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G.O., No. 712 M.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Bubonic Plague.

Recording with remarks letter from the Collector of Kistna, reporting the measures taken in the way of enforcing the regulations under the Epidemic Diseases Act in Connection with the —

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Recorded with the following remarks:—

(1) Regulation~~s~~ No~~s~~ 14 ~~and 15~~ prescribed for District Municipalities and towns and villages should also be applied since ~~to the~~ an inspection station has been ~~District of Kistna~~ notified in the district. Reg. 15 ~~is of general application~~, which merely recites the penalties provided by the Epid Dis Act, necessarily comes into force ~~is of general application~~ whenever any regulation under the Act is applied & should be extended accordingly

(2) It is understood that ~~the~~ the accomodation required to be provided for the isolation, treatment and detention of the persons suffering or suspected to be suffering from the plague ~~should~~ will be limited to cheap and temporary huts, ~~so that the Municipalities and the Local Boards may not be unduly taxed~~

(3) The powers of the Collector under Regulations V, IX & XII ~~should always~~ are it is assumed to [illegible] ~~be~~ delegated (~~to the Divisional~~

men in Unions. The Govt. does not consider it advisable that ~~officers, their jurisdiction being extended to the Unions and the Chairmen of the Union Panchayats eliminated, as they are scarcely persons fitted to exercise~~ the drastic powers ~~under~~ imposed by these Regulations should be entrusted to Union Chairmen. The authority ~~(Town orders)~~ shd. ~~for~~ such places be delegated to the officers ~~specified for change~~ in the Collector's orders as having authority "for the rest of the district" i.e. "the Divisional Officer, the Dt Med. & Sany. Offr. & the Civil Surgeon further"

V.R.
25/3/97

25/3/97

To. The Collector of Kistna P to all

Copy to the Surgeon-General

.. .. Sanitary Commissioner

.. .. ~~Public Department~~

.. .. P.W.D. (Railway Branch)

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SUBJECT.

1. H.O.
2. H.E. the Governor

FOR ORDERS.

The Collector has brought into force all the regulations excepting Nos. 7, 14 and 15 in his district. It is necessary to apply Regulation 15 also as it provides penalties for infringement of the other regulations and regulation 14 also may now be brought into force as Bezwada has been appointed as an inspection station under G.O No. 569 M dated 16th March 1897.

2. The appointment of Bezwada as an inspection Station makes the proposed examination of passengers at Ganginemi at the frontier unnecessary. 3. A reference has been made to the Sanitary

Yes: but 15 shd not have been numbered as a Regulⁿ. It however only repeats the law, which is independent of it.

They don't want both Bezwada & Ganginemi

Commissioner on the Collector's letter No. 33 dated 2nd March 1897. Vide G.O. No. 521m dated 13th March 1897.

V.R.
17/3/97

H.M.

The action taken under the Regulations is pretty extensive & perhaps somewhat more than is actually necessary; but ~~[illegible]~~ is really all precautionary – chiefly empowering officers to exercise powers when the eventualities arise. The only matters involving expenditure are the provision of plague accommodation & medical equipment at six places in the district – 3 municipal towns & three unions – The accommod: is not excessive & if it is limited to temporary huts sh'd not be expensive or unduly tax either the Mukes. or the Local Board.

Under Reg. V. Union chairmen are among those authorized to reduce overcrowding; & under Reg IX they are also among those authorized to cause the destruction of huts or sheds if it is deemed necessary for the purpose of preventing the spread of the plague; & under Reg XII they have been authorized summarily to abate any of the numerous nuisances specified in the regulation.

In all of these cases a Union Chairman, often of no more intelligence than a superior ryot, is scarcely a person fitted to exercise these very drastic powers. "For the rest of the district" the Divisional Officer is the authority empowered, & his jurisdiction should be extended to the Unions, & the Union Chairman eliminated.

With this exception I see nothing to object to in Mr. Atkinson's instructions which are safe & good.

S.R.
22/3/97

Dagree
HW

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Reporting on the measures taken to enforce the Regulations under the Epidemic Diseases Act.

Collector

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Notice

Bubonic plague.

Whereas the Epidemic disease known as Bubonic plague is prevailing at Bombay, Poona and other places on this side of Bombay, and threatens to attack this District also, the Collector in exercise of the powers Conferred and the duties imposed on him by the Regulations under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, for District Municipalities & Towns & Villages, published on pages 4 to 6 of the Fort St. George Gazette dated 15.2.97, issues the following instructions for the information & guidance of all officers Concerned.

