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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 1192 M

DATED 13. 5. 97.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Bubonic Plague. Informing the Collector of Kistna that his construction of Rule 14 regarding the stoppage of railway trains for examination is correct; and requesting him to consider whether a suitable site for plague camp cannot be secured nearer the Kondapalli Ry station.

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From

The Ag. Collector of District

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The collector's construction of rule 14 is correct. The rule imposes on the railway authorities a legal duty which ~~they~~ ^{may} be enforced ~~by~~ by criminal prosecution.

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2. The ~~collector~~ ^{may} however consider whether it is practicable site for the camp cannot be conveniently obtained at a less distance from the R. station, if also it is necessary to hold the inspection opposite the camp & not at the station itself. Requesting to be instructed.

Limit is - Ambur. What distance the word "near" included as used in rule 14 of the rules framed under the Epidemic Diseases Act with regard to the despatch of trains for the purpose of examinations.

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COLLECTOR & MAGISTRATE,

MASULIPATAM,

KISTNA DISTRICT.

4th May 1897.

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FROM,

J. H. Batten Esquire,
Acting Collector, Kistna District.

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Local and Municipal Department,

Fort St. George.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit the following case for the orders of Government.

2. On receipt of information from the Government appointing Kondapalli as an Inspection Station under the Epidemic Diseases Act, I asked the Head Assistant Collector and the District Medical and Sanitary officers to select proper sites for the erection of the necessary huts for sequestration purposes. These two officers in consultation selected a place at a distance of about three fourths of a mile from the Railway Station but quite close to the Nizam's Guaranteed State Railway line. The Head Assistant Collector requested me to arrange for the stoppage of all trains opposite the place so selected and for the construction of a temporary platform for the convenience

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of any passengers who might be suspected to be suffering from plague and of the inspection staff. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer who was consulted in the matter stated that the platform was indispensable.

3. The Agent and Manager of the Nizam's Guaranteed State Railway Company was therefore asked by letter to instruct the locomotive staff to stop all trains at the place in question and to arrange for erection of a temporary platform there. I have the honor to enclose a copy of the Agent and Manager's reply which is simply a curt non possumus. It will be seen that he does not merely object to the comparatively large distance of $\frac{3}{4}$ mile but goes further and refuses to stop the train outside station limits at all.

4. Rule 14 of the rules framed under the Epidemic Diseases Act distinctly lays down that "at or near any Railway Station appointed by notification in the Fort St George Gazette as an inspection station, any medical officer appointed in this behalf may detain any train &c &c".

Para 3 of G. O. No 219 A.M. dated 15th February 1897 ^{states} regulates that "the Public Works Department will be requested to issue without delay the necessary instructions to the Railway Authorities concerned regarding the period of detention of trains for the

"the purpose of examination of passengers under No 12 of the City and No 14 of the Mofussil regulations, &c &c &c"

5. The Agent and Manager declines to stop trains outside station limits. I have the honor to enquire whether he is justified in his refusal. The use in rule 14 of the word "near" seems to me to distinctly provide for trains being stopped outside station limits and the Medical Officer seems to have full powers to so stop the train. It struck me that $\frac{3}{4}$ mile was rather far from the station and I have consulted the District Medical and Sanitary Officer again on the subject. The following is his opinion.

"The place we want the train to stop at is just opposite the camp. The latter had to be taken some way out partly on general principles and partly because the place we selected was the most convenient one that could be found - having a well and so on - Should suspicious cases or real cases of plague be found in the train, it would obviously be wrong to drag them all the way back to the camp while the camp is only about a couple of hundred yards in a direct line from the railway line.

"In any case it is certainly wiser not to run the risk of carrying infection into the town by examining the train at the station - we do not want infected cases to come in any way in contact with

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"the ordinary residents. The train might be
"stopped nearer the station though still out-
"side it, but it would be extremely in-
"convenient being so far from the Camp."

With the above opinion, I entirely
concur. If it is conceded that the train
should be stopped outside station limits,
it cannot be a matter of moment to the
Railway authorities whether it stops
100 yards or $\frac{3}{4}$ mile away from the
station. I may point out that trains
are frequently stopped outside stations
for the purpose of collecting tickets,
and temporary platforms are built
for the purpose. If this can be done
for the convenience of the Railway
Company, it can surely be done for the
safety of the public.

6. I might, before addressing Government
on the subject, have again addressed the
Agent and Manager, but as it is evident
from the tone of his letter that he some-
what misunderstands the situation, I
thought it would save time to address
Government at once. If Government
is of opinion that $\frac{3}{4}$ mile is not 'near'
in the sense of rule 14, though I consider
that it is, I request that I may be

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intimated as to what distance the
word 'near' includes.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. H. Batten
Acting Collector.

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From,

THE COLLECTOR,

KISTNA DISTRICT.

To,

THE CHIEF SECRETARY,

TO GOVERNMENT,

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE

Dated

4-5-97

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5-5-97

Received

8 MAY 1897

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ENCLOSURES. One

SUBJECT.

Requesting to be instructed as to what distance the word "near" included as used in rule 14 of the rules framed under the Epidemic Diseases Act with regard to the detention of trains for the purpose of examinations.

Copy of letter no 906 W dated 18th May 1897 from the Agent and Manager, His Highness the Nizam's Guaranteed State Railways Co., Ltd., to the Collector of Krishna District, Masulipatam.

With reference to your letter dated 15th ultimo regarding stoppage of trains at Telegraph post No 326-16-1, I beg to state that this point is nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from Kondapalli Station in the direction of Gangavani and I cannot allow the train to be stopped outside station limits for inspection purposes.

2. In regard to your letter regarding giving intimation to the Medical officer at Kondapalli of the arrival of all goods trains at that station of any passengers travelling, I have to state that we do not book passengers by goods trains beyond Donakal Junction in the direction of Bezwada.

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J. M. Bhatla

Acting Collector

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Copy of letter to the Secretary of the
 from the Department of the Interior
 to the Secretary of the Interior
 dated October 10, 1897

With reference to your letter of the 10th
 instant regarding stoppage of trains at
 Great Salt Lake, I beg to advise you
 that the same is being considered by the
 Department and I am sure that you will
 be satisfied with the result.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours very truly,
 Acting Secretary

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