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[Despatch Abstract.]

Bubonic Plague

Order with regard to the publication in the Fort St. George Gazette of certain notifications issued by the Govt. of Bombay, under the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897

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The notifications of the Government of Bombay under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, which are quoted below will be republished in the Fort St. George Gazette:—

~~No. 1093 563 P dated 24th Feb. 1897~~
~~No. 695 P " 1st March 1897~~
~~" 1103 - 686 P " " "~~
~~" 1103 - 687 P " 1st March 1897~~
" 1114 - 601 P " 2nd " "
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~~" 1160 - 669 P " 4th " "~~

2. Notification No. 1155 - 653 P dated 4th March 1897 referred to in the letter read above has not been received.

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From The Secretary to Govt. General Deptt. Bombay.

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No. 800 / P of 1897.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT:

Bombay Castle, 10th *March* 1897.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT;

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

SIR,

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Madras, the marginally noted Notifications issued by this Government under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Secretary to Government.

1071/541P dated 24th February 1897.
1093/563P dated 27th February 1897.
1102/586P dated 1st March 1897.
1103/587P dated 1st March 1897.
1108/595P dated 2nd March 1897.
1114/601P dated 2nd March 1897.
1113/608P dated 2nd March 1897.
1136/632P dated 3rd March 1897.
1137/634P dated 3rd March 1897.
1155/653P dated 4th March 1897.
1160/659 dated 4th March 1897.

Notification.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 27th February 1897.

No. $\frac{1071}{541\text{-P.}}$—In Rule 13 of the rules published under Government Notification No. 941—398-P., dated 20th February 1897, the words "of special value" should be substituted for the words "of any kind."

By order of His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council,

J. DEC. ATKINS,
Secretary to Government.

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Notification.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 27th February 1897.

No. $\frac{1093}{663\text{-P.}}$.—In exercise of the powers conferred by the Notification of the Government of India No. 302, dated 4th February 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council being satisfied that Sind is visited by an outbreak of a dangerous epidemic disease, namely bubonic plague, and that the ordinary provisions of the law are insufficient for the purpose of preventing such outbreak, is pleased to prescribe the following regulations for the inspection of persons travelling by railway and the segregation of persons affected or suspected of being infected with bubonic plague and for other matters under sub-section (2) (*b*) of Section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 :—

1. All persons travelling by railway, whether passengers or railway servants, from the direction of Karáchi or any other place that may hereafter be declared by the Commissioner in Sind to be visited with bubonic plague shall be medically inspected at the railway stations marginally noted, and at such other railway stations as the Commissioner in Sind may from time to time prescribe or may substitute for any station already prescribed.

Karáchi City Station.
Do. Cantonment do.
Dádu do.
Hyderabad do.

2. The medical inspection shall be made by a commissioned medical officer appointed by the Principal Medical Officer, Sind District, under the orders of the Commissioner in Sind either expressly for this purpose or in addition to other duties. If such medical officer is at any time unavoidably prevented from discharging his duties under these regulations, he may by order in writing temporarily depute a medical subordinate or another commissioned medical officer, informing the Principal Medical Officer immediately. The officers at present appointed are :—

At Karáchi City Station ... } Surgeon-Lieutenant Rainier, I. M. S.
Do. Cantonment Station }
At Dádu ... ... Surgeon-Lieutenant Gwyther, I. M. S.
At Hyderabad ... ... The Civil Surgeon.

3. The medical inspection shall be conducted at each railway station in the following manner :

Karáchi City Station.

(*a*) Before commencing the inspection, the medical officer shall satisfy himself that no persons are concealed in the train, that the carriages are locked on both sides, that the platform is clear, and that there is no possibility of any access to the train by any non-inspected person. It shall be the duty of the station master and of the Police to carry out these provisions to the satisfaction of the medical officer.

(*b*) If found convenient, intending passengers may be arranged on the platform for inspection and passed one by one into the carriages, or may be inspected one by one as they pass to the platform through the gate where they are required to show their tickets. In the latter case, they shall at once take their seats in the carriages. As soon as the inspection is finished, the train, all carriages being locked on both sides, will proceed to the Cantonment Station accompanied by the medical officer.

Karáchi Cantonment Station.