Regulation II — The Chairman of the Municipal Council of Masulipatam, Bezwada & Guntur, are, under this Regulation, required to provide and maintain suitable accommodation, sufficient for 5 persons in each case, (i) for the isolation and treatment of persons suffering or suspected to be suffering from the bubonic plague, and (ii) for their detention until they shall be certified by the medical officer in charge to be free from infection.

The President of the District Board is required to provide similar accommodation for three persons at Vinukonda, for two at Dachepalle, and for two at Jaggiapet. The afore-mentioned officers are required to fix the localities proper for the purpose in consultation with the District Medical and Sanitary Officer or the Medical officers that may be deputed by him.

The hospital establishments, equipment and supplies to be furnished in each of the aforesaid six places, will be notified hereafter.

Regulation III. Under Clauses (a) & (b) of this Regulation, the Collector hereby empowers generally in the case of the aforesaid six places, the Senior Medical Officers at the Stations, the Chairman of the Municipalities or Unions as the case may be, the Divisional Officers and the Sub. Magistrates, within their respective jurisdictions, to enter any building or place within a Municipality, town or village, where there is a person suffering or suspected to be suffering from the bubonic plague, & (a) to remove him to one of the places of accommodation provided under Regulation II, and in such place or in some other place so provided to which at the discretion of the Medical Officer in charge he may from time to time be removed, to detain and treat him ~~until~~ until he shall be certified by the said Medical Officer to be free from infection; or (b) to take measures for the segregation and isolation of the person in his own house or in some other suitable place, if in the opinion of the Medical Officer in charge the person can be there treated with no greater risk of spreading the infection than if he were removed to a place provided under Regulation II.

In regard to all other towns and villages, the Collector empowers generally the Village Magistrates, the Divisional Officers, the Medical Officers in independent charge, & the Sub. Magistrates within whose jurisdiction the places lie, to take measures for the segregation and isolation of the patient in his own house or in some other suitable place, under Clause (b) of this Regulation.

Regulation IV – The Collector & President of the District Board authorises under this regulation, the Medical Officers in ~~cho~~ independent charge, the Chairman of the Municipalities or Unions as the case may be, the Divisional Officers & the Sub Magistrates and the village Magistrates within their respective jurisdiction to enter upon & occupy any building or place which is required for and is in the opinion of the Dt. Medical & Sanitary Officer or the Medical Officer deputed by him in this behalf suitable for the purpose of the accommodation to be provided under Regulation II.

Regulation V – Under this regulation, the Collector generally empowers the following Officers to require, by notice posted on some conspicuous part of the building or place, the owner or occupier if actually residing in the building or place, or the tenants or actual occupants thereof, to abate the overcrowding within 24 hours by reducing the number of lodgers, tenants or other occupants of the said building or place, if in his opinion, the said building or place is so overcrowded as to make the inmates or occupiers specially liable to an attack of the bubonic plague; and in default of compliance with the requisition in the said notice; to summarily eject all the inmates or occupants, or reduce the number of the same

in such

in such manner and to such extent as may
appear necessary:—

(a) The District Medical and Sanitary
Officer, the Chairman of the Municipal
Council, the Assistant Surgeon, and
the Head Quarter Deputy Collector for
the Masulipatam Municipality.

Each called them?

(b) The District Medical & Sanitary Officer,
the Civil Apothecary, the Chairman
of the Municipal Council, and the Head
Assistant Collector for the Bezwada
Municipality.

(c) The District Medical and Sanitary Officer,
the Civil Surgeon, the Chairman of the
Municipal Council, and the Sub
Collector for the Guntur Municipality

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(d) The Local Medical Officers and the
Chairmen of unions, for their respective
unions

(e) The District Medical and Sanitary
Officer, the Civil Surgeon, Guntur, and the
Divisional Officers concerned for the
rest of the District.

Regulation VI.— The Collector generally authorise
under this Regulation, the following officers
summarily cause any building or place to
be vacated and thoroughly cleansed and di
-infected, when, in the opinion of the Med
officer appointed in this behalf, such
building or place has been so infected
with the plague as to render its further
occupation a source of danger to the in
-mates thereof.

(a) The District Medical & Sanitary Officer, the
Chairman of the Municipal Council, the Ass
-ant Surgeon and the Head Quarters Deput

[illegible] Municipality

(b) The District Medical & Sanitary Officer, the Civil Apothecary, the Chairman of the Municipal Council, and the Head Assistant Collector for the Bezwada Municipality.

(c) The District Medical & Sanitary Officer, the Civil Surgeon, the Chairman of the Municipal Council, and the Sub Collector for the Guntur Municipality.

(d) The Local Medical Officers and the Chairmen of Unions for their respective unions.

