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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
GUINDY.

8th March 1889

My dear Forbes,

I return with thanks the papers which you were kind enough to send me on Saturday.

Yours sincerely,

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~~Chief~~ Secretary's

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My dear Sir,

Yours of 5th.

The telegram to Govt. of India referred to by H.E. was not despatched. Please see pp. put up.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) G. S. Forbes.

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PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR
MADRAS

GOVERNMEN
Guindy,
5 March 18

Urgent

My dear Forbes,

On the day when His Excellency started for his tour, His Excellency called at Mr Bliss's house, and there he and the members agreed upon the telegram which was to be despatched to the Govt of India only in case they (India) insisted upon the pilgrims coming to Madras. Will you kindly tell me if the telegram was actually despatched or not. It was on the matter of letting the

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again G.O., No. 215a M., dated 13th February 1897.

Read—also the following papers :—

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local and Municipal Department, dated 17th February 1897.

No. 521, Sanitary. Government of India have issued notification prohibiting departure on pilgrimage of pilgrims who are resident in the Bombay Presidency or Sind or who have gone there for purpose of embarkation ; all persons who have entered Bombay Presidency for purpose of pilgrimage will be taken to camp at Nassick, which Bombay Government reports will be open on 21st, and kept there under observation for ten days, or, if plague takes place there, till ten days after last case occurs ; those belonging to Madras will then be taken, in charge of official of Bombay Government, to some place in Madras to be arranged by the Madras Government and taken charge of by an official to be appointed by the Madras Government, and should then be conveyed to their homes. Government is defraying cost of tickets for their journey. Government of India will be obliged if Government of Madras will at once enter into communication with Government of Bombay to arrange place at which such pilgrims shall be taken over by official of Madras Government and will make the necessary subsidiary arrangements to carry this decision out. Government of Bombay have been requested to make arrangements for stopping intending pilgrims from entering Bombay Presidency at Bhusawal, Ahmedabad, Hodgi and Londa effectual, and Government of India will be obliged if Madras Government will take all measures possible to make it known to intending pilgrims that they will be turned back if they attempt to enter Bombay Presidency. It is desirable that all efforts that are possible should be made through magistrates of districts, the religious heads of the Muhammadans, pilgrim brokers, and in any other way the Local Government thinks best, to dissuade intending pilgrims from going on haj this year ; but though by these means the number of pilgrims may be materially reduced, it appears likely that considerable number may still wish to go on pilgrimage from places other than Bombay Presidency and Sind. The Government of India have decided that all who persist in desire to go on pilgrimage shall be collected prior to departure at camp of observation at distance from port and situated in province to which they belong, or in case of residents of Native States in province nearest to their State, and placed under observation for at least seven days and until intimation is received from Commissioner of Police at port that steamer is ready to receive them ; they will then be taken by special train and railed to place of departure of steamer and be at once placed on board. It is proposed that no tickets shall be sold at Madras or Calcutta and that they shall be purchasable only at camp of observation where pilgrims will be collected. Government of India will be obliged if Government of Madras will now, with as little delay as possible, work out the arrangements necessary to carry this decision out, and keep them and the Government of the ports of departure informed of measures taken to carry it out. It is in particular desirable the place selected for observation should be intimated with least possible delay. In order to make arrangements complete, it will be necessary to communicate with Political authorities of Native States.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local and Municipal Department, dated 18th February 1897.

No. 540, Sanitary. My telegram, No. 521, dated 17th, regarding pilgrimage. Government of India request that persons collected at camp of observation prior to departure on pilgrimage may themselves, their clothes, and effects be disinfected before leaving camp.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local and Municipal Department, dated 19th February 1897.

No. 567, Sanitary. My telegram, number 521, dated 17th, regarding pilgrimage. Government of India request that orders may be issued under Epidemic Diseases Act prohibiting sale of tickets to pilgrims at Madras and arranging that they shall only be procurable at observation camps.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local and Municipal Department, dated 20th February 1897.