(*a*) Before arrival of the train at the Karáchi Cantonment Station, the side away from the platform should be guarded by police to prevent access to the train on that side. All intending passengers should be drawn up on the platform, arranged by families or otherwise as may be most convenient for passing persons after inspection into the carriages without possibility of any non-inspected person eluding inspection.

(*b*) As soon as the inspection is finished, the doors may be unlocked on both sides under proper precautions. After the doors have been unlocked, no person shall enter the train, and the train shall at once leave the station. The doors shall not be unlocked till the station master has satisfied himself that every person intending to travel has taken his seat (except the guards in charge of the train), that the train can start at once, and that the police on both sides of the train have cleared away all bystanders. The medical officer will see that these regulations are strictly observed.

Dádu Station.

(*a*) All persons intending to travel by the up-train from Karáchi will remain outside the platform till the inspection of persons arriving by the train is completed. If shall be the duty of the station master to see that the platform is kept clear of all persons except those actually on duty or who may be permitted by the medical officer to remain. The medical officer shall see that the platform is clear and properly guarded, and that police are stationed to prevent any persons leaving the train on the side away from the platform.

(*b*) On arrival of the train at Dádu, all the carriages shall be immediately locked on the side away from the platform. At the station immediately preceding Dádu the guard of the train shall lock all carriages on the side that will be next the platform on arrival at Dádu.

(*c*) On arrival of the train, each carriage separately or two at a time will be unlocked. The occupants of the carriage shall alight on the platform and be there inspected by the medical officer. Those who do not wish to proceed farther will after inspection be allowed to depart. Those who wish to proceed, will re-enter the carriage. As the inspection of each carriage is completed, the empty carriage shall be searched to ascertain that no person is concealed in it, the inspected persons shall reseat themselves, and the doors be relocked. When all the persons arriving in the train have been thus inspected and reseated, the medical officer shall inspect the local passengers from Dádu intending to proceed by the train. He may either direct that the passengers be drawn up on the empty platform for inspection or inspect them as they show their tickets. In either case after inspection the inspected persons shall forthwith enter the carriage which is unlocked for the purpose.

(*d*) As soon as the inspection is completed, the doors of the train shall be unlocked on both sides under the same precautions as are prescribed for Karáchi Cantonment Station.

Hyderabad Station.

The arrangements shall be the same as at Dádu.

N.B.—No train shall leave any of the above stations without a certificate to be given by the medical officer to the guard in the form annexed, and to be shown by the guard when so required.

4. At the prescribed platform inspecting stations no passenger shall enter a train or remain in a train without inspection. The inspection of females shall be conducted with due regard to custom.

5. After inspection of any person, the medical officer shall have power to and shall detain any person suffering from or suspected to be suffering from or infected by bubonic plague or any person who the medical officer has reason to believe may have contracted the disease or be likely to spread infection and to keep such persons under observation in temporary accommodation provided for the purpose for so long as he may deem necessary. The medical officer shall keep a register of all persons detained and released or have died, with full particulars.

6. It shall be the duty of the medical officer, in the absence of other arrangements, to attend on any person so detained and accepting his services, and to see that the accommodation provided is suitable and sufficient, and that, if necessary, provisions, water and firewood are supplied, and immediately to bring to notice of the Principal Medical Officer or the Collector of the District any defect in the arrangements.

7. No person thus segregated shall quit the place set apart without permission of the medical officer. It shall be the duty of the police to prevent any person leaving till permission is given.

8. The medical officer shall have power to seize and disinfect or burn all clothing, bedding or other articles which may, in his opinion, be infected, and shall value and pay compensation on the spot. A permanent advance of Rs. 100 shall be provided to each officer by the Collector of the District. The medical officer shall keep accounts and submit bills and vouchers in such way as the Collector may require. The medical officer may after allowing any person to quit the segregated area, furnish a ticket to such person to his house if such person has not the means of buying a ticket. Provided that the railway will be bound to refund to the medical officer the excess value of the ticket of all persons detained.

9. The medical officer will see that there is separate accommodation for the sick and for the healthy persons detained, or who may elect to stay with a person who is detained. Any friend or relative may be permitted to stay with a person detained, and one or two persons shall be permitted to attend on any sick person. Every reasonable attention shall be paid to the comfort of persons detained, and complaints that he cannot meet shall be forwarded by the medical officer to the Collector of the District, with his remarks as to whether the complaint is reasonable or otherwise.

