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THE PRESIDENT,
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H.M. Order

The papers on the telegram from India have been circulated separately.

The Bombay Act seems preferable to the Calcutta Act, as pointed out by the H.M. And a short enactment for to be passed at the next Council meeting will be drafted & sent to the Leg. Dept. All necessary regulations can be made under it. Sec. 434 (1)(b) of the Bo. Act is wide enough to include everything essential = "regulations to be "observed by the public or by any person "or class of persons x x x necessary to "prevent the outbreak of such disease or the "spread thereof".

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General Department,

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DRAFT REGULATIONS REVISED BY THE MEDICAL BOARD.

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(See Sec 368 Madras City Act [illegible])

2. Every householder who becomes cognisant of any case of the bubonic plague or of fever with glandular swellings in his house or in any other private dwelling within the municipal limits of ~~Calcutta~~ the City of Madras shall be bound to give information of the same to the Health Officer or a Sanitary Inspector of the City Corporation with the least practicable delay, in writing

3. The ~~commissioners~~ Pt. or any person duly authorized by him in this behalf either generally or specially may, when ~~they~~ he consider necessary, enter upon any premises at any time during day light, and summarily execute any work required under section ~~318~~ 313, 314, 322, 326, 322 & 372 of the ~~Calcutta~~ City Madras Municipal ~~Consolidation~~ Act, 1888, or with a view to abate any or all of the nuisances indicated in clauses (a), (b), (c), (d), (f), and (g) of section 385 of the said Act.

4. When a dwelling factory workshop or workplace is so overcrowded as in the opinion of the Health Officer ~~of the Corporation~~, to make the inmates thereof specially liable to an attack of the bubonic plague, and such opinion is endorsed by a Medical Officer deputed by the Medical Board, the ~~commissioners~~ Pt. or person [illegible] may, by a notice posted on some conspicuous part of the dwelling, require the owner or the occupier, if actually residing in the dwelling, or the tenants, or the actual inmates thereof, to abate the overcrowding within twenty-four hours by reducing the number of lodgers, tenants, or other inmates of the said dwelling as prescribed in the notice; and in default of compliance with the requisition in the said notice, may summarily eject all the inmates, or occupants, or reduce the number of inmates or occupants in such manner and

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to such extent as may appear necessary; and the owner or the occupier or the tenants or the actual inmates of such dwelling shall not be entitled [as of right] to claim any compensation on account of such ejection.

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5. When a dwelling has, in the opinion of the Health Officer of the Corporation, been so infected with the plague as to render its further occupation a source of danger to the inmates thereof, and such opinion is endorsed by a Medical Officer deputed by the Medical Board, the commissioners may summarily cause such dwelling to be vacated and thoroughly cleansed and disinfected; and the dwelling shall not be re-occupied until in the opinion of the Health Officer and the Medical Board, it is safe to be re-occupied; and the owner or the occupier or the tenants or actual inmates thereof shall not be entitled [as of right] to claim any compensation on this account.

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6. If, in the opinion of the Health Officer, the destruction of any hut or shed is necessary to prevent the spread of the plague and such opinion is endorsed by a Medical Officer deputed by the Medical Board, the commissioners may summarily take measures for the destruction of such hut or shed and of the materials of which it is constructed; and no person shall be entitled [as of right] to claim compensation for any loss or damage sustained by him by reason of the destruction of any hut or shed under the powers conferred by this regulation.

7. No rag-picking shall be permitted in the streets or elsewhere and the commissioners may, in their descretion, disinfect at their own cost or destroy any collection of rags in rag-pickers' houses and rag stores without being required to pay any compensation whatsoever.

8. The commissioners may select a site and erect a hospital thereon, or convert any house or other building into a hospital for the isolation of patients suffering from the plague in any locality which in the opinion of the Health Officer of the Corporation may be suitable for the purpose.

