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SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

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SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE

Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Department

Enclosure.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. dated
26 February 1897, No 301 in. in. I have the
honor to forward the Regulations
Section dealing with Railways -
as required.

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Your most obedt servant
W. G. King

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Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

Definitions.

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"Observation station" means a locality defined by Government by an order issued to the Collector of the District concerned, by notification in the Fort Saint George Gazette, at or in the vicinity of a Railway station at which passengers shall be liable to superficial and minute medical examination and detention for observation, and other action in respect of persons and property necessary for staying an invasion of plague.

"Inspection station" implies a locality at or in the vicinity of a Railway station where any officer appointed by Government, or by local Fund or Municipal authority, may effect superficial examination and detain passengers.

"Superficial examination" includes such ^{medical} examination as can be made of the human body without requiring the removal of clothing from any part ordinarily kept covered in public by persons of the race or caste concerned.

"Minute medical examination" includes all methods of examination that can be properly and reasonably employed by a medical man in diagnosing a malady of the nature of plague, and its fulfilment may require the removal of any or all of the clothing from parts usually kept covered in public.

The term "Senior Sanitary Officer" implies the ^{medical}

Medical officer of rank senior to any Medical officer or Sanitary officer on duty at ^{an} observation stations.

"Plague preventive officer" means any person appointed in writing by the Collector of a District or by a Local Fund or Municipal authority for charge of an inspection station.

Section I

Railway Regulations

Passenger observation and inspection stations.

Station Master responsible for intimating time of trains.

Power to detain trains.

Superficial examination of passengers.

Minute medical examination of selected cases.

The senior sanitary officer in charge of an observation station shall be informed by the Station Master, at a reasonable hour daily, of the time at which ordinary or special trains are expected to arrive from such localities as may be stated by him in writing to the station master at the observation station.

2. On arrival of any train at, or departure from, an observation station, should the Senior Sanitary officer so direct, it shall be stopped at such site within the station as may be held safe by the Station Master in consultation with the Senior Sanitary officer.

3. On a train being stopped for purposes of observation as provided in Section 2, all passengers shall be required by the Railway authorities to vacate the train, and shall arrange themselves in such positions as the Senior Sanitary officer may indicate for the purpose of undergoing superficial examination.

4. All passengers or such passengers as the Senior Sanitary officer may select shall adjourn to a conveniently formed and situated place within the station precincts so arranged that complete privacy shall be possible. Here such reasonable medical examination of the body as may be deemed necessary by the Senior Sanitary officer shall be undergone by all passengers.

passengers individually divested of clothing in whole or in part as he may require; provided that in the case of females all examinations other than allowed in the preceding section shall be conducted by skilled females, and in such manner as to prevent risk of observation by any male person.

Proviso as to females.

5. Should the Senior Sanitary Officer, as a result of either superficial or minute medical examination come to the conclusion that a passenger is suffering from bubonic plague, or has such symptoms as afford him reason to suspect that he is undergoing the stage of incubation, or has so lately suffered from the disease as to be still in an infectious stage, he shall direct such passenger to desist from proceeding further in his journey, and such passenger shall desist accordingly.

Power to detain passengers.

6. If the Senior Sanitary Officer be satisfied a person is already suffering from bubonic plague or has so recently suffered from that disease as to be in an infectious stage, he shall forward such person to an isolation hospital; but, if the symptoms be such as to leave a doubt in the mind of the Senior Sanitary Officer, he shall forward the suspected passenger to an observation ward; provided, should the passenger so elect, he may be allowed to return whence he came in a carriage specially provided for his accommodation at the expense of the passenger by the Railway authorities under ^{Section} 71 Railway Act, after due notice of such intention has been communicated

Power to forward a passenger to an isolation hospital or observation ward.

Passenger may return whence he came.

communicated by the Senior Sanitary Officer to the Sanitary authority of the area to which the passenger intends to proceed.

Provision for keeping relations of a passenger's retention.

7. Should a passenger be detained by the Senior Sanitary Officer under the preceding section he shall deliver to the passenger or his apparent guardians on the journey a certificate in the form N^o A exhibited in the Appendix.

Limit of time for "observation".

8. Detention for purposes of observation ~~under section 6~~ shall not be permissible beyond forty-eight hours otherwise than under Regulations 11 and 13, at the end of which period the passenger shall either be discharged, or shall be admitted to an isolation hospital if found suffering from plague; provided no action shall lie against the ~~Senior~~ ^{responsible} Sanitary Officer for any detention that may have been reasonably brought about by demands upon his time in the actual performance of duty elsewhere.

