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[Despatch Abstract.]

Epidemic Diseases Act,

Comm^d to the President, Am^l. Commⁿ, Madras.
with remark. Copy of a telegram from the Govt of
India, forwarding Copy of the ——— 1897, recently
passed.

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Order No 170 M, 8/5-2-97.

Communicated to the President Municipal Commission Madras, with the request that a draft regulations under Section 2 may be submitted with the least practicable delay.

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SUBJECT.

Note The telegram from India is being copied.

The President, Municipal Comm. Madras.

Copy of a telegram from the Govt. of India forwarding Copy of the Epidemic diseases act, 1887, recently passed.

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Copy of telegram from the Government of India,
dated 4th February 1897.

"Number 504, Sanitary. Epidemic Diseases Bill
passed today. Section 2, begins.

"Whereas it is expedient to provide for the better
prevention of the spread of dangerous epidemic diseases it
is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Epidemic Diseases
Act 1897.

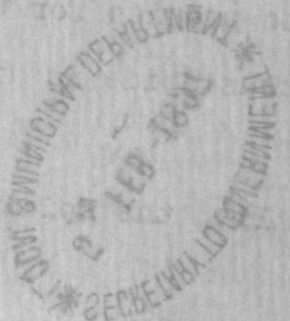
(2) It extends to the whole of British India (in-
clusive of Upper Burma, British Baluchistan, the Santal Par-
ganas and the Pargana of Spiti) and

(3) it shall come into force at once.

2. (1) When at any time the Governor General in
Council is satisfied that India or any part thereof is visit-
ed by or threatened with an outbreak of any dangerous epidemic
disease the Governor General in Council if he thinks that
the ordinary provisions of the law for the time being in
force are insufficient for the purpose may take or require
or empower any person to take such measures and 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 and may determine in what manner and
by whom any expenses incurred (including compensation if any)
shall be defrayed.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to
generality of the foregoing provisions the Governor General
in Council may take measures and prescribe regulations for
(a) the inspection of any ship or vessel leaving or arriving
at any port in British India and such detention thereof or
of any person intending to sail therein or arriving thereat
as may be necessary and

(b) the inspection of persons travelling by railway or
otherwise and the segregation in hospital temporary accommo-
dation or otherwise of persons suspected by the inspector



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officer of being infected with any such disease

(3) the Governor General in Council may by general or special orders direct that all or any of the powers conferred by this act may also be exercised by any local Government with respect to the territories administered by it.

3. Any person disobeying any regulation or order made under this act shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under section 188 of the Indian Penal Code.

4. No suit or other legal proceedings shall lie against any person for anything done or in good faith intended to be done under this act". ends.

Following notification issued in respect of Madras, begins

"Madras certain parts of India are visited by and others threatened with an outbreak of dangerous epidemic disease known as bubonic plague the Governor General in Council in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 sub section (3) of the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897 is pleased to direct that the powers conferred by the said Act may be exercised by local Governments with regard to their respective territories as follows.

All the said powers by the Governor of Port St. George in Council " ends.

Governor General in Council will not at present issue regulations under section 2 and trusts local Governments to issue regulations where they are or may be required. In respect of regulations under section 2, sub section 2 (b) regarding inspection of travellers by railway.

Governor General in Council desires to make the following remarks for consideration of local Government. It is in trains coming from infected districts shall be complete and this can be effected by removal of passengers to platform and individual inspection there by medical officer. Regulations should provide for this. The Governor General in Council considers that, subject to opinion of local Government, such inspection might take place at following places.

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Perambur and Guntakal, to each of which places a Commissioned medical officer should be appointed. Appointment of these officers need not interfere with subsidiary inspections reported in your telegram of 2nd instant. Small hospitals should be erected at places where principal inspections take place for suspected cases and separate huts for accommodation of persons suffering from plague.

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Hedrickhise
Chief Secretary

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