9. Any house (or other) building or place which is in the opinion of the Health Officer and a Medical Officer deputed by the (Medical Board) suitable and required for the purpose of the accommodn to be provided under rule 8 ~~an isolation hospital~~ may be entered upon and occupied by the commissioners (if untenanted, without any notice whatsoever; and if tenanted, after twenty-four hours' notice in writing conspicuously posted on such house or building) and ~~converted into a~~ utilized for the purposes of the accommodn under rule 8 as aforesaid ~~hospital for plague patients~~; and the owners or the lessee of such house (or) building or place shall not be entitled to claim from the commissioners anything beyond a reasonable rent for the period during which the house or building or place may remain in his ~~(their)~~ occupation: provided always that the commissioners shall be bound to thoroughly cleanse, disinfect, and limewash the house or building or place both internally and externally, before vacating it.

10. The commissioners shall provide suitable conveyances for the free carriage of persons suffering, or suspected to be suffering, from the plague, and for the transport of any clothing, bedding, or other articles which have been exposed to infection; and it shall be lawful for them to drive such conveyances through any public and private thoroughfare.

11. When in any dwelling there is a patient suffering or suspected to be suffering, from the bubonic plague the commissioners or officers authorised may enter that dwelling and either take measures for segregating and isolating the patient within such dwelling, if in the opinion of the H. O. & the Med Offr. the patient can be treated with no greater risk of spreading the infection than if he were removed to a place provided under rule 8, or may remove him to one of the places provided under the said rule & may detain him until he shall be certified ~~to be free from the infection~~ by the Health Officer & a Med Offr. deputed by the said [illegible] to be free from infection ~~so far as the circumstances of the case may admit to the satisfaction of the Health Officer of the Corporation; and when the patient, whether a male or female, is certified by the Health Officer and a Medical Officer deputed by the Medical Board to be without proper lodging~~

(True Extract)

(Sd) J. Nield Cook, D.P.H.,
Health Officer,
Madras Municipality.

(True copy) E. W. Moore Lt.Col.
President, Munl. Commn.

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- Draft [illegible]

Suggestions for special powers to deal with the bubonic plague.

The President

Sir,

Section 130 of the Public Health Act (England) 1875 enables the --- Local Govt. Board to make special regulations & put them in force in --- times of extraordinary Epidemics. The city of Madras Municipal Act makes no such provision and as the powers conferred by it are in my opinion --- quite inadequate for the purpose.I think, that Govt. might be asked to --- pass a small emergency Act conferring temporarily upon us the powers that we require.

1. The first requirement is compulsory notification, which is the only means by which we can get early information of cases. For this --- purpose I would advise the adoption of the necessary sections in the --- Infectious Disease Notification Act (England) 1889 (Vide Stevenson & Murphy Vol III p. 176, 177, sent herewith). or clause 2 of the draft --- regulations of the Calcutta Medical Board. The penalty for noncompliance in England in ordinary times is 40 shillings. I think Rs. 100 would not be too much if we are to ensure notification.

2. As we have powers of entry the next thing is to be able to --- remove the patient to an isolation hospital & that any opposition to our doing so should come under the Indian Penal Code 186 (Obstructing a ---- public servant) or be otherwise met with an adequate penalty.

3. The next step is to be able to remove the other inmates of the house to some suitable camp where they can be quarantined & kept under observation. This is only necessary during the earlier part of an ----- epidemic when there is a chance of preventing its spread & becomes ----- impracticable when it has assumed large proportions. It enables the ---- house to be thoroughly disinfected & greatly lessens the danger of ----- infection. I would suggest compensation to an amount not exceeding their pay being given to persons in subordinate appointments who were thus ---- compulsorily quarantined & a penalty being inflicted in cases of refusal.

4. It might prove very useful if we were able to take any land --- house or other building for an isolation hospital or quarantine house, without the owners being able to claim excessive compensation, as provided

ed in 9 of the Calcutta Draft Regulations.

5. We have no provision for the exposure of infected persons or things, (vide Public Health Act 1875 Sect. 126 - page 158 Vol.III ------ Stevenson & Murphy). The penalty in England is £.5.

6. I think it desirable that we should have power to destroy any infected hut, shed, clothing or other infected matter, without being --- liable to any claim for compensation, which might however be given at your discretion.

7. At the last great International Sanitary Congress a resolution was passed recommending compulsory cremation in cases of epidemic disease. If this could be adopted without unduly interfering with the religious customs of any class of the people I think it would be very desirable.

(Sd) J. Nield Cook, D.P.H.,
Health Officer.
19.1.97.

