

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1219 M

DATED 17.5.97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Bubonic Plague. Recording G.O. Marine department directing that all vessels which call at Singapore ports on their way from Madras to their ports of destination shall undergo examination at Madras and that a bill of health be furnished to all such vessels by the Port Health Officer, Madras.

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MARINE.

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G.O., No. 427, 5th May 1897.

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Bill of Health

Directing that all vessels which call at Cingalese ports on their way from Madras to their final port of destination shall undergo examination at Madras, and a — furnished to all such vessels by the Port Health officer at Madras.

Order No 1219 Lt. Mis. d/17-5-97.
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This G.O. has been communicated to the Marine Dept.

To the Port. com. Madras (through Madras office)

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From W. P. AUSTIN, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 24th April 1897, No. 2664 G.

Adverting to G.O., No. 151, Marine, dated 23rd February 1897, prescribing certain rules under the Epidemic Diseases Act to be observed in the port of Madras, I have the honour to enquire whether rule 2 of the notification is applicable in the case of a coasting vessel sailing from this port for Bombay, touching Colombo *en route*. I am of opinion that it does apply and that a bill of health in the prescribed form should invariably be furnished by the Health officer to all such vessels inasmuch as Colombo is out of India. In a recent case, however, the Health officer simply endorsed on the health certificate obtained at Calcutta that the port of Madras is free from plague, &c. This certificate is not, I think, sufficient and when he was asked to grant a proper bill of health, said that it was not necessary and I may mention that, although the vessel had cargo for Bombay which was the terminal port on that voyage, he was granted a port clearance to Negapatam only, where she was directed to obtain a proper health certificate. The arrangement, though out of order, was made to avoid the vessel's detention, and in the circumstances I request the favour of definite and early orders in the matter.

ORDER—No. 427, Marine, dated 5th May 1897.

Having in view the fact that it is of the utmost importance to the whole world that Colombo should be kept free from infection, His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that all vessels which call at Cingalese ports on their way from Madras to their final port of destination shall undergo examination at Madras, where the inspection is likely to be more thorough than at minor ports of the Presidency. A bill of health will, therefore, be furnished to all such vessels by the Port Health officer at Madras.

(True Extract.)

W. P. Austin

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

- " Presidency Port Officer.
- " Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
- " Port Health Officer, Madras.
- " Surgeon-General.
- " Public Department.
- " Local and Municipal Department.
- " Honourable the Colonial Secretary,
- " Colombo, with C.L.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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