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(Signed) G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Local and Municipal Department.
" Marine Department.
" Accountant-General.

ORDER—No. 689 P., dated 18th July 1898.

Communicated to the Collector of Tinnevelly.

(True Extract.)

for *Secretary to Government.*

To the Collector of Tinnevelly. (A, C, J, KK)
Colony Ball Mess Collrs (A, C, J. K).

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Plague Charges.

Passing orders on the incidence of — incurred at the port of Tuticorin between 1st April and 30th September 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers :—

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G.O., No. 547, Financial, dated 18th June 1898.

Abstract.—Directing, with remarks, that the plague expenditure incurred in frontier districts shall, with effect from 1st April 1898, be distributed, in certain proportions, among all the districts of the Presidency.

Read—also the following papers :—

From R. B. CLEGG, Esq., Acting Collector of the Tinnevelly District, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 19th April 1898, No. 183-A.B.G.—Acc.

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 900 M., dated 13th April 1897, on the question of the apportionment of the charges incurred on account of bubonic plague, I have the honour to submit the following matter for orders.

2. The Accountant-General in his letter No. I.A.C.B.—114, dated 26th November 1897 (copy attached), required information as to the apportionment of plague charges incurred in this district as shown in the statement appended to his letter. All the charges referred to therein were incurred at Tuticorin on account of the medical establishment deputed there on plague duty.

3. This establishment, consisting of an apothecary and a female hospital assistant, was first entertained (*vide* G.Os., No. 149, Marine, dated 22nd February 1897, and No. 184, Marine, dated 2nd March 1897) solely with a view "to prevent the importation of plague into Colombo." Even the Ceylon Government made liberal offers * to meet the cost of the establishment which Government did not accept. It would thus appear that the Government in the Marine Department was primarily interested in the services of the establishment at the Tuticorin port.

* *Vide* paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 861 M., dated 10th April 1897.

4. Subsequently, however, the Plague Regulations having been extended to the Tuticorin municipal town as per G.O., No. 540 M., dated 15th March 1897, the services of the plague establishment were directed to be utilized for the purposes of the regulations (*vide* this office Ref. B. on Cur. No. 194—G.B.Gl., dated 6th March 1897, read in the Government Order quoted above). The Port Health officer, among other duties, was directed to inspect all arrivals at the Tuticorin Railway station. I considered it proper that the Tuticorin Municipal Council should also bear a percentage of the pay of these establishments, and accordingly decided with reference to the quantity of time employed by the establishment in the respective interests of Government and the municipality that the establishment charges should be borne half by

Government and half by the municipal council—the Government bearing the contingent charges in full. In accordance with this decision, the municipal council has paid the moiety due from it and the other moiety has been paid from Provincial funds.

5. The Accountant-General in his letter quoted in the margin (*vide* copy enclosed) objects to paying a moiety from Provincial under the authority of G.O., No. 720, Financial, dated 4th September 1897, and suggests that the whole matter be laid before Government for orders in view of the peculiar circumstances of the Tuticorin port.

No. I.A.C.B.—155, dated 30th March 1898.

6. The municipality, I understand, although it has made no official protest, objects to the payment of one half of the above charges as decided by me.

7. The arrangement was apparently made to fill up the time of the special establishment, and the expenditure is, no doubt, greater than the municipality would have incurred to carry out the plague regulations but for the special circumstances of the port.

8. I therefore request the orders of Government as to apportionment.

From J. P. BEDFORD, Esq., Deputy Accountant-General, to the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Fort St. George, 26th November 1897, No. I.A.C.B.—114.

Government having in its order, No. 720, Financial, dated 4th September 1897, decided that the cost of the subordinate medical staff employed on plague duty and all expenses incurred in plague camps and inspecting stations should be borne by Local Funds and Municipalities and all the precautionary charges by Provincial departments, I have the honour to enclose a statement showing the expenditure incurred on that account up to September 1897, and request you to be good enough to inform me how much should be debited to Provincial and how much to Local bodies. Steps should be taken to recover as early as practicable the latter amount. In future all charges on account of the pay and travelling allowance of the subordinate medical staff, as well as any other expenses which will in accordance with the above Government order be borne by the Local bodies, should be drawn *direct* from those bodies by the officers concerned. The treasury officer should be instructed to refuse payment of such claims on behalf of Government.

Enclosure.

Statement showing the expenditure on account of plague from April to September 1897.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Pay of apothecaries and hospital assistants	1,040	14	1
Pay of temporary establishment	132	4	2
Travelling allowance of establishment	22	10	0
Plague allowance to hospital assistants	215	5	2
Postage	6	13	0
Telegrams	25	0	0
Contingent office expenses	6	3	6
Miscellaneous	0	13	0
Total ..	1,449	14	11

From J. P. BEDFORD, Esq., Deputy Accountant-General, to the Treasury Officer, Tinnevelly, dated Fort St. George, 30th March 1898, No. I.A.C.B.—155.

With reference to your reply to item No. 10 of the objection statement for January 1898, I have the honour to observe that the Government orders quoted by you do not contain any ruling on the subject of the incidence of plague charges incurred in Tinnevelly, and that the Collector's decision to divide the charges in equal halves between the Provincial and Municipal funds is opposed to G.O., No. 720, Financial, dated 4th September 1897.

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Ref. No. 8 P.

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28*th April* 1898. (Signed) H. TREMENHEERE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly.

From R. B. CLEGG, Esq., Acting Collector of the Tinnevelly District, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 5th May 1898, No. 183–A.B.G.—Acc.

With reference to Government memorandum No. 8 P., dated 28th April 1898, I have the honour to state that, as pointed out by me in paragraph 6 of my letter read in the memorandum under reply, the Tuticorin municipal council has accepted my decision regarding the payment of a moiety of the plague charges and has paid up the moiety without protest. My reference to the objection of the council was based upon the opinion expressed by the Sub-Collector that the council considered that it was hardly treated with regard to the apportionment, and this opinion was expressed by him as a reason for not saddling the municipality with the whole of the plague charges as apparently required by the Accountant-General in his letter No. I.A.C.B.—155, dated 30th March 1898 (copy of which was submitted with letters read in the memorandum under reply).

2. I await, therefore, the final orders of Government on the subject.

Endt. No. 20 P.

Transferred to the Financial Department. The apportionment made by the Collector seems fair.

12*