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GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 25th November 1897.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of Madras,
Madras

SIR,

I am directed to forward herewith for the information of the Government of Madras copy of a Resolution of this Government, No. 6560 of this date and accompaniments, regarding the pilgrimage to the Hedjáz during the current season.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. J. L.
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Pilgrims.—

Re-opening of the pilgrimage from India to the Hedjáz.

Prohibition of the pilgrimage of all residents in the Bombay Presidency except Sind.

General Department.
No. 6560

Bombay Castle,
25th November 1897.

Telegram from the Government of India, Home Department, No. 2499, Sanitary, dated the 20th November 1897.

Telegram to the Commissioner in Sind, No. 6522, dated the 24th November 1897:—

"Pilgrims. After consulting Secretary of State, Government of India's final orders are as follows:—Karachi and Chittagong to be the only Ports of departure. Pilgrimage from any part of Bombay Presidency except Sind is prohibited. Pilgrims from Sind and rest of India except Bengal, Assam and part of North-Western Provinces to be segregated 10 days in their respective Provinces and then despatched to Karachi on receipt of intimation from you that vessel is ready. Tickets and passports will be issued only in segregation camps. You can now answer Political, Gilgit, and make arrangements to receive and despatch pilgrims. As regards pilgrims who come to Bombay, Government propose to ship them to Karachi, but Government of India consider that they must be segregated in Sind for 10 days before departure thence. It is presumed that this can be done without difficulty but please report, and also state fully your requirements in the way of any extra establishment, if any, entailed by above orders."

Letter to the Commissioner of Customs, No. 6523, dated the 24th November 1897:—

"In reply to your telegram, dated the 13th instant, I am directed to inform you that the Government of India, after consulting the Secretary of State, have finally declined to allow Bombay to be re-opened as a place of departure for pilgrims, and have decided that Chittagong (for Bengal, Assam, and parts of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh) and Karachi (for the rest of India) shall be the only authorized ports of departure. This intimation will enable you to answer the inquiries of the Persian Navigation Company.

"2. I am to add that pilgrimage from any part of the Bombay Presidency except Sind will be prohibited altogether, and that pilgrims from other provinces will be segregated for 10 days in their provinces and then despatched to Karachi in time to catch steamers when ready to start. Tickets and passports will be issued only in the segregation camps. As regards pilgrims (other than those from the prohibited quarter) who may now be in Bombay or who may hereafter come there, it is proposed by Government to ship them to Karachi, and the Government of India appear willing to agree to this, provided that they can be segregated for 10 days in Sind before departure. The Commissioner in Sind is being asked by telegram whether there will be any difficulty about this. In the meantime I am to request your very early report as to the number of pilgrims now in Bombay and as to the arrangements you would propose to send home those from the prohibited area, and to despatch the others to Karachi, supposing that the Commissioner in Sind raises no difficulty about this. Copies of the telegrams* which have passed between this Government and the Government of India on the subject are enclosed for your information."

Cypher telegram from the Government of India, dated the 16th October 1897.

Telegram to the Government of India, No. 5866, dated the 25th October 1897.

Telegram to the Government of India, No. M.—1964-P., dated the 7th November 1897.

Cypher telegram from the Government of India, dated the 9th November 1897.

Cypher telegram from the Government of India, dated the 12th November 1897.

Telegram to the Government of India, No. 2060, dated the 16th November 1897.

Telegram from the Government of India, No. 2499, dated the 20th November 1897.

Letter from the Government of India, Home Department, No. 2501, dated the 21st November 1897:—

"In continuation of my telegram, dated the 20th instant, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Bombay, a copy of a Notification No. 2495, dated the 20th instant, issued by the Government of India under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, with regard to the pilgrimage to the Hedjáz during the current season.

"2. I am to request that all possible means may be taken to make it immediately and widely known that the pilgrimage has been prohibited in the case of all residents of the Bombay Presidency (excluding Sind), and of the reasons for this prohibition. The Government of India are sure that the Government of Bombay will use all means in their power to make the decision as little unpalatable as possible to the Muhammadans of the Presidency.