No. 614, Sanitary. Secretary of State telegraphs that, in consequence of strong opinions regarding possible communication of plague to Europe of all European Governments, whom nothing short of prohibition will satisfy, Her Majesty's Government have decided that pilgrimage should be altogether suspended for the present season. Notification under Epidemic Diseases Act will issue at once. It is essential that reasons for decision of Her Majesty's Government shall be made widely known by Government officers and that every endeavour shall be made by the agency of Muhammadans of position and trust to explain them to those who had intended to proceed on pilgrimage and to Muhammadans generally. It will also be necessary to stop all intending pilgrims near their homes and on frontier of British India and to induce them to return to their homes so that they may not gather in large bodies. Governor-General in Council need not impress upon Government of Madras the importance of endeavouring to make this decision as little unpalatable as possible to Muhammadans and relies upon Government of Madras to use all means in their power to do so.

Notification of the Government of India, in the Home Department, dated Calcutta, 20th February 1897.

The question of the suspension of the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz having been under the consideration of the Government of India and Her Majesty's Government, Her Majesty's Government have now come to the conclusion that, in consequence of the strong opinions of all European Governments, including Turkey, regarding the danger of plague being communicated to Europe, it is impossible to meet their demands by any measure short of the suspension of the pilgrimage for the time being. The Governor-General in Council is therefore pleased, under section 2, sub-section 1, of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, to order that the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz shall be altogether suspended for the current season.

Order—No. 288 M., dated 24th February 1897.

The final notification of the Government of India of the 20th February suspending all pilgrimage to the Hedjaz for the current season renders it now unnecessary to consider the arrangements required for the quarantine of pilgrims coming from unaffected tracts and for their embarkation at the port of Madras. It remains to carry out the orders of the Government of India as to the conveyance to their homes of the pilgrims belonging to Madras who are now in the Bombay Presidency and have been turned back from their intended journey. The pilgrims are to go into camp at Nassick for ten days' quarantine on the 21st February, so that they will not arrive at the Madras frontier till the 3rd March—at the earliest.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council appoints the Guntakal Junction railway station to be the place where these pilgrims will be taken over, and the officer to do so will be the Sub-Magistrate who has been deputed there on special duty. The Sub-Magistrate will at Government cost purchase railway tickets for the party, and, unless in any case action under regulation 14 of the Mufassal regulations notified in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 15th February is necessary, despatch them without avoidable delay to their homes in charge of police constables. Before their departure the medical officers at Guntakal will inspect the pilgrims and cause all their clothing, bedding, &c., to be carefully disinfected. The Inspector-General of Police will make the necessary police arrangements in connection with the conveyance of the pilgrims to their villages. The police constable in charge of a party or an individual will report the arrival of the party or individual to the Commissioner of Police if the destination is the Madras City, and in the case of other destinations to the Municipal Chairman or village headman. The Commissioner of Police, or the Chairman or headman, as the case may be, will countersign the order with which the constable will be furnished and the constable will then transmit it to the medical officer in charge of the camp at Guntakal, who will report to Government the return thereof.

3. The Bombay Government has been asked by wire to inform this Government of the number of Madras pilgrims and their destinations, and the information, as soon as it is received, will be communicated to the Inspector-General of Police, the Medical Officer in charge at Guntakal, and other officers concerned.

(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Anantapur.
,, the Inspector-General of Police.
,, the Surgeon-General.
,, the Sanitary Commissioner.
,, the Public Department.
,, the Judicial Department.
,, the Revenue Department.
,, the Public Works (Railway) Department.
,, the Financial Department.

Endorsement—No. 288A M., dated 24th February 1897.

Copy to the Government of India, Home Department.

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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~~4. The following regulation will be issued under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897:—~~

~~"The Government of India have, on account of the prevalence of the bubonic plague, suspended pilgrimage to the Hedjaz for the current season and directed that the pilgrims who have gone to the Bombay Presidency for the purpose of embarkation shall, after a period of quarantine at Nassick, be conveyed to their homes."~~

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

J McL, Sharp

To the Collector of Anantapur.
,, the Inspector-General of Police.
,, the Surgeon-General.
,, the Sanitary Commissioner.
,, the Public Department.
,, the Judicial Department.
,, the Rev. Dept
,, the Public Works (Railway) Department.
,, the Financial Department.
~~,, all Collectors, &c., of districts for which pilgrims are destined.~~
~~,, the Hindustani Translator, for translation of Regulation.~~

N. 288 A M. 24-2-97

Copy to the Government of India, Home Depart.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

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Current No 725 M. of 1897, dated 19-2-1897 from the Do
Current No. 750 M. of 1897, dated 20-2-1897 from the Do
Notification of Govt. of India, Home Dept., dated 20th February 1897.