(e) The District Medical & Sanitary Officer, the Civil Surgeon, Guntur, and the Divisional Officers concerned for the rest of the District.

Regulation VIII - Under this Regulation the Collector authorises the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, the Assistant Surgeon, the Civil Surgeon, all Medical Officers in independent charge, the Divisional Officers and the Chairmen of Municipal Councils and Unions within their respective ~~unions~~ jurisdictions to prohibit by public notice the removal of use of water from any well, tank or other place, when in their opinion, such water is likely, if used for drinking, to engender, or to cause the spread of the plague.

Regulation IX - The Collector hereby generally authorises the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, the Assistant Surgeon, the Civil Surgeon, All Medical Officers in independent charge, the Divisional Officers, the Chairmen of Municipal Councils and Unions, and all Tahsildars and Magistrates, to summarily take measures under Regulation IX for the destruction of any hut or shed, and the materials of which it is constructed, if they are of opinion that the destruction of such hut or shed is necessary of the plague.

Regulation XI. The Collector appoints the undermentioned Medical Officers as the officers to whose satisfaction every building or part of a building, proposed to be let, in which the person letting it knows or has reason to know that a person has been suffering from the plague, and every article therein, likely to retain infection, has to be disinfected:-

(a) The District Medical and Sanitary Officer, the Assistant Surgeon, and the Civil Surgeon, for the whole District.

(b) The Medical Officers in independent charge for the Taluqs in which they are employed.

(c) The Civil Apothecary, Bezwada specially for Sitanagaram, Undavalli, and Tadepally.

Regulation XII - The Collector generally authorises under this regulation the following Officers when they consider it necessary, to enter upon any premises, whether situated in a Municipality or not, at any time during day-light and to summarily execute any work required under or summarily abate any of the nuisances described or indicated in sections 186, 220, 221, and 228 of the District Municipalities Act, 1884, or sections 99 and 101 of the Local Boards Act, 1884:-

(a) The District Medical and Sanitary Offic the Chairman of the Municipal Counc the Assistant Surgeon, and the Head Qua Deputy Collector for the Masulipatam Municipality

(b) The District Medical ~~off~~ and Sanitary Officer, the Civil Apothecary, the Chair of the Municipal Council, and the Assistant Collector for the Bezwada

(c) The District Medical & Sanitary Officer, the Civil Surgeon, the Chairman of the Municipal Council and the Sub Collector for the Guntur Municipality.

(d) The local medical officers and the Chairman of Unions, for their respective unions

(e) The District Medical & Sanitary Officer, the Civil Surgeon, Guntur, and the Divisional Officers concerned for the rest of the District.

(True copy)

J. N. Atkinson
13.3.97
Collector

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Copy of Circular letter No. Refarising 46 M./Eng. 897 (despd. 24th Feb. /97) to the Chairmen of all Municipal Councils, Kistna Dt.

Referring to Regulation XIII of the Regulations under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, for District Municipalities & Towns & Villages, published on pages 4 to 6 of the Fort St. George Gazette, Extraordinary dated 15th February/97. I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to bring to my notice, as soon as they occur, cases of Collection of rags in rag-picker's houses and rag-stores or of Second hand Gunny bags imported from any part of India infected by the Bubonic Plague. Such cases should simultaneously be reported to the local magistracy for action under Section 144 C. Cr. P.

(True copy)

J. N. Atkinson
13.3.97
Collector

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Copy of letter to the District Medical & Sanitary Officer Kistna. (No. R. C. 46 M./Eng. 897 Dated 24th Feb. 97)

Referring to Regulation IV of the Regulations under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, for District Municipalities & Towns & Villages published on pages 4 to 6 of the Fort St. George Gazette, Extraordinary, dated 15th Feb. /97, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to depute the Medical Officers in charge of all hospitals and Dispensaries in the District to exercise their discretion in deciding on the suitability of a building or place for the purpose of the accommodation to be provided under Regulation II of the said Regulations, & report the fact to this office.

2. Please also report with reference to Regulation II what hospital establishment, equipment & supplies are necessary in each of the marginally noted six places in which it has been proposed to provide accommodation for the treatment & detention of the plague patients.