Once admitted into "isolation hospital" patient may not leave.

9. Persons admitted under Sections 6 and 13 into isolation wards, shall not be permitted to leave the premises until such time as they have been presented by the Senior Medical Officer with the certificate N^o B exhibited in the Appendix.

How friends may be communicated with.

10. During detention in an isolation hospital or observation ward a person may communicate with his friends or relations in such manner, and subject to such restriction, as may be laid down by the Senior Sanitary Officer.

11. When by reason of the general insanitary

in sanitary state of one or more passengers, or of the property of one or more passengers, the Senior Sanitary Officer is of opinion their dispersion is inimical to public health, he shall cause such passengers and their property to be removed from the Railway premises and shall retain the persons in an observation ^{ward or} camp for a period not exceeding twelve days, provided facilities for ^{detaining} food and clothing be afforded, and arrangements to the satisfaction of any magistrate be such as not to violate the requirements of caste.

12. On being provided with a certificate in form C Appendix, a Station Master shall on receiving a simple receipt from a Senior Sanitary Officer in charge of a passenger observation station, or plague preventive officer in charge of a passenger inspection station, deliver all property belonging to passengers who have been detained under Sections 6, 11 and 15 to the Senior Sanitary Officer, ^{or plague preventive officer as the case may be} who shall ^{thereupon} cause the whole or such articles as he may select to be subjected to efficient methods of disinfection, but where the Senior Sanitary Officer, or the plague preventive officer is of opinion that such articles are by reason of their filthiness or small value not suitable for disinfection, he shall cause their destruction by fire.

13. On coming into force of these Regulations, each Local Fund authority may and each Municipality shall establish in Railway stations within the area under their charge inspection stations.

14. The

14. The plague preventive officer in charge of an inspection station shall be responsible for information as to the trains. He shall be kept informed by the Railway Station Master within reasonable time of the arrival and departure of all ordinary and special trains that may proceed from localities indicated in writing by the authority appointing the inspection station.

15. It shall be lawful for the plague preventive officer in charge of an inspection station to effect superficial examination of passengers, and to examine the tickets of all persons arriving at an inspection station. Should he have reason to suspect that any passenger is suffering from bubonic plague, he shall cause the passenger to remain within the station building in a suitable place, until such time as he can place him in charge of a medical officer appointed by the ^{Local Fund or Municipal} authority.

Method of disposal - by to receive such cases, or should the passengers at an inspection station such a passenger observation station be within reasonable distance having regard to the physical condition of the patient, he shall be sent there at the cost of the authority appointing the inspection station in the same carriage.

in which he arrived or in one specially
set apart for this purpose by the
Railway Company under Section 71
Railway Act.

16. When at a Passenger Observation or
Passenger Inspection Station, it has
been discovered that a passenger
suffering from tubercle plague or so
recently suffering as to be deemed
infectious, has travelled in a Rail-
way carriage, all passengers shall forth-
with be removed from it, and it shall
not be again used for traffic otherwise
than temporarily, as laid down in
sections 6 and 15 until it has been dis-
infected at an observation station in
such manner as may be approved
by the Senior Sanitary Officer.

17. Passengers arriving at inspection
or observation station shall give re-
plies fully and truthfully to all such
queries as may be made by the
Senior Sanitary Officer or any of his
subordinates, or Police Officer with
the object of ascertaining their bodily
condition and in respect to their
names and permanent addresses,
the places ^{to which} proceeded from and its
state of healthiness, ^{to the best of their knowledge} and the locality
they intend to proceed to, and
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plies must be
given to queries.

their reasons for undertaking a
journey.

Powers of Sta-
tion Masters

18. When a railway station has
not been constituted under these
Regulations either an observation
or inspection station, the railway
station master shall exercise the
function conferred upon a plague
preventive officer, irrespective of other
addition to such powers as are con-
ferred upon him under Section 71
of the Railway Act.

Detention of pri-
soners no fixed
address

19. When it may appear to a
plague preventive officer in charge
of a passenger inspection station or
to a station master by reason of an
apparent attempt to evade exami-
nation at an observation station
or by reason of the ~~nature~~ of the
nature of replies to his queries that
a passenger's statements are un-
trustworthy, or the passenger is
unable to give notice of a fixed
place of residence, it shall be law-
ful for such passenger to be sent
to the nearest observation station
to be dealt with under Section 11.

Locking of car-
riages

20. The station master of the railway
station next to an observation
station

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No. M, APRIL 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated Camp, Rajahmundry, 24th March 1897, No. 752-S.

