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Order.

To the Hon Mr Bliss

23/3/97

The Ceylon Port wants to station an officer at Tuticorin to examine pass passengers for Ceylon - But (1) this is the very thing we are doing already & confusion & disputes will almost certainly arise if a Ceylon officer undertakes the same duty, and (2) the Ceylon officer would have no power to examine pass passengers - I cannot concur

24/3/97

The following telegram will be despatched to the Colonial Secretary, Colombo:—
"your telegram nineteenth instant. No objection to Ceylon officer being stationed at Tuticorin during prevalence of plague"

(From order)

Note for the Day

As regards the Ceylon officer at Pamban has referred to by Mr. B. & no papers can be traced. Please see telephone messages from the Marine Dept. and the Ceylon Port Dept. - B.D.

Neither Karul or Rev. I. P. P. have any thing to do with it.

Copy to the Col. of Trincomalee

Surg. Genl.

Sand. Comd.

Political Dept.

Marine Dept.

23/3/97

As to this, H.L. is right as to the matter of years ago. Whether it is still continued I don't know - I suspect it is - there used to be a Mr. Reedy (or some such name) who used to supervise the shipping on this side of the Ceylon Migration trips, but I don't know that his duties were quite the same as those now performing.

24/3/97

Hon Mr Bliss

With regard to above it is not known how with regard to whether the Ceylon still maintains an establishment for passing immigrants at Pamban but it is believed it does. Emigration to Ceylon is however is not under State regulation on this side. Anyone may emigrate to Ceylon who pleases: & the Ceylon Port keeps a super

crisis, wholly extra legal, on
emigrant coolies solely for the benefit
of their planters. There is no statutory
examⁿ or inspection. Under the Plague Act
the med. examⁿ is statutory: &
the Ceylon medical officer who
comes to Tuticorin will have to
be appointed under our Act &
regulations, unless it is intended
that he shall simply stand by
& see how our medical officer
discharges his statutory duties

S.H. 26/2/97

Yes - This is my recollection
of it. BS

My recollection also.
A.H.

I should certainly not entrust
a Ceylon officer, over whom
we have no authority, with
authority under the Plague
Act, or in any other way in
this Pass^{age}. ^{Lower} Whiffen says:
Colleges, who think the Ceylon
Govt. shd. be allowed to send a man
over here, & say what he is to
do & how he is to do it.

BS

26/3/97

On reconsideration I do not
see how we can give a Ceylon man
any authority. If they like to
send a man simply to look on I
don't think we shd. refuse

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27/3/97

I do not think we should invest a Ceylon officer with
authority, more especially as we have our officer of
our own exercising the authority in question. But,
it would be no harm to allow a Ceylon officer to
come to Tuticorin, to observe the working of the
preventive measures, so as to be able to inform

his government of their sufficiency or
otherwise from his government's point
of view. The Ceylon government might
be told that we should have no objection
to the presence of their officer at
Tuticorin, but that he could only observe
the proceedings of our authorities and
could not be vested with any
power to act.

A.H.

30.3.97

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 1240/M

11/11/11
For Orders 142 the Governor
3/11/11

A civil apothecary has been
deputed for quarantine duty at the
port of Tuticorin - Vide G.O. No. 338 m
dated 15th March 1897 - and the Government
of Ceylon has been informed by telegraph
that the necessary orders have been issued
regarding the emigration of coolies
from infected localities - Vide G.O. No. 629 m
dated 19th March 1897. The Government
of Ceylon now wishes to know whether
the Government has any objection
to a Ceylon officer being stationed at
Tuticorin to examine & pass passengers
for Ceylon. The proposed arrangement does
not appear to be desirable.

Telegram
From

The Colonial Secretary
Kandy

No.

Dated 19-3-1897

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SUBJECT.

Enquiring whether the Madras Govt.
has any objection to Ceylon officer
being stationed at Tuticorin to examine
and pass passengers for Ceylon.

12/11/11
H.H.

I don't think we sh^d.

admit the proposal. Our officers
are just as trustworthy & conscientious
as any medical officer the Ceylon gov^t

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can be easily got. By allowing
a Ceylon officer to exercise a sort
of supervision over our proceedings
we sh^d. ~~not~~ be putting ourselves
in an invidious position, incur
the risk of discussions with the
colonial authorities. We may decline
politely

FURTHER PAPERS.

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I think so -

MS

20/3/97

I think I am right in saying that we already allow the
Ceylon port. to station one of their officers at Pombur,
to inspect and pass intending emigrants from Malacca
to Ceylon. I think, the Ceylon officer
at Pombur. It does not mean to be a new departure
therefore, for the Ceylon port. to ask for permission
to station a man at Tuticorum. A refusal may
result in Ceylon's preventing Tuticorum. Ceylon
has great interest at stake in keeping Colombo
free from quarantine. I think the proposal
should be met, if possible, in a friendly way. I
would grant permission during the prevalence of
the plague.

MS

21.3.97

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23/3/97

T-14		INDIAN TELEGRAPH.		Monthly Local No.
Class.	To	From		
Station	Station	Station		
Words.	Day	Hour	Minute	Official Instruction.
24	19	18	22	
To (Person)	From (Person)			
Secretary Government		Colonial Secretary		
Madras. Mysore. Ceylon.				
Have you any objection				
to Ceylon officer being				
stationed at Tuticorum				
to examine and pass				
passengers for Ceylon				
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STATEMENT WITH DUTY

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