10. Nothing in the above regulations shall affect the inspection of passengers entering or alighting from a train at other stations on the line by such persons as the Principal Medical Officer under instructions from the Commissioner in Sind has appointed or may appoint.

Form of a Certificate to be furnished by the Inspecting Medical Officer to the Guard of the Train.

I hereby certify that I have examined all the passengers and railway servants proceeding by the..... .....Train leaving..... .....Station, North-West Railway, at.....hours.....minutes, and that so far as I could ascertain they are free from suspicion of Bubonic Plague, and the Regulations for inspection were duly observed.

Station.....
Date.....

Inspecting Medical Officer.

By order of His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council,

J. DEC. ATKINS,
Secretary to Government.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 1st March 1897.

No. 575-P.—*Erratum.*—In Government Resolution No. 991—460-P., dated 23rd February 1897, *for* "Government Notification No. 884—352-P. dated 17th February 1897," *read* "Government Notifications 257-P. dated 11th February 1897, No. 882—350-P. dated 17th idem, No. 883—351-P. dated 17th idem, and No. 884—352-P. dated 17th idem."

No $\frac{1102}{586\text{-P.}}$.—Under Act III of 1897 the Governor in Council is pleased to prescribe as a temporary regulation that all persons practising medicine, whether qualified or not, shall report, within twenty-four hours, to the Mámlatdár of the táluka in which they happen to be, any plague cases or cases of fever with glandular swellings which come to their notice.

No. $\frac{1103}{587\text{-P.}}$—It is hereby prescribed, as a temporary regulation under Act III of 1897, that all persons shall, on demand, give their names and addresses and mention their business and intentions regarding future movements to Railway Station-masters, Plague authorities and any other persons whom District Magistrates may empower to collect such information.

Bombay Castle, 2nd March 1897.

No. $\frac{1114}{601\text{-P.}}$—With reference to Government Notification No. 941—398-P., dated 20th February 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following additions to the rules therein published under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897:—

"When a person dies of the plague elsewhere than within the limits of a hospital, no one shall touch the corpse except those who undertake the necessary duties of preparing it for the funeral. Such persons shall disinfect themselves according to the orders of the Plague authority or person authorized by the Plague authority.

Every person passing by any chauki or other place provided by the District Magistrate for the inspection of travellers shall submit to examination if required and to detention in any hospital or quarantine camp which may have been established for that purpose.

Every Police Patel shall prevent the entrance into his village site of any person believed by him to be suffering from the plague. If there be any such person anywhere within the limits of his village area, he shall either send him in a cart or litter to the nearest isolation hospital, or if it be too far, shall forthwith build or allot a hut for him outside the village site and detain him there until the orders of the Mámlatdár are received. The companions of any such person shall also not be allowed to enter the village site, but the Patel shall send them such supplies as they may require and shall give them reasonable assistance to accommodate themselves in the fields during their detention."

No. $\frac{1123}{608\text{-P.}}$.—Dhond and Rájevádi are hereby added to the railway stations mentioned in paragraph 2 of Government Resolution No. 723—211-P. of the 10th February 1897 and paragraph 1 of Government Resolution No. 751—249-P. of the 11th idem.

Bombay Castle, 3rd March 1897.

No. $\frac{1136}{632\text{-P.}}$.—The following Resolution of Government is published for general information:—

"Under the provisions of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, District Magistrates are empowered, when they consider it necessary, to impose quarantine at any place or places against any other place or places.

2. They should report their action to Government without delay."

No. $\frac{1137}{634\text{-P.}}$.—The following Resolution of Government is published for general information:—

"As a temporary regulation His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased, under Act III of 1897, to prescribe that all pilgrimages and fairs are prohibited in the Thána and Poona Districts pending further orders. If the Collectors of those districts recommend any exemptions from this rule, they should state their reasons fully."

By order of His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council,

J. DEC. ATKINS,
Secretary to Government.

Bubonic Plague.—
Medical inspection of persons coming into Bombay by sea, rail or road.

General Department.