1. Masulipatam Municipality
2. Bezwada do.
3. Guntur do.
4. Vinukonda Union
5. Dachepalle do.
6. Jaggiapet do.

(True Copy)

J. N. Atkinson
13.3.97.
Collector

[illegible] the District [illegible]

Referring to Magistrate [illegible] of the Regulation [illegible]

[illegible]

considering the Epidemic diseases Act [illegible]

19th February 1897. It appeared to me necessary that I should have all arrangements to combat a possible outbreak of the plague completely organised before hand. I therefore at once ordered the publication of a notification (copy attached) in the District Gazette [illegible] Rules Nos II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and [illegible]

On the same date (19-2-97) I addressed a letter to the Chairman Municipal Council Bezwada and [illegible]

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Circular

In pursuance of the instructions contained in G.O. No 111 L. D/19/1/97 the Chairman of the Bezwada Municipal Council will be requested to see that on each day on which passengers from the parts affected by Bubonic plague, who are bound for any village in the Kistna District, arrive at Bezwada, a list of such passengers, with their addresses and other details which are being recorded about them is furnished to the Tahsildar, within whose jurisdiction the village lies.

2. The Tahsildar should cause extracts from this to be sent to the munsiff of the village to which the passenger proceeds with instructions to daily observe the health of the individual, to promptly report the appearance of any suspicious symptoms or failing the appearance of such symptoms, to report at the end of 10 days that the individual is in good health.

Kistna Collectorate
19/2/97

For Collector 24/2/97

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OFFICE
OF THE
COLLECTOR & MAGISTRATE,
MASULIPATAM,
KISTNA DISTRICT.
Dated 11th March 1897.
Camp - Guntur.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
1170 M

FROM,
J. S. Atkinson Esquire,
Collector, Kistna District.

To,
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Fort St. George.

SIR,

In reference to para 2 of G. O. No 219 A. M. dated 15th February /97. I have the honor to report as follows.

2. The Extraordinary issue of the Fort St. George Gazette dated 15th February /97 containing regulations under the Epidemic diseases Act reached me on 19th February /97. It appeared to me necessary that I should have all arrangements to combat a possible outbreak of the plague, completely organised before hand. I therefore at once ordered the publication of a notification (Copy appended) in the District Gazette issuing instructions regarding Rules Nos. II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX, XI and XII. On the same date (19.2.97) I addressed a Circular letter* to the Chairmen Municipal Councils Guntur, Bezwada and Masulipatam, requesting them to

* copy enclosed.

report all cases of importation of rags or second hand gunny bags from plague-infected areas. I also requested+ the District Medical and Sanitary Officer to instruct his subordinate staff to select places where it may be necessary to provide accommodation under Rule II. A Circular (Copy submitted) was issued containing instructions regarding the watching of passengers that might arrive at Bezwada from any plague area.

+ Copy submitted

3. In his letter Ref. on C. no. $\frac{295}{\text{Mag}^{\text{te}}}$ of 97 dated 1st March/97 the Deputy Magistrate in charge of the Sub. Division reported to me that a quantity of second hand gunny bags had been imported into the town of Guntur from Ahmadnuggar, which according to private information & news paper reports is a plague infected area; that the local Civil Surgeon was of opinion that they should be immediately destroyed, & that he had issued orders for their destruction considering that it would be dangerous to wait for my orders as required by Rule XIII. I received this letter while in Camp at Vinukonda after the destruction of the second hand gunnies. I then issued a formal proceeding ordering the destruction of the gunny bags, the Deputy Collectors' order being ultra vires. It was in consequence of this occurrence that I requested Government in my letter Dis. No. $\frac{33}{\text{Tour}}$ of 97 dated 2nd March/97 to permit of the delegation of Collectors' powers under Regulation XIII to other officers.

G.O. 521 m
13/3/97

4. In consequence of the destruction of these gunny bags, importers of second hand gunnies from Ahmednuggar began to rebook them to that place. The Deputy Magistrate in reporting this fact asked my orders whether the rebooking should be permitted or not. Considering that upto then I had no official cognizance of the fact of plague having broken out in Ahmednaggar, I informed him that rebooking of gunnies to the place of consignment might be permitted; but that the places where the bags had been kept during their stay in Guntur should be carefully disinfected under the superintendence of the Civil Surgeon.

5. I have seen statements in the news papers that since the establishment of the observation and inspection staff at Wadi, many cases of plague have been discovered among passengers to Hyderabad (Deccan). I submit that it is more than probable that, prior to the establishment of this staff cases passed through Wadi without detection, and that bubonic plague may even now be prevalent in Hyderabad; even as it was in Bombay for many weeks without attracting any attention. I have the honor therefore to suggest that it would be advisable to make one of the Railway Stations on the Nizam's Guaranteed State Railway an inspecting station. If Government approves of this suggestion, I should recommend Gauginani, the frontier station, for the purpose.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant,
J. N. Atkinson
13.3.97
Collector.

Dy 11/3/97 K.S.

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FROM,

THE COLLECTOR,
KISTNA DISTRICT.

To,

THE CHIEF SECRETARY,
TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT,
FORT St. GEORGE.

Dated 11th March 1897.
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