Failing cremation it might be made compulsory to bury the corpse in quick lime.

(Intld) G.M.J.M.

(True copy) G. M. J. Moore
Lt.Col.
President, Munl. Commn.

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 322 M

From
THE PRESIDENT,
Municipal Commission,
Madras.

Order

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Dated 26th January 1897
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SECRETARIAT TO GOVERNMENT * LOCAL & MUNICIPAL
27 JAN. 1897

SUBJECT.

Stating that it is absolutely necessary that similar provision to that in ~~section of~~ the Bombay Municipal act should be provided, the Madras Municipality being practically helpless in regard to enforcing notification or isolation should the plague break out.

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MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS.
General Department,
Madras, 26 January 1897.

From

LIEUT.-COL. G. M. J. MOORE, C. I. E.,

President, Municipal Commission.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 322 M

To

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

Enclosure.

With reference to G.O. No.91 M.Mis., dated 25th January 1897, I have the honor to state that I consider it absolutely necessary that similar provision to that in the Bombay Act should be provided.

2. At present should the plague break out, we are practically helpless, having no power to enforce notification or isolation.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
G M Moore
Lt. Col.
President, M.M.C.

[L. & M. 2
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V. E?

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

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Order

Telegram

From

The Government of India
Home Department

No.

Dated 28-1-97

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SUBJECT.

Stating that the Government of India have decided to undertake the legislation for combating Bubonic plague.

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From (Office) Home

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CURRENT No. 340 M

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To (Person) Secy to Govt Local and Municipal Deptt

From (Person) Home

Number 2419 Sanitary your telegram dated 20th instant to which reply was sent in my telegram number 153 dated 23rd government of India have decided to undertake legislation to strengthen hands of municipal and other sanitary authorities in dealing with plague.

Recd. from LN. Sent to LN.

At Hrs. Mts. by Telegraph Master.

F.C.L.

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At Hrs. Mts. by At Hrs. Mts. by Telegraph Master.

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Urgent

Tel. to Home Dept

Your ~~249~~ telegram O.P. 29/1/97 no 249

January dated 28th

Can you telegraph lines

of proposed legislation

S.P.L.

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Local & Munl. (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 359 M

For **Orders**.

V.R. 30/1/97

Hon Mr Bliss
Hon Mr Grose
H.E the Governor

Telegram

From The Govt of India

No.

Dated 29/1

Received 30/1.

Registered

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SUBJECT.

Regg the Madras Govt to offer its remarks on the bill proposed to be introduced in the Vice-regal council for the Grant of Special powers for combating the Bubonic Plague –

30/1/97 [illegible] / [illegible]

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W. Pbis
in Chrg [illegible]
H.E. the Governor

H M

I have written out in the margin the telegram so as to be easier of perusal & added a note below & at the end ——

The Bill extends to all parts of India (the) provisions of Section X 434 Bombay City Municipal Act, and empowers (the) Govr. Genl. in C. to take measures & (to) prescribe regulations as in that Section; also to determine in what

T-14.

INDIAN TELEGRAPH.

~~ss.~~ 185				Monthly Local No. 61
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Person) Secretary to Government local and municipal department				From (Person) Home

SAIDAPET 29 JA 97 3 40 AM

[illegible] street

Number 270 Sanitary your telegram 29th instant bill extends to all parts of india provisions of section 434 B[ombay] city municipal act and empowers governor general in council to take measures and prescribe regulations as in that section also to determine in what

FROM		L. N.	SENT TO		L. N.
Hrs.		Mts. By	AT	Hrs.	Mts. By

Postmaster.

Note Sec. X 434 of the Bo. City Mun. Act with the penalty clause in Sec 473. Sec 434 runs

(1) In the event of the City (~~[illegible]~~) being at any time visited or threatened with an outbreak of any dangerous disease [the clause referring to cattle is omitted] ~~[illegible]~~ the Commr. [= Presidt. in Madras] if he thinks the ordinary provisions of this Act or of any other law at the time in force are insufficient for the purpose may with the sanction of Govt. (a) take such special measures, and

(2)

" manner any expenses incurred shall be defrayed. In particular the Gov. G. in C. is empowered to make rules ——

for inspection of any ship leaving or arriving at any port in British India, & such detention thereof, or of any person intending to sail therein as may be necessary; also

for inspection of persons travelling

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Note C.