"3. I am also to forward, for the information of the Government of Bombay, a copy of a circular addressed to Local Governments and Administrations on the subject of the arrangements for despatching pilgrims from the part of India to which the prohibition does not extend to Karáchi and Chittagong for the purpose of embarking them for the Hedjáz. It will be observed that the pilgrims are to be collected in camps of observation in the several provinces and detained there for at least ten days, prior to their despatch, by special train and under the charge of a responsible officer, to Karáchi or Ráneegunj, as the case may be. The Local Governments and Administrations concerned have been directed to inform the Government of Bombay of the arrangements made, and to supply periodical information respecting the number of persons in the camp destined for Karáchi and the period of observation that they have completed. I am to request that the Governments concerned on the subject of the arrangements for receiving the pilgrims from the provincial camps and embarking them at Karáchi. The Government of India will also be glad to know the arrangements that are made for the reception and despatch of the pilgrims at Karáchi.

"4. It will be necessary to make the arrangements known to the shipping agents and pilgrim-brokers, and the brokers must be informed that tickets may be sold only at the observation camps. It will be desirable to ascertain from the shipping agents as far as possible what steamers will be available, when they will start, and whether they will sail from Karáchi or Chittagong. Any information that can be obtained about vessels starting from Chittagong should, with the permission of the Governor in Council, be communicated to the Government of Bengal.

"5. It is under consideration whether pilgrims from the Madras Presidency and the States of Mysore and Hyderabad should be shipped from Karáchi or Chittagong, and a further communication will be sent on this subject."

RESOLUTION.—The Notification of the Government of India should be published in a *Bombay Government Gazette Extraordinary*.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the letter from the Government of India the accompanying notice should be forwarded to all District Officers, with a request that they will be so good as to cause copies to be distributed among influential Mahomedan gentlemen and Mahomedan members of Local Boards and Municipalities. Copies of the notice should also be forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, with a request that they may be distributed among all principal Mahomedans in Bombay. The Oriental Translator to Government should be requested to cause the notice to be translated into the Urdu language with the least possible delay and to forward the translation to the Superintendent, Government Central Press. The Superintendent should print it and supply copies to officers on indent. Officers are requested to lose no time in sending their indents to the Superintendent.

3. Copy of the letter from the Government of India and accompaniments should be forwarded to the Commissioner of Customs for favour of report with reference to Government letter No. 6523, dated the 24th instant.

4. The Commissioner in Sind should be requested, in continuation of Government telegram No. 6522, dated the 24th instant, to select a place for the observation camp for that Province and report the arrangements proposed for the reception and despatch of pilgrims there and at Karáchi.

5. With reference to paragraph 4 of the letter from the Government of India the Commissioner of Customs and the Commissioner in Sind should be requested to make the orders known to the Shipping Agents at Bombay and

Karáchi. The Commissioner of Customs and the Commissioner in Sind should further be requested to obtain and communicate any information regarding vessels starting from Chittagong direct to the Government of Bengal and also to this Government.

6. The Commissioner of Police, Bombay, and the Commissioner in Sind should be requested to inform pilgrim brokers as desired by the Government of India in paragraph 4 of their letter.

7. Pilgrims from other provinces of India will, after segregation in their respective provinces, be railed direct to Karáchi for embarkation. The Commissioner in Sind is requested to report the earliest date on which the Port authorities, Karáchi, will be ready to begin receiving these batches and to state, as far as practicable, the successive dates on which pilgrim ships will leave Karáchi, in order that the Local Governments and Administrations concerned may be informed. The Commissioner of Customs, Bombay, is requested to undertake any inquiries of Shipping Agents in Bombay which may be requested by the Commissioner in Sind in direct communication with him.

8. A copy of these orders should be sent to the Government of India and the various Local Governments and Administrations for information.