Order. No. 288 M. 24-2-97

H.M./

Draft for approval

I was first inclined to think that a Regul. wd. be required under the Plague Act so as to cover the Constables taking the pilgrims to their homes; but on consideration I do not think such a Regul. wd. come under the Act & have ∴ not completed the copy of the Regul. I had drafted. ~~The object~~ In conveying the pilgrims to their homes, the object is not to stop the spread of the infection. Regn. 14 of the Mof. Reguls. are sufficient for that purpose. I wd. therefore omit any reference to "warrants" in the ~~draft~~ Order. There will be only a few pilgrims returning & they will make no objection to accompanying the P. Const. who is really ~~needed~~ for the purpose of seeing that they get home all right. The quarantine

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3. The Bombay Government has been

at Nasik & inspection at Guntakal to ensure we are getting clean persons.

G.O 181 Ju.
8-2-97

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⊗ They have not sent a Tahr. Magte. but have applied for sanction to a Special Magte. on Rs 100. The R.D. should have commd. the Tahr.

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(From orders)

(Initialled) G. S. F.
22.2.97.

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To
The Collector of Anantapur.
" Inspector-General of Police.
" Surgeon-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Public Department.
" Judicial Department.
" Public Works, Railway Department.
" Financial Department.
Rev. Dept. ~~All Collectors of districts~~ ~~to which pilgrims are destined~~

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Order.

Make a fair copy of the draft as corrected

Vide telegram d/ 17

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It remains to carry out ~~arrangements must~~ the orders ~~of~~ the Govt. of India as to the conveyance to their homes of the pilgrims belonging to Madras ~~who are~~ now in the Bombay Presidency & have been turned back from their intended journey.

The Government of India has

By a notification under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 prohibited the departure of pilgrims from the Bombay Presidency or Sind to Hedjaz and directed that all those who have already entered these provinces with the object of proceeding on the pilgrimage should be placed in camp under medical observation and subsequently sent back to their homes at ~~State~~ the expenses of the State. The ~~Bombay~~ Government ~~of Bombay~~ has in pursuance of this notification decided to open a camp at Nassick on the 21st Instant, where the pilgrims will be detained for ten days and, if plague appears, for ten days after the last case, and to send those of the quarantined pilgrims

~~ho belong to Madras in charge of a Bombay official to a place appointed by this Government in view of their being conveyed to their homes by a Madras official.~~

His Excellency

2. ~~The~~ Governor in Council appoints ~~[illegible]~~ Guntakal ~~the place where these will~~ ~~directs that the Madras~~ pilgrims be, & the duty will be discharged ~~taken over at Guntakal~~ by the Tahsildar ~~and [illegible]~~ magistrate who has been deputed ~~for duty~~ there.

~~3. The medical officer at Guntakal will inspect the pilgrims, see to their accommodation in his camp and have all their clothing, bedding etc. carefully disinfected. He should destroy all suspicious articles and detain for treatment such of the pilgrims as may be suffering from the plague.~~

~~of anyone whom it may be~~ be. ~~if it necessary to detain them~~

The Tahsildar ~~should~~ will at Govt. cost purchase railway tickets for the ~~rest~~ party and despatch them without ~~unne~~ avoidable delay ~~at once~~ to their homes in charge of police ~~officers~~ constables, ~~who should be provided with warrants.~~ who shd. be provided with warrants. ~~[illegible]~~ Before their departure the Med. Off. at Guntakal shd. inspect the pilgrims & have all their clothing, bedding be carefully disinfected. The I.G. of Police will make the necessary police arrangements in ~~this behalf~~ connection with the conveyance of the pilgrims ~~in charge of the~~ to their villages. The police in charge of a party or an individual ~~[illegible]~~ Constable ~~should~~ will report the arrival of ~~those in his charge~~ the party or individual to the ~~observation staff at Perambur~~ Commr. or Asst. Commr. of Police if the destination is ~~for~~ the Madras City and in the case of ~~for~~ other ~~places~~ destinations to the Municipal Chairman or village headman, ~~who~~ will countersign — in The Commr. or Asst. C. of Police or the Chairman or Headman, as the case may be

The pilgrims are to go into camp at Nassik for 10 days quarantine on the 26th Feby so that they will not arrive at the Madras frontier till the at the earliest.