(b) by public notice, prescribe such temporary regulations to be observed by the public or by any person or class of persons as he shall deem necessary to prevent the outbreak of such disease or the spread thereof

(2) The Commr. [= Presdt. in Madras City] shall forthwith report to the corporation [= Presn. Commrs. ibid] any measures taken & any regulations prescribed by him under subsection (1).

Sec 473 of the Bo. Act applies sec. 188 I.P.C. for disobedience of the section or the regulations thereunder by railway or otherwise and the segregation in hospital or otherwise of persons suspected of being infected.

Gov. Gen. in C. is empowered to direct that all or any of these powers may be exercised by local Govts.

Disobedience of rules & orders is made punishable under Indian Penal Code

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Penal code Section 188. please wire at once any remarks madras government may desire to make regarding bill ×

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section 188.

Please wire at once any remarks Madras Govt may desire to make regarding (the) Bill"

Note H.O. + see

The main lines it will be seen are founded on the Bombay Act as we proposed: but larger & wider powers are to be taken to deal with

(1) the inspection & detention of ships, or persons ~~those~~ intending to sail therein;

(2) the inspection of persons travelling by railway or otherwise; &

(3) the segregation of persons suspected of being infected

The Bill seems to provide for everything that can be done to meet the emergency & has been drawn on ~~[illegible]~~ more detailed information & knowledge of requirements than this Govt. can possess.

The only suggestion perhaps we shd make is that the Bill shd be applicable by local Govts to all Municipalities, the Collector taking the place of the Chairman or Presdt of Municipality.

It will be observed that it is not intended to quarantine persons who are well — only persons suspected of being infected. Any measure of the former character wd present innumerable difficulties & wd probably be a remedy worse than the disease.

A copy will be sent to the Pt. Mcplty & the San. Cr. for immediate remarks J.L.Z. 31.1.97

Yes — we should telegraph our entire approval

BS JG

Yes. A.S.H. 31.1.97

Certainly. But I imagine the powers intended to be taken are quite general. However, it will be safe to make the suggestion, even though it turns out to be superfluous

BS

I think we shd suggest this to cover ~~or~~ Divisional Officers. It wd not be safe for the Sub Collr. at Ongole to have to wait for orders from Nellore, 80 miles away. JG

Is there not a Telegraph?

I would ask Hon. Members to consider whether it would be quite safe to confide the extensive powers given by the Bill to Divisional Officers, who are sometimes young and inexperienced. The Bill should certainly be applicable to all Municipalities. A.S.H. 31.1.97

It is proposed to take power to segregate persons "suspected of being infected". I imagine this would include persons recently in contact with persons actually attacked by the disease — this is what I suggested & will be sufficient

BS

I think this is enough

The term "suspected of being infected" is wide, — wide enough even to cover the Hon. Mr. Bliss's suggestion. The ~~great~~ practical difficulties of giving effect to that suggestion would be very great. A.S.H.

The San. Commr. is away —
The reply to India should not be delayed for replies from these officers

BS 31/1/97 JG 31.1.97

Secretary has spoken to Mr. Bliss personally &

The telegram was issued without raising the question

I think the reply to India should go at once. Meanwhile, copies should go as proposed to the Pt. Madras Muny & the San. Commr. Their remarks, if of value, might be wired to India when recd. A.S.H. 1.2.97

Order No. 130 M. ~~Mil~~ dated
1st. February 1897

Tel. to Govt. of India

Your telegram No 270 Sanitary d/29th Jany

Plague Bill. This Govt. entirely approves

S.R. 1/2

Order No. 131 M. ~~Mil~~ dated 1-2-1897
(Then) consider tel. of the Govt. to Pt. Madras Mty & to San. Commr. for any remarks, they may wish to offer which shd be intimated at once. (Wire to San. Commr. referred to beginning "The Govt. of India ~~are~~ ~~have~~ are introducing a bill to deal with plague & they have telegraphed to this Govt. begins. "Bill extends x x x regarding bill" ends. Please wire any remarks you wish to offer)

To
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