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 301 M., dated 26th February 1897, I have the honour to forward the Regulations—section dealing with Railways—modified as required.

ENCLOSURE.

Definitions.

“Observation station” means a locality defined by Government by an order issued to the Collector of the district concerned, or by notification in the *Port St. George Gazette*, at or in the vicinity of a railway station at which passengers shall be liable to superficial and minute medical examination and detention for observation, and other action in respect of persons and property necessary for staying an invasion of plague.

“Inspection station” implies a locality at or in the vicinity of a railway station where any officer appointed by Government, or by Local Fund or Municipal authority, may effect superficial examination and detain passengers.

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The term “Senior sanitary officer” implies the medical officer of rank senior to any medical officer or sanitary officer on duty at an observation station.

“Plague preventive officer” means any person appointed in writing by the Collector of a district or by a Local Fund or Municipal authority for charge of an inspection station.

SECTION I.

RAILWAY REGULATIONS.

Passenger Observation and Inspection Stations.

The senior sanitary officer in charge of an observation station shall be informed by the station master, at a reasonable hour daily, of the time at which ordinary or special trains are expected to arrive from such localities as may be stated by him in writing to the station master at the observation station.

2. On arrival of any train at, or departure from, an observation station, should the senior sanitary officer so direct, it shall be stopped at such site within the station as may be held safe by the station master in consultation with the senior sanitary officer.

Power to detain trains.

station shall see that all doors of carriages are locked before departure of a train proceeding to an observation station.

21. No person shall unlock a rail-
way carriage and no person shall leave a carriage at an observation station, otherwise than with the consent of the Sanitary officer in charge of such station.

22. Whilst on duty, a plague preventive officer and a Senior Accommodation Sanitary Officer and his staff for observation shall have the right of access to all parts of a station usually devoted to the accommodation of passengers, and shall have all the rights of shelter and accommodation allowed passengers of equal class.

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Surgeon-Lieut. Col.
Sanitary Commissioner
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3. On a train being stopped for purposes of observation as provided in section 2, all passengers shall be required by the Railway authorities to vacate the train, and shall arrange themselves in such positions as the senior sanitary officer may indicate for the purpose of undergoing superficial examination.

Superficial examination of passengers.

4. All passengers or such passengers as the senior sanitary officer may select shall adjourn to a conveniently formed and situated place within the station precincts so arranged that complete privacy shall be possible. Here such reasonable medical examination of the body as may be deemed necessary by the senior sanitary officer shall be undergone by all passengers individually divested of clothing in whole or in part as he may require; provided that in the case of females all examinations other than allowed in the preceding section shall be conducted by skilled females, and in such manner as to prevent risk of observation by any male person.

Minute medical examination of selected cases.

Proviso as to females.

5. Should the senior sanitary officer, as a result of either superficial or minute medical examination, come to the conclusion that a passenger is suffering from bubonic plague, or has such symptoms as afford him reason to suspect that he is undergoing the stage of incubation, or has so lately suffered from the disease as to be still in an infectious stage, he shall direct such passenger to desist from proceeding further in his journey, and such passenger shall desist accordingly.

Power to detain passengers.

6. If the senior sanitary officer be satisfied a person is already suffering from bubonic plague or has so recently suffered from that disease as to be in an infectious stage, he shall forward such person to an isolation hospital; but, if the symptoms be such as to leave a doubt in the mind of the senior sanitary officer, he shall forward the suspected passenger to an observation ward; provided, should the passenger so elect, he may be allowed to return whence he came in a carriage specially provided for his accommodation at the expense of the passenger by the Railway authorities under section 71, Railway Act, after due notice of such intention has been communicated by the senior sanitary officer to the sanitary authority of the area to which the passenger intends to proceed.

Power to forward a passenger to an isolation hospital or observation ward.

Passenger may return whence he came.

7. Should a passenger be detained by the senior sanitary officer under the preceding section, he shall deliver to the passenger or his apparent guardians on the journey a certificate in the Form No. A exhibited in the Appendix.

Provision for keeping relations informed of a passenger's retention.

8. Detention for purposes of observation shall not be permissible beyond forty-eight hours otherwise than under regulations 11 and 15, at the end of which period the passenger shall either be discharged, or shall be admitted to an isolation hospital if found suffering from plague; provided no action shall lie against the officer responsible for any detention that may have been reasonably brought about by demands upon his time in the actual performance of duty elsewhere.

Limit of time for "observation."

9. Persons admitted under sections 6 and 15 into isolation wards shall not be permitted to leave the premises until such time as they have been presented by the Senior Medical Officer with the certificate No. B exhibited in the Appendix.