[illegible] [illegible]
8-2-97

Note

The instructions issued by the Govt of India in the latter portion of its telegram of 17th regarding the opening of observation camps near the port of embarkation for persistent pilgrims have practically been cancelled by its telegram of the 20th (vide coll. paper) - No action is therefore necessary on this head.

the warrant and the constable ~~in token of having~~ will then return it ~~taken charge of the pilgrims and have the latter under observation for a week at least.~~ The police ~~Constable should then return the warrants~~ to the camp officer at Guntakal.

/ From orders /

V.R.
22/2/97

3. The Bombay Govt. has been asked by wire to inform this Govt. of the number of ~~sick~~ Madras pilgrims ~~to~~ & their destinations & ~~as soon~~ ~~as~~ the information as soon as it is received ~~it~~ will be communicated to the I.G. Police, the Med. Off. in charge at Guntakal & other officers concerned

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~~take charge of the pilgrims or a~~
~~have the latter under observation~~
~~for a week or death. The point is~~
~~[illegible] that if this action the~~
~~[illegible] to the Civil officer at~~
~~[illegible]~~

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
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Telegram from Govt of India (Home) d 17.2.96
No 521 Sanitary (recd. 10.30 PM)

1) Hon Mr Bliss Also Confidential
2) H.E. the Governor
Sec =

FOR ORDERS.

Telegram from Govt. of India (in a confidential cover) received after this note was written 8PM 8/

H.E. came in & discussed this with me on his way to the station & approves my instructions, so please act on them without forwarding to him Sec also note on the telm in the Confdl. Cover
HB 18/2/97 6 PM.

HM We have received no copy yet of the Notification prohibiting pilgrimage of pilgrims resident in Bombay or Sind or who have entered it for the purpose of going on the Haj. A telegraphic copy appeared in Madras Times of 17.2.97, which I enter in the margin.

PILGRIM REGULATIONS.

CALCUTTA, FEB. 16.

The following has been issued in an Extraordinary *Gazette* In exercise of powers conferred by section 2, sub-section 1 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, the Governor-General is pleased to direct that no person resident, permanently or temporarily, in the Bombay Presidency or Sind, and no person who though not resident in the Bombay Presidency or Sind has entered the Bombay Presidency or Sind with the object of proceeding on pilgrimage to Hedjaz, shall, until further orders, be permitted to embark on any ship at any port in British India with the object of making a pilgrimage to Hedjaz.

The Governor-General in Council is further pleased to direct that all persons who have entered at the Bombay Presidency or Sind with the object of proceeding to Hedjaz shall be placed in camp under observation until such time as a Medical officer in charge shall satisfy himself that all risk of the occurrence of plague among them has been completely abated. They shall then be sent to their homes, and railway expenses for their journey shall be met by the State.

II. The Govt. of India now explains the arrangements for conveying pilgrims so stopped back to their homes.

(a) The Bombay Govt. will convey the pilgrims to a camp at Nassick, to be opened on 21st Feby, where they will be detained ten days or if plague appears, for ten days after the last case.

(b) Those of the quarantined pilgrims who belong to Madras will then ~~[illegible]~~ i.e. not earlier than 10 days after the 21st Feby or say 3rd March — be taken in charge of Bombay official to a place to be arranged by Madras Govt. whence they will be conveyed to their homes by a Madras official. We are to make the necessary arrangements in communication with Bombay.

First then we may telegraph to Bombay to inquire how many Madras pilgrims have to be arranged for & their destination

"Govt. of India have telegraphed "that haj pilgrims now in Bombay "presidency awaiting embarkation "are to be returned to homes after "the quarantine at Nassick, please "wire number of Madras pilgrims "& destinations. Place in this Presidency at which "they will be taken over will "be reported to you later — probably Guntakal"

Appd. 18/2/97

Office. Despatch this telegm at once, before circn.
F. V. L. 18/2/97

When we get reply to this we can order more huts & Police for Guntakal
H.S.

Secondly as to the place, this better be Guntakal where we are establishing a camp; & the Medical Officer in charge there ~~will~~ may be appointed to take over the pilgrims, purchase tickets for them, & despatch them at once

Yes
H.S.

