May, been strictly carried out both at Hospet and Munirabad. I take it that it is owing to Dr King's letter that the word "failure" has been used in sending on the papers. I think that what I have said will show that the more correct expression would have been "alleged failure."

Govt of Madras
P.W.D. Railway Branch

Copy of letter from the Government of
Bombay, Public Works Department,
Railway Branch, to the Joint Secretary
to the Government of Madras, dated
7th November 1896, N^o 2733.

In returning herewith, the original papers received with your letter N^o 3192/c dated 27th August 1896, I am directed to forward a copy of a letter from the Agent, Southern Mahratta Railway Company N^o 9671, dated 29th September 1896, and its enclosures, in original, and in so doing to make the following remarks:-

2. A Railway administration may refuse to carry, except in accordance with rules made under section 47 (1) (d) Indian Railway Act 1890 any person suffering from any infectious or contagious disorder. see section 71 (1) - no person suffering from such disorder may enter or travel upon a railway without the special permission of the Station Master or other Railway Servant in charge of the place where he enters upon the Railway. Section 71 (2) and

and a Railway servant giving such permission must arrange for the separation of such person from other persons being or travelling upon the Railway. Section 71 (3). If any person so suffering does enter or travel on a Railway in contravention of section 71 (2) he and any person having charge of him is liable to a fine the forfeiture of any fare or pass or ticket and they may be removed from the Railway. Section 117 (1) and any railway servant referred to in section 71 (2) who knows that a person is suffering from such a disorder and who wilfully permits such person to travel without arranging for his separation from other passengers is liable to a fine. Section 117 (1).

3. The Rules under section 117 (1) (d) that were in force on the Southern Mahratta Railway at the time that the occurrences dealt with in the Correspondence are alleged to have happened were the General Rules published under Government of India Public Works Department Resolution N^o 17 dated 21 Aug. 1880 and the Rules bearing on ^{the} matter are N^{os} 143 to 147 both inclusive.

4. I am to say that from the papers before him His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief cannot see that it is established that there

there was any laxity on the part of the employees of the Southern Mahratta Rly. Co. That Railway Circular N^o 103 dated 3rd Nov. 1894. is practically the same as the rules in force on both the Great Indian Peninsula and Bombay Baroda and Central India Railways, and it is believed will be found to differ little, if at all, from those in force on the Madras and South Indian Railways.

P.W.D. 636/8/8/72
5. As regards para. 6 of the Sanitary Commissioner Madras letter N^o 1400 dated 23rd July 1896. I am directed to invite attention to Rule VIII of the enclosure to Government of India P.W.D. Resolution N^o 176-81/G.R. dated 2nd Feby. 1892.

6. In conclusion I am directed to invite attention to the suggestion made by the Agent S.M. Ry. Co. in para. 2 of his letter N^o 9671 dated 29th September 1896. This suggestion is on the lines of the precautions now being taken at many stations to prevent the spread of the Bubonic Plague.

Local & Municipal
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N^o 4211C dated 17th November 1896.

Forwarded to the Local and Municipal Department with reference to its endorsement N^o 958 of 15th Aug. 1896.

Attended
Offg. Under Secretary to Govt

No. 3192 C.

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

To

The Joint Secretary to the Govt of Bombay
P.W. Department, Railway Branch27th August 1896.

SIR,

I am directed to forward herewith for favour of enquiry and report, endorsement no 958 dated 15th August 1896 from the Local and Municipal Department on letter from the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, submitting with remarks certain correspondence with the Agent, Southern Mahratta Railway regarding the flailies on the part of Subordinates of that railway to take due precautions with regard to the removal and segregation of cases of Cholera from trains.

I have the honour to

Sd/ F. A. Fowler.

Offg. Jt. Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.
Railway Branch

/True copy/

Jas. Fowler
Assistant Joint Secretary.

Have we got here
the reference by
D.W. (A.D.) to
Bombay. If
not, please set it
— M.F.

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