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71097

Have adequate Police arrange-
ment been made at Pambore?

Copy sent to
Mr Moore
16-2-97

Which should include at least one
female doctor

Both in English & in Tamil & in
Hindustani

There are the Madras Nos. The
Mugosil Nos will be 2, 3, 14 & 15.

See this
at once. The
P. A. can send
the report to
the translation
16-2-97

Which must include at least
one female doctor. There
must also be Police women
from the. But I think order
has gone for the latter.

An arrangement must be made
with the R. A. Dept as to the length
of time trains may be detained & be
detained at Puntakul & Pambore.
Probably it will be best to voice
the time table for the present from Puntakul
Kall Southwards.

See L. & M.

Please ascertain from Mr. Moore
what inspection staff he employs &
propose to employ at Pambore.
Indian suggested that at all such
places there should be a criminal
officer. Does Mr. Moore want
one? I think he should have one
as the presence of such an officer
will prevent disputes. He might
be placed in charge of the
isolation hospital & the station
at Pambore. He will require some
addl. staff unless there is to be
delay in coming passengers. What
should it be & will Mr. Moore
arrange for its provision? & does he
with the S. G. & does he?

Abstract (Nos 8, 11, 12 &
13) of the Regs should be printed
separately & some copies posted
on card board given to the medl.
officers inspecting passengers (here &
at Puntakul) to show to passengers
who may object to submit themselves
to examn.

The S. G. has reported that he
has ordered a Medical Officer to
Puntakul. As soon as he has
arrived there the S. G. will
the Colr. has provided shelter, as al-
ready ordered (all which should
be maintained by wire), notified
issue appd Puntakul an inspection
station under Mugosil reg. 14 &
the Medical Officer must
be ordered to go on & make efficient
inspection of long passengers, each
of whom must be made to leave in
other carriage for the purpose.
Was not the S. G. ordered by wire

to return to Madras? Is he
dressed? Just, urgent?

Public does not
know - will make
inquiries JH by

As regards the pilgrim question
what has been done as regards
finding a place for their isolation?
I asked the Sec. on Saturday to
find out about Cuddalore &
he telephoned to me that afternoon
that as Mr. Price was not at
office, he had telegraphed urgent
on the subject - I am afraid
this telegram has done little
or no good. The Ch. was probably
in camp & no one would be likely
in his absence, to take the responsi-
bility of selecting a site for the pil-
grim camp. Anyway, I have heard
nothing further. Since Saturday,
however, the Sec. has seen Mr.
Price, no doubt, & has been able
to find out whether Cuddalore
will do. I should like to know, for
certain that, until Madras is de-
clared not to be a pilgrim port, we
must take it that pilgrims will
come some where & must make
preparations for isolating them for
not less than 7 days.

I shall be at the Gymkhana
this afternoon & at the Club later,
& request that the Sec. will see
me at one or other place & let me
have a reply to my questions.

JH

16/2/97

Sent proposals to
H.H. today

JH

16/2/97

x Price had better be drafted at.

DD No 11

Local & General Sept.

Fort St. George

16-2-1897.

My dear Colonel,

Can you let me know what
inspection staff you employ or propose to
employ at Perambur. Do you think there
should be a Commissioned Medical officer. The
presence of such an officer would probably
prevent disputes; & he might be placed in
charge of the isolation hospital to be estab-
lished at Perambur. In addition there must
of course be subordinate medical staff
which should include at least one female
apothecary. Will you arrange for this staff
or do you wish the Surgeon General?
What police arrangements have been made
at Perambur to maintain order and enforce
the regulations if necessary?

I should be much obliged by informa-
tion on these points.

Yours sincerely,
Lt. J. Forbes.

(Ld)

Recd 16/2/97

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No.

726M

For Orders

The suggestion made by
the Govt of India may be ^{adopted} _{approved}

From

The Government of India

Home Department.

128
20/1/97

N.M.

Our rules (G.O. 8/11/96 no 158171) No.

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Regulations practically carry out

What the Govt of India propose
except that, ^{all} ticket collectors
shd. be empowered by a Regulation
to demand name & address of
every person holding a ticket
from an infected area. The
ticket shd. then give the
address to the Municipal Chairman
or the Sanitary Insp^r who is
deputed in Mtrcs to watch
arrival of trains, or to the
nearest Police Station in other
place.

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ing watch on travellers by rail from
affected places to prevent their dis-
seminating plague and requesting the
Madras Government to inform by wire
whether it approves of the suggestion.

As to infected areas we cannot
determine them specifically. I think the
Govt of India shd. itself ascertain only all such.

B

railway passengers,

12/10/1897

A. Regs should be drawn up accordingly -
 Should be provided ^{inter alia} that persons who
 may be thought to have alighted short of an
 inspection station, that is, who cannot
 show any business at the place of their
 alighting & explain their doing so, shall be
 placed by the Police before the nearest magistrates
 who will send them on to the next inspection
 station.

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B. We may for the present declare all the
 Khasi & Jaintia & the Jorhat territory to be in-
 fested areas.

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I had some conversation on Saturday
 with Mr. West about inspections at
 Railway stations - He is naturally of opinion
 that they should be got through as quickly
 as possible so that the trains may not be
 delayed. He told me that one of his officers who
 had recently returned from Bombay had
 seen the inspection conducted at Kalyan,
 which, though thorough, only took 20 minutes.
 And then he said there were some dozen
 officers of sorts engaged on it. I think we
 might ask Mr. West how many local officers
 they find required for the Kalyan insp.

Then Mr. West told me that to carry
 out a complete & thorough inspection
 at Preamble would seriously disorganize
 the suburban traffic of the Rly, & proposed
 that the complete insp. should be at Arcamun.

Orders to this effect have already
 issued in the PWD (Railway)
 vide No 332 M of 1-3-97

Telegram sent to Bombay. 22/4/97

and that the insp. at Preamble
 should be confined to those persons
 who had in any way loaded the insp.
 at Arcamun or had joined the train at
 intermediate stations. In order to distin-
 guish the persons who had been
 seen? & passed at Arcamun from
 the others, Mr. West proposes that as
 passengers are seen? their tickets shall
 be marked, which may be done with
 an indiarubber stamp (both at Gunter
 Kal & Arcamun). I think all these
 suggestions are good & should be
 carried out. The Arcamun staff will
 have to be the same as that at Gunter-
 Kal, & may be fixed on hearing from
 Bombay what the Kalyan staff is.
 In the meantime, the necessary arrange-
 ments for isolation & hospital sheds
 should be carried out at Arcamun,
 & the S.I. should be asked to detail
 a constable? local officer.

AS
 22/4/97

[L. & M.]
1,000-28-10-06.

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

*This belongs to order
Plague file
JH*

CURRENT No. 726 h.

Order

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Monthly
Number.

To
(Office)

Madras

From
(Office)

Calcutta

Words

Day.

Hour.

Minute.

Official
Instructions.

To
(Person)

Secy local and
municipal department

From
(Person)

Home

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64 Word Form.

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MADRAS

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Telegraph Master.

P. No. 37. T. 11374 88-10 00000

Kalyan pinchar in inspection of

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

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23/2/97

23/4/97

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