No. 1108 / 595-P.

Bombay Castle,
2nd March 1897.

Letter from the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, No. 24588, dated the 18th February 1897—

Represents the necessity for preventing the ingress of persons suffering from or infected with bubonic plague into the limits of Bombay as far as possible and for checking the ingress of emaciated or sickly persons from the Deccan districts into the urban area.

Letter from the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, No. 25123, dated the 23rd February 1897—

Forwards, for such action as may be deemed fit, copy of the following letter No. 42078, dated 16th February 1897, from the Health Officer, Bombay Municipality :—

> "With reference to Government Resolution in the General Department, No. 592, dated the 3rd idem, relative to the imposition of quarantine at Karáchi against arrivals from Bombay, I have the honour to suggest that Government be addressed on the subject of having a rigorous examination of all passengers coming to Bombay from Karáchi and Coast ports north and south. I understand that a large number of persons have returned to Bombay from Verával on account of the scarcity there, and as time goes on there must be many returning from the surrounding districts driven out by scarcity or poverty."

Letter from the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, No. 25542, dated the 27th February 1897—

Forwards copy of the following letter No. 43097, dated 25th February 1897, from the Health Officer, Bombay Municipality; and requests that the question may be disposed of as soon as practicable :—

> "In continuation of this office letter No. 41507 of 10th instant, I have the honour to earnestly urge the immediate extension of the system of Medical examination to all persons coming to Bombay. I hear that a large number of people are coming in from Gujarát."

Letter from Surgeon-Major A. W. F. Street, D.S.O., I.M.S., on special duty, No. 16, dated the 27th February 1897—

Suggests that steps should be taken to prevent persons suffering from plague being brought into Bombay.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor in Council will be prepared to sanction, if necessary, a rule under Act III of 1897, prescribing, as a temporary regulation, that nobody shall be allowed to enter Bombay, by rail, sea or road, without submitting to medical inspection and, if necessary, detention under observation if suspected to be suffering from plague, or removal to a hospital if found to be suffering from that disease. This rule cannot be made, however, until an adequate inspecting staff has been provided. The Municipal Commissioner should, without delay, make arrangements for such a staff, the cost of which —— the Governor in Council is pleased to direct under Section 2 (1) of the Act —— shall be borne by the Bombay Municipality.

J. DE C. ATKINS,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay,
All Commissioners and Collectors,
The Commissioner of Customs, Salt, Opium and A'bkári,
The Collector of Land Revenue, Customs and Opium, Bombay,

[*P. T. O.*

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The Collector of Salt Revenue,
The Sanitary Commissioner for the Government of Bombay,
The Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay,
The Government Solicitor,
The Health Officer of the Port of Bombay,
The Revenue Department of the Secretariat,
The Financial Department of the Secretariat,
The Political Department of the Secretariat,
The Port Officer, Bombay,
Surgeon-Major A. W. F. Street, D.S.O., I.M.S., on special duty,
The Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor,
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat,
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat, Railway,
The Judicial Department of the Secretariat.

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Bubonic Plague.—
Rule prohibiting dhobies in Sind from washing clothes except with a license to do so.

General Department.
No. 1160
659-P.

Bombay Castle,
4th March 1897.

Telegram from the Commissioner in Sind, No. 223, dated the 2nd March 1897:—
"Under Act 3 of 1897, please sanction rule prohibiting dhobies wash clothes except in accordance with provisions of a license to be granted by District Magistrate. Cases of plague have occurred among dhobies. Making regulations necessary."

RESOLUTION.—The following notification to be issued:—

"Under Act III of 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to prescribe, as a temporary regulation, that no dhobies in places in Sind to which this rule may be extended by the Commissioner shall wash clothes except in accordance with a license granted by District Magistrate."

2. Commissioners of Divisions should report whether they consider a similar rule desirable for the Presidency proper.

J. DE C. ATKINS,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Commissioner in Sind,
The Commmissioner of Divisions,
All Collectors,
The Sanitary Commissioner for the Government of Bombay,
The Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay,
The Judicial Department of the Secretariat,
The Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor,
Surgeon-Major A. W. F. Street, D.S.O., I.M.S., on special duty,
The Joint Plague Commissioners,
The Government of India (by letter).

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