Once admitted into "isolation hospital" patient may not leave.

10. During detention in an isolation hospital or observation ward a person may communicate with his friends or relations in such manner, and subject to such restriction, as may be laid down by the senior sanitary officer.

How friends may be communicated with.

11. When by reason of the general insanitary state of one or more passengers, or of the property of one or more passengers, the senior sanitary officer is of opinion their dispersion is inimical to public health, he shall cause such passengers and their property to be removed from the railway premises and shall retain the persons in an observation ward or camp for a period not exceeding twelve days, provided facilities for obtaining food and clothing be afforded, and arrangements to the satisfaction of any magistrate be such as not to violate the requirements of caste.

Filthy passengers and filthy property.

12. On being provided with a certificate in Form C Appendix, a station master shall, on receiving a simple receipt from a senior sanitary officer in charge of a passenger observation

station, or plague preventive officer in charge of a passenger inspection station, deliver all property belonging to passengers who have been detained under sections 6, 11 and 15 to the senior sanitary officer or plague preventive officer, as the case may be, who shall thereupon cause the whole or such articles as he may select to be subjected to efficient methods of disinfection; but where the senior sanitary officer, or the plague preventive officer, is of opinion that such articles are by reason of their filthiness or small value not suitable for disinfection, he shall cause their destruction by fire.

Disinfection of passengers' property.

13. On coming into force of these regulations, each Local fund authority may, and each municipality shall, establish in railway stations within the area under their charge inspection stations.

Passenger inspection station [subsidiary observation stations.]

14. The plague preventive officer in charge of an inspection station shall be kept informed by the railway station master within reasonable time of the arrival and departure of all ordinary and special trains that may proceed from localities indicated in writing by the authority appointing the inspection station.

15. It shall be lawful for the plague preventive officer in charge of an inspection station to effect superficial examination of passengers and to examine the tickets of all persons arriving at an inspection station. Should he have reason to suspect that any passenger is suffering from bubonic plague, he shall cause the passenger to remain within the station building in a suitable place, until such time as he can place him in charge of a medical officer appointed by the Local Fund or Municipal authority to receive such cases, or should such a passenger observation station be within reasonable distance having regard to the physical condition of the patient, he shall be sent there at the cost of the authority appointing the inspection station in the same carriage in which he arrived, or in one specially set apart for this purpose by the Railway Company under section 71, Railway Act.

Method of examination permissible limit of power of detention.

Method of disposal of passengers at an "inspection station".

16. When at a passenger observation or passenger inspection station, it has been discovered that a passenger suffering from bubonic plague, or so recently suffering as to be deemed infective, has travelled in a railway carriage, all passengers shall forthwith be removed from it, and it shall not be again used for traffic otherwise than temporarily, as laid down in sections 6 and 15, until it has been disinfected at an observation station in such manner as may be approved by the senior sanitary officer.

17. Passengers arriving at inspection or observation station shall give replies fully and truthfully to all such queries as may be made by the senior sanitary officer or any of his subordinates, or police officer, with the object of ascertaining their bodily condition and in respect to their names and permanent addresses, the places proceeded from and its state of healthiness, to the best of their knowledge, and the locality they intend to proceed to, and their reasons for undertaking a journey.

Truthful replies must be given to queries.

18. When a railway station has not been constituted under these Regulations either an observation or inspection station, the railway station master shall exercise the function conferred upon a plague preventive officer, irrespective of or in addition to such powers as are conferred upon him under sections 70 and 71 of the Railway Act.

Powers of station masters.

19. When it may appear to a plague preventive officer in charge of a passenger inspection station or to a station master by reason of an apparent attempt to evade examination at an observation station or by reason of the nature of replies to his queries, that a passenger's statements are untrustworthy, or the passenger is unable to give notice of a fixed place of residence, it shall be lawful for such passenger to be sent to the nearest observation station to be dealt with under section 11.

Detention of prisoners, no fixed address.

20. The station master of the railway station next to an observation station shall see that all doors of carriages are locked before departure of a train proceeding to an observation station.

Locking of carriages.

21. No person shall unlock a railway carriage and no person shall leave a carriage at an observation station otherwise than with the consent of the sanitary officer in charge of such station.

Leaving of carriages.

22. Whilst on duty, a plague preventive officer and a senior sanitary officer and his staff shall have the right of access to all parts of a railway station usually devoted to the accommodation of passengers, and shall have all the rights of shelter and accommodation allowed passengers of equal class.

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