A. C. LOGAN,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To

All Collectors, including the Collectors and Deputy Commissioners in Sind,
The Commissioner, N. D.,
The Commissioner, C. D.,
The Commissioner, S. D.,
The Commissioner in Sind,
The Commissioner of Customs,
The Chairman, Bombay Plague Committee,
The Collector of Customs, Bombay,
The Sanitary Commissioner for the Government of Bombay,
The Health Officer of the Port of Bombay,
The Commissioner of Police, Bombay,
The Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay,
The Accountant General,
The Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor,
The Oriental Translator to Government,
The Superintendent, Government Central Press,
All Political Agents including Political Superintendents,
The Political Resident, Aden,
The Political Department of the Secretariat,
The Judicial Department of the Secretariat,
The Financial Department of the Secretariat,
The Government of India,
The Government of Bengal,
The Government of Madras,
The Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh,
The Government of the Punjab,
The Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces,
The Agent to the Governor-General, Beluchistan.

With copies of the accompaniments to the letter from the Government of India and of the notice referred to in paragraph 2 of this Resolution.

By letter.

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The Resident in Mysore,
 The Resident at Hyderabad,
 The Resident in Kashmir,
 The Agent to the Governor-General, Baroda,
 The Agent to the Governor-General, Rájputána,
 The Agent to the Governor-General, Central India.

By letter.

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Copy forwarded for information and guidance to

Notification.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 25th November 1897.

No. 6560.—The following Notification of the Government of India, Home Department (Sanitary), No. 2495, dated the 20th November 1897, is published for general information:—

"In the Notification of the Government of India in the Home Department, No. 625, dated the 20th February 1897, it was ordered under the powers conferred by Section 2, sub-section (1), of the Epidemic Diseases Act (III of 1897), that the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz should be suspended for the season of 1897.

The Government of India do not think it necessary that the pilgrimage should be altogether suspended for the current season, but as plague is widely prevalent in the Bombay Presidency, they consider it essential, in view of the strong opinions of all European Governments, including Turkey, regarding the danger of plague being communicated to Europe, and in view of the danger of plague being spread by intending pilgrims from infected to non-infected portions of India, that the pilgrimage should be subjected to careful restrictions.

The Governor General in Council is therefore pleased to cancel the order contained in the Notification of the Government of India in the Home Department, No. 625, dated the 20th February 1897.

The Governor General in Council is further pleased to direct that until further orders no person, resident permanently or temporarily in the Presidency of Bombay, with the exception of Sind, shall be permitted to embark from any port in India with the object of making a pilgrimage to Mecca.

The Governor General in Council is further pleased to direct as follows:—

- (1) That no person shall be permitted to embark with the object of making a pilgrimage to Mecca, except at the ports of Karáchi in Sind and Chittagong in the Lower Provinces of Bengal, and unless and until such person has been kept under observation in a place appointed for the purpose until such time as the Medical Officer in charge shall be satisfied that all risk of such person conveying the infection of plague has been completely abated; and unless such person is conveyed from the place of observation to the place of embarkation under the orders of an officer appointed for the purpose.
- (2) That no passage tickets for the Hedjaz shall be sold, except at the places appointed for the detention of intending pilgrims under observation.
- (3) That all persons who have entered the Bombay Presidency (excluding Sind), with the object of proceeding to the Hedjaz, shall be placed in a camp of observation until such time as the Medical Officer in charge shall satisfy himself that all risk of the occurrence of plague among them has been completely abated. They shall then be sent to their homes.

Although the Government of India have decided that the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz may be permitted subject to the safeguards enumerated above, they are nevertheless convinced that intending pilgrims will be well advised in deferring their purpose until another season, in view specially of the stringent quarantine rules imposed by the Turkish Government and the inconvenience and harassment to which it is likely they will be subjected on arriving in Arabia.

The latest information received by the Government of India shows that the Hedjaz is still in a most disturbed condition, and that the journey to Mecca is fraught with danger to life and property."

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

A. C. LOGAN,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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FROM

J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES AND OUDH,
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

THE JUNIOR SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES.

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF ASSAM.

THE AGENT TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF RAJPUTANA.

THE AGENT TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN CENTRAL INDIA.

Home Department.
Sanitary.

Calcutta, the 21st November 1897.

SIR,

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Govt. of the N.-W. Provinces and Oudh, the Government of the Punjab, your information, a copy of a Notification No. 2495, dated the 20th instant, issued by the Government of India under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, with regard to the pilgrimage to Hedjaz during the current season.