The Medl. officer will of course inspect the pilgrims & treat them if ill, and see to their accommodation in his camp; but I think the Taly. 2nd cl: Magte whom we have already ordered to be sent to Guntakal had better do all this business of taking charge, buying tickets, despatching in charge of Police &c. It's more in his line

at the cost of Govt. (Imperial, it is presumed) in charge of police constables to their homes. Each police constable shd. report the arrival of ~~them~~ those in his care to the Observation staff at Perambore for Madras City, & for other places to the Municipal Chairman, or Village Headman who will keep them under observation for a week at least

The constables will practically require warrants — (These they would return to the camp officer at Guntakal)
H.S.

At Guntakal all clothing &c shd be carefully disinfected & suspicious articles destroyed: no doubt this will have been done at Nassick but in the journey infection may have been caught

H.S.

II. As to future pilgrims, a cordon, as intimated in the telegram of the 14th Feby, will be drawn round Bombay i.e. no intending pilgrim may approach nearer than Bhusawal on the East,

As I pointed out before, as Manmad & Dhond are both in the B'bay Presy. this cordon will keep out all residents in all Northern India & the only ~~[illegible]~~ pilgrims we need provide for are people from Hyderabad (Nizam's dominions), Mysore & our own Presy., as to whom see below
vide G.O. 227 M. d/ 16/2/97.
H.S.

Ahmedabad on the north, Hodgi & Londa on the South.
Any pilgrim who persists in going on the haj & who has not entered within this cordon may will not be stopped.

Every endeavour however is to be made to dissuade intending pilgrims from going on the haj this year. A circular must issue to this effect to (a) Dist. Magts. (b) Muhammadan -x- Sabhas or Majlis (c) Muhamdn. -x- leaders & (d) Native States of Trav., Cochin Pudukkotta, Banganapalle & Sandur: & a Notifn. to the same effect be put in the Fort St George & District Gazettes. I shall draft on this on return of the papers from cmt.

III. For those who do persist in leaving for Arabia the ~~following~~ ~~are the~~ arrangements are that they shall all be collected at a camp of observation at a distance from the port of embarkation & detained there for at least seven days and until intimation is received from the port that steamer is ready to receive them, when they will be taken by special train & railed ~~straight~~ to the port & put straight on board ship.

Tickets (for the voyage) will be purchaseable only at the camps of observation & not at the pilgrim ports of Madras & Calcutta. At ~~our~~ the camp of observation will be also received subjects of the Native States nearest to the Port of departure. In our case this will mean besides our own proper native states, the states of Mysore & Hyderabad. [All the ~~[illegible]~~ the native states of Bombay are of course excluded by the Govt of India Notifications barring any person resident permanently or temporarily in the Bombay Pr. or Sind from proceeding this year on the haj.]

This camp of observation

-x- Col. H. S. ~~Stewart~~ shd be consulted about these

HS

Please see his reply put up (Do. no. 28).

I decided yesterday that the pilgrims then expected from Bombay shd be interned at Cuddapah. But this will be most inconvenient for all pilgrims from Mysore & the South of the Presy including Trav: & Cochin. The orders to Cuddapah had better therefore be stopped & Arconum be decided on — There was a rest camp there the site of which should still be available — Time is of importance so I think the Secty had better go & inspect. If he went up by the Exp. train he could be back next day by a train leaving Arkonam at 9.05 & reaching here at 12.55. This will be much quicker, as well as more satisfactory, than writing to the Collr. of N.A. for info.

HS

shd. I think be at Cuddapah as already proposed in connection with the detention of the pilgrims who, ~~were~~ as first arranged, were to be embarked at Madras.

We must now address the District & Political authorities ~~and~~ explaining the arrangement & asking them to report the numbers who notwithstanding all dissuasion persist in proceeding to Arabia this year. None can however be permitted to leave their homes for the camp of observation until all arrangements both there & at the port are ready.

Hyderabad will be our greatest danger; & I think we might ask the Resident whether the Nizam should not be moved to prohibit pilgrimage of his subjects this year altogether; & at any rate to do all he possibly can to ~~prevent~~ dissuade them. No pilgrim can leave Hyderabad for the hajj without a certificate from the Residency: but that certificate is given as a matter of course, the certificates being sent over in batches by the Darbar officials.

The ~~preliminary~~ orders suggested in the above note may issue in the first instance; and the subject will be considered in more detail when the file returns from circn. I do not wish to detain it longer now.

18/2/97

And they must find their own way to the camp, after obtaining permits in the district, say from divl. officers.

Office

Please see if under the ordinary pilgrim regulations every pilgrim has not to obtain a passport from the D. Magte. 19/

It would if there were any cases of plague in the Nizam's dominions. But is it necessary at present? It hardly seems so.

Yes, from the Dt magistrate from a Dt magistrate or a Tahsildar. Vide GOs 611 Public 21.7.82, 2066 Public 22.10.83, 185 Public 5.2.84 & 1570 Public 7.7.84 - Flags DEFG

Nein of course.

It would in this case be, as it were, a pass as far as [illegible]. It should not be granted without medl. inspection

The certificate is a passport in [illegible]

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 710 M

Order Lom 288 M 24/2/97

From The Government of India
Home Department

No.

Dated 18-2-1897
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SUBJECT.

Requesting that persons collected at Camp of observation prior to departure on pilgrimage may be disinfected along with ~~themselves~~ their clothes and effects ~~be~~ ~~disinfected~~ before leaving camp.

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From Govt. of India
Home Dept

Copy

"No. 540: Sanitary. My telegram No. 521 D. 17th regarding pilgrimage. Govt. of India request that persons collected at camp of observation prior to departure on pilgrimage may themselves, their clothes, & effects be disinfected before leaving camp."

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INDIAN TELEGRAPH.

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To Station Madras Adyar	From Station Calcutta		
Words 5/9	Day 18	Hour 15	Minute 50

Official Instruction.

To (Person) Secy Govt Local and municipal depts gambiers garden

From (Person) Home

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
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number 540 sanitary my telegram number 521 dated 17th ~~[illegible]~~ regarding pilgrimage government of india request that persons collected at camp of observation prior to departure on pilgrimage may themselves their clothes and effects be disinfected before leaving camp

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CURRENT No. 712 M

Order

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SUBJECT.

Suggesting certain arrangements for quarantining pilgrims before embarkation to Arabia.

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in the Madras
Times of 17-2-97

Class. Ns
Station Madras
Words. 54. Day. 4/17
To (Person) Madras
Depart

number 521 sanitary government of India have issued ×notification prohibiting departure on pilgrimage of pilgrims who are resident in the bombay presidency or send or who have gone there for purpose of embarkation; all persons who have entered bombay presid for purpose of pilgrimage will be taken to camp at nassik which bombay government reports will be open on 21st and kept there under observation for ten days or if plague takes place there till ten days after last case occurs* those belonging to madras will then be taken in

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charge ~~[illegible]~~ of official of bombay government to some place in madras to be arranged by the madras government and taken charge of by an official to be appointed by the madras government and should then be conveyed to their homes; government is defraying cost ~~[illegible]~~ of tickets for their journey × government of india will be obliged if government of madras will at once enter into communication with government of Bombay to arrange place at which such pilgrims shall be taken over by official of madras government and will make the necessary subsidiary arrangements to carry this decision ~~[illegible]~~ out + government of bombay have been requested to make arrangements for stopping intending

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wee were informed
of this by the telegram
received of the 14th
inst. 22/1/97 16.2.97

pilgrims from× entering bombay presidency at bhusawal ahmedabad hodgi and londa effectual and govern-ment of india will be obliged if madras government will take all measures possible to make it known to intending pilgrims that they will be turned back if they attempt to enter bombay presidency it is desirable that all efforts that are possible should be made through magistrates of districts the religious heads of the muhammadans

pilgrim brokers and in any other way the local government thinks best to dissuade intending pilgrims from going on haj this year but though by these means the number of pilgrims may be materially reduced it appears likely that considerable number may still

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wish to go on pilgrimage from places other than bombay presidency and sind; the government of india have decided that all who persist in desire to go on pilgrimage shall be collected prior to departure at camp of observation at distance from port and situated in province to which they belong or in case of residents of native states in province nearest to their state and placed under observation for at least seven days and until intimation is received from commissioner of police at port that steamer is ready to receive them; they will then be taken by special train and railed to place of departure of steamer and be at once placed on board + it is proposed that no tickets shall be sold at madras or calcutta and that they shall be purchasable only at camp of observation where pilgrims will be collected

government of india will be obliged if government of madras will now with as little delay as possible work out the arrangements necessary to carry this decision out and keep them and the government of the ports of departure informed of measures to be taken to carry it out it is in particular

desirable the place selected for observation should be intimated with least possible delay in order to make arrangements complete it will be necessary to communicate with political authorities of native states

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This belongs to pilgrim file

~~Order~~

This will be included in the special rules for pilgrims that must issue on the G. of I. Telegm of the 17th.

S. K. Roy

From The Govt of India Home Dept

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SUBJECT.

Reqg. that orders may be issued under Epidemic Diseases Act prohibiting Sale of tickets to pilgrims at Madras & arranging that they shall ~~only~~ be procurable only at observation Camps.–

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Telegraph to H.E. the Governor

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The following telegram has just been received from Home dept. begins " " ends

J.K.
20/2/97

No 614 Sanitary Secretary of State telegraphs that in consequence of strong opinions regarding possible communication of plague to Europe of all European Governments whom nothing short of prohibition will satisfy, Her Majesty's Government have decided that pilgrimage should be altogether suspended for the present season. Notification under Epidemic Diseases Act will issue at once. It is essential that reasons for decision of Her

Majesty's Government shall be made widely known by Government officers and that every Endeavour shall be made by the agency of Muhammadans of position and trust to explain them to those who had intended to proceed on pilgrimage and to Muhammadans generally. It will also be necessary to stop all intending pilgrims near their homes and on frontier of British India and to induce them to return to their homes so that they may not gather in large bodies. Governor-General-in-Council need not impress upon Government of Madras the importance of Endeavouring to make this decision as little unpalatable as possible to Muhammadans and relies upon Government of Madras to use all means in their power to do so.

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Public dept
Monday, 22/2/97

Gazette Extraordinary

The following Notfn. of the G. of I. is republished for general information

Notification of the Govt. of India — Home Dept. — d. 20th Feby 1897

"The question of the suspension of the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz having been under the consideration of the Govt. of India & Her Majesty's Govt., Her Majesty's Govt. have now come to the conclusion that in consequence of the strong opinions of all European governments including Turkey regarding the danger of plague being communicated to Europe it is impossible to meet their demands by any measure short of the suspension of the pilgrimage for the time being, the Govr.-General in

~~FOR ORDERS.~~

Council is therefore
pleased under section 2
subsection 1 of the
Epidemic Diseases Act
1897 to order that the
pilgrimage to the Hedjaz
shall be altogether suspended
for the current season"

~~(By order)~~

~~Chief Secy~~

By order of H.E.
the Govr in Council
J. F. Price
Chief Secy

Council is pleased
to issue under Section 2
subsection 1 of the
Epidemic Diseases Act
1897 to order that the
pilgrimage to the Hedjaz
shall be altogether discontinued
for the current season."

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To (Office) Madras	From (Office) Calcutta
Words 53 / Day 10. 19. / Hour 16 / Minute 29	Official Instructions Impt
To (Person) Secy. To Govt. Local and Municipal Deptt.	From (Person) Home

Number 567 Sanitary my telegram number 52 dated 17th Regarding pilgrimage government of india request that orders may be issued under epidemic diseases act prohibiting sale of tickets to pilgrims at Madras and arranging that they shall only be procurable at observation camps.

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MADRAS 19-2-97 Telegraph Master.

Confidential

Decipher of telegram from the Home Dept. G of I. dated 17th inst. addressed to the Chief Secy to Govt. Madras and received by him at 7.45 pm on the 17th inst.

My telegram of to-day pilgrimage. Govt. of India still considering in communication [with] Secretary of State for India question whether it should continue being permitted from Madras and Calcutta but meanwhile it is desirable arrangements detailed in my telegram should be got into working order.

(Correct decipher)

Chief Secy to Govt.

Feby 18th 1897.

H.M. xcccic

Circd. for information —

I have proposed arrangements as the telegram referred to in the file circd today with these.

18/2/97

I have just 5½ P.M. seen H.E. about this — He thinks that if we dont hear more soon, we should again wire to India — Please return this to me therefore on Saturday morning with any further papers which may have come in in the meantime.

18/2/97

Telegram of Govt. of India suspending pilgrimage subsequently recd. renders further action on this unnecessary.

22/2/97