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Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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Hon M^r Bliss

Hon M^r Grose

with reference to H. E's addition to the draft

S. F.
26/4/97

I have no objection

H. B.
27/4/97

Nor I
28/4/97

Issue sharp

28/4/97

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DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated 10^th April 1897, No. 861. M.
Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
Current No. 1539. M of 1897, dated 5.4.97 from The Govt. of Ceylon.
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H. M. & Curr

I assume that the suggestion as to Dr. Moraes having a free hand with cooly emigrants is approved & I have drafted accordingly. ~~When~~ If this is passed a rule will be issued making his certificate a legal requirement of embarkation S. F.

H. B.
27/4/97

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24.4.97

Press ORDER. 999 M. d/ 28.4.97

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"I would insert after the words 'to do so', the following words:- "They should, however, be "warned that they will be liable to be "prevented from landing at Colombo, "unless they possess Dr. Morae's certificate".

A.S.H. JG
28/4/97

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(True Orders)

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The Collector of Tinnevelly ✓
" Marine Department ✓

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Marine ~~P. W.~~ DEPARTMENT.

READ the following:—

Port Health officer - Tuticorin

Telegram from the Colonial Secretary, Colombo d/5th April/97.

Endt: thereon in the Public Dept: No. 807 d/5 April/97.

FOR ORDERS.

The Hon Mr. Bliss C. I. E

The Madras Govern=ment has its own Port Health officer at Tuticorin - Civil apothecary Green.

7/4/97
M

This had better be considered in the L. & M. Dept. in which the former papers are. To the best of my recollection all we have ever said is that the Ceylon Doctor might examine cooly emigrants for Ceylon, but we have not gone so far as to say that he might examine "all passengers on board for Ceylon". On the contrary, we have pointed out that he will have no legal authority to examine passengers, and to this I think we should adhere. I dont think we should allow the Ceylon Govt. to take our business out of our hands in this way. We have our own doctor, whom we believe to be efficient, & we do not require that the Ceylon Govt. should interfere with his conduct of his duties.

Let this note go to the L. & M. Dept with the telm, which can then be sent to H.E. before it comes to me

H.S.
8/4/97

H.E.

I think it would be well to comply with the request of the Ceylon Govt. I know from a private letter recd to-day that the ~~Ceylon~~ Governor of Ceylon, who in Ceylon is the Government, is much alarmed about the plague and determined to take the obviously strictest precautions. If we do not do what Ceylon asks for, the result will be that passengers from Tuticorin will not be allowed to land in Ceylon. We shall do ourselves more harm by refusing than we can do to Ceylon. I know Dr. Moses, the man appointed. He is good, hard-working man.

~~G.D.W.~~

H.E. 8.4.97

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~~FOR ORDERS.~~

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No. 253 L. d/ 8th April 1897

Transferred to the Local and Municipal Department.

Colonel R.E.
Secretary to Govt.
Marine Dept.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT * LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT
-9-APR-1897

To
The Local and Municipal Dept. with note in original by the Hon: Mr. Bliss C.I.E.

C.S.

7-4-97

H.E. the Governor ✓
Hon. Mr. Bliss.

H.E.

The file below contains the ~~last~~ previous G.O. on the Ceylon telegram & our letter to Ceylon.

The intention is to confine the Colonial officer to helping in the examination of emigrant coolies so as to ascertain whether these are really what they profess to be or are persons from the infected areas attempting to pass themselves off as Madrasees.

This will be the technical & legal position which he will occupy, but doubtless it may be possible to use him practically to a greater extent & virtually put the inspection of emigrant coolies entirely in his hands. It was

I am quite ready to do anything in reason to meet the views of the Ceylon Govt. but it seems to me that in asking us to supersede our own men by one of theirs & in proposing to take out of our hands our proper duty of seeing that proper health certificates are granted to ships leaving our ports, the Ceylon Govt. is going beyond what is reasonable & is taking a course which is derogatory to our position as an independent Govt. The Ceylon Govt. virtually says "We don't admit the efficiency of your arrangements & propose to supersede yours by our own". I don't think we can accept that position. If the Ceylon Govt. or any one else can show that our man at Tuticorin is not efficient, by all means, let us change him. In fact, I am quite willing that the S.G. Sd. be at once instructed to send a commd. medical officer there instead of the not however desirable in writing to Ceylon to make too extensive promises or go beyond the legal position till we saw how matters wd. work out on the spot in practice. In drafting therefore I committed the Govt. to as little as possible.

I think we should ask the Collector to report how in fact the health officer does assure himself as to the place of whence cooly passengers come & in what manner the Colonial officer cd. best assist the local authorities in the necessary enquiries or examt. on the point.

It will be enough if the Col. officer devotes himself to the cooly passengers & not to passengers in general.

Practically a Madrassee cooly can be recognized at a glance from a native of the infected parts of India. Persons who are apparently not Madrassees shd be very thoroughly cross examined.

When we hear from the Collector, we shall be able to lay down definitely a programme for Dr Moraes

S.K. 10/4/97

As the case is, I think that Ceylon can reasonably ask so much. But I do not see how we can go farther, except in the direction pointed out by the Sec. in his note, & initialled by me below.

I am sending this to the Hon. Mr. Grose for his opinion, as both H.E. & the Sec. L. & M. Dept. have left Madras.

14/4/97

Hon. Mr. Grose.

Ceylon is to have a medical officer at Tuticorin. It is within the power of the Ceylon governor to say no Ceylon passenger shall land in Ceylon without a certificate from that medical officer, & he, no doubt, will do so. This shows a distrust of our certificates, but that is not enough to justify us in preventing would-be passengers from going to the Ceylon officer voluntarily & getting certificates from him. The inquiries suggested in the note shd be made.

J.G.
14.4.97

To H.E. again

S.K. 17.4.97

Note of 12.4.97 is the best one. But, I will accept the compromise proposed by the Hon. Mr. Grose.

The enquiry suggested in the (Chief) Secretary's Note should be made.

A.E.H.
19.4.97

L.&M.
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Telegram
From the Colonial Secretary
Colombo.

Endt ~~Order~~ No.: 807 d/ 5th April 1897.

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A. W. Knapp
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A.W.
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From (Person) Colonial Secretary

To (Person) Chief Secretary to Govt Madras Fort St George

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