2. I am to request that all possible means may be taken to make the purport of the orders immediately and widely known, and to explain the reasons on which they are based. Every endeavour should also be made through Magistrates of Districts, the religious heads of the Muhammadans, pilgrim-brokers, and in any other way that the Govt. of the N.-W. P. & Oudh thinks the Government of the Punjab think best to dissuade intending pilgrims from going to the Hedjaz this year.

3. It will be observed that embarkation is permitted only at the ports of Karachi in Sind and Chittagong in the Lower Provinces of Bengal. The route *via* Chittagong is designed for the inhabitants of Bengal, Assam and the eastern portion of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the route *via* Karachi for the inhabitants of Sind and of Upper India. All persons in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, the Punjab, the Central Provinces, Assam, Rajputana, Central India, and neighbouring Native States who persist in the desire to go on

pilgrimage must be collected at an observation camp within the Province Agency*, where they must be detained under the careful superintendence of a Commissioned Medical Officer for at least ten days. Pilgrims who embark at Karachi will be sent direct to the port from the provincial observation camp, and pilgrims who embark at Chittagong will first be sent from the provincial camp to a central camp at Raneegunj, whence they will be despatched to Chittagong under arrangements that will be made by the Government of Bengal. Intending pilgrims who have completed the ten days' observation period and are certified to be free from infection will be sent to Karachi or Raneegunj, as the case may be, as soon as information is received by the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, the Government of the Punjab, you from Sind or Bengal that the authorities are ready to take them over. This will

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of course depend on the number of ships available and on the date on which they sail. Pilgrims must be despatched from the provincial camp by special train and under the charge of a responsible officer. It will be necessary to communicate with the political authorities in Native States with regard to the reception of pilgrims from those States in the provincial observation camp. Passage tickets to the Hedjaz may be sold only at the observation camps, and I am to request that the necessary steps may be taken to enforce this order and, in communication with the Governments of Bombay and Bengal, make it known to shipping agents and pilgrim-brokers.

4. I am to request that a place for the observation camp may be selected at once, that arrangements may be made as quickly as possible to give effect to the instructions contained in this letter, and that the arrangements may be communicated to the Government of India and to the Governments of Bombay and Bengal. Arrangements should be made in communication with the Governments of Bombay and Bengal for supplying a periodical statement of the number of persons in the provincial camp destined for Karáchi or Raneegunj, and the period of observation they have completed, and for despatching pilgrims from the provincial camp to Karáchi or the Raneegunj camp as the case may be.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. P. HEWETT,

Secretary to the Government of India.

NOTICE.

All Government servants and all subjects of the Queen-Empress who may see this notice are requested to make it generally known that the Government of India, in deciding that it is not necessary that the pilgrimage from India to the Hedjaz should be altogether suspended for the current season, consider it essential, in view of the strong opinions of all European Governments, including Turkey, regarding the danger of plague being communicated to Europe and in view of the prevalence of plague in the Bombay Presidency, and of the danger that the disease may be spread by pilgrims from infected to non-infected portions of India, to direct that until further orders no person, resident permanently or temporarily in any part of the Presidency of Bombay, except Sind, shall be permitted to embark from any Port in India with the object of making a pilgrimage to Mecca. They have also decided that all persons who have entered the Bombay Presidency (excluding Sind), with the object of proceeding to the Hedjaz, shall be placed in a camp of observation until such time as the medical officer in charge shall satisfy himself that all risk of the occurrence of plague among them has been completely abated. The attention of all Mahomedan gentlemen of position and influence is specially invited to this notice, and they are called upon to make known to their co-religionists the reasons for the decision of the Government of India.

2. It should also be widely made known to all intending pilgrims that stringent quarantine will be imposed on them by the Turkish Government, and they may be subjected to great inconvenience and harassment in Arabia. The latest information shows that the Hedjaz is still in a very disturbed condition, and the journey to Mecca is fraught with danger to life and property.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT,

Bombay Castle, 25th November 1897.

A. C. LOGAN,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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