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3. Dr. Lawrie has now pointed out the necessity for greater stringency in the Medical examination imposed on passengers from Bombay to Wadi in consequence of the increased passenger traffic from the plague-stricken city to Hyderabad. Hitherto no case of plague had passed the barrier imposed by the inspection at Wadi; but as the number coming into Hyderabad from Bombay is now very large, there is a risk that some individuals with the disease latent in them may find their way into the city or suburbs of Hyderabad and form the focus, or starting point, of an epidemic, unless stricter precautions are taken. Dr. Lawrie therefore suggested that limited quarantine should be imposed on all third-class passengers from Bombay to Hyderabad and Secunderabad, and that it would be sufficient for all practical purposes if third-class passengers are detained at Wadi sufficiently long to admit of a thorough and efficient Medical examination. Such examination could be secured by third-class passengers being detained at Wadi till the next train starts. Thus the passengers who arrive at 2 P.M. by the Mail train from Bombay should be detained and sent on by the Mixed train leaving Wadi at 10 P.M.; and those who arrive by the 9 P.M. Passenger train would be detained at Wadi and sent on by the Mail train leaving Wadi at 2–30 P.M. the next day. In these intervals all the passengers could be thoroughly overhauled and any suspicious cases would not be allowed to come on to Hyderabad till they are certified to be quite well. Dr. Lawrie also suggested that temporary sheds for 12 patients should be erected at once at Wadi and that a tent should be supplied for the extra Medical Officer to be posted at the Railway Station.

Order.—While approving of the proposals made by Surgeon-Colonel Lawrie, Director of the Medical Department, for the partial imposition of quarantine at Wadi on passengers from Bombay, His Excellency the Minister considers that those proposals hardly go far enough. The proposed detention at Wadi should, in His Excellency's opinion, be extended to second as well as third class passengers from all stations west of Wadi on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, except servants of first-class passengers travelling in the same train, and arrangements should be made accordingly.

2. The number of first-class passengers is usually so small that a careful examination of them can probably be made at once, and to do this effectually the Medical Officer entrusted with this duty should be authorized by the Railway Company to enter any first-class through carriage, Reserved or not, except a carriage containing Zenana ladies. His Excellency feels sure that, considering the gravity of the position, passengers will afford the Medical Officer every assistance in making his examinations.

3. In detaining second and third class passengers arriving by the Bombay Mail train, there is the difficulty of dealing with passengers who arrive at Wadi almost simultaneously by the Bombay and Madras Mail trains, and the crush on the Wadi platform is sometimes so great that segregation of those from the Bombay side will be extremely difficult. The following suggestions are therefore earnestly commended for consideration by His Highness the Nizam's and the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Companies:—

(i) The doors of all second and third class carriages should be carefully locked before the train leaves Shahabad.

(ii) On the arrival of the trains at Wadi, the Ticket Collectors should bring to the Medical Officer for inspection those second and third class passengers who are servants of first-class passengers, travelling in the same train, and whose masters desire that they should accompany them. If passed by the Medical Officer, the Ticket Collector will impress some distinguishing mark on the tickets of such passengers, who can then go on at once with their masters.

(iii) The tickets of other second and third class passengers for stations on His Highness the Nizam's Guaranteed State Railways will not be so marked until after the train for Hyderabad has started.

(iv) No second or third class passenger coming from the Bombay side, whose ticket is not so marked, shall be allowed to take his seat in any of the trains leaving Wadi for Hyderabad.

(v) As an additional safeguard, no tickets shall be issued to second or third class passengers travelling from either direction after the Madras and Bombay Mail trains arrive. It is believed that such restriction is already imposed on third-class passengers. It should, however, be rigidly enforced and extended to the second-class also.

4. The Director of the Medical Department is requested to be good enough to issue clear and written instructions to the Medical Officer deputed on this duty, as to the manner in which his examinations of passengers are to be conducted. The Director is requested to arrange as soon as possible for the deputation of a Lady Doctor also to Wadi for the purpose of examining Zenana passengers in the same way as other passengers. A copy of this Resolution should be supplied to both these Medical Officers and be kept with them while on duty.

5. The Railway Police at Wadi should detain any passenger, *of whatever class*, who may be pointed out by the Medical Officer as not fit to proceed to Hyderabad, or any station on the Hyderabad Railway.

6. Medical arrangements for the treatment of patients should at once be made by the Director, Medical Department, and a report submitted for the information of Government as to the steps taken.

7. The Subedar of Gulbargah should take immediate steps, in consultation with the Medical Officer deputed on this special duty, for the erection of temporary sheds for 25 patients on a spot well removed from the town. He will also at once supply two single-poled tents for the use of the Medical Officer and Lady Doctor at Wadi. These tents should be pitched on a spot to be pointed out by the Medical Department. Arrangements should be made by the Talukdar of the district for a suitable guard at the camp thus formed, to protect property and to prevent such patients as may be taken there from going into the town. On the admission of a patient, the Medical Officer will at once give intimation of the fact to the Subedar of Gulbargah by telegraph.

8. The Director of the Medical Department will arrange for the submission by the Medical Officers of daily reports, as to the result of their examinations on the arrival of the trains.

9. The examination of passengers at the Hyderabad Railway Station shall be continued; but in view of the fact that there is little opportunity of any careful inspection, owing to the confusion and the late hour at which the Mail train arrives, the Director of the Medical Department is empowered to arrange that an examination of passengers should take place instead at Vikarabad, where the trains make a long stay, and where a second thorough examination can be made leisurely.

10. The Director, Medical Department, is requested to furnish a weekly report on the working of the quarantine, and if, at any time, he considers it expedient to impose similar quarantine at other stations, he is empowered to do so, and then give due intimation thereof to Government.

11. With the view of giving full effect to the partial quarantine which His Highness' Government have felt themselves constrained to impose, the Resident will be asked to kindly issue instructions for the strengthening of the Railway Police at Wadi, if necessary, and to forward copies of this Resolution to the Government of Bombay in order that the necessary instructions may be issued to the officials of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, and also to the Government of Madras.

12. The Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department will at once issue the necessary instructions to the Agent and Manager, His Highness' the Nizam's Guaranteed State Railways, and a copy of the orders issued by that officer should be obtained and submitted for the information of Government.

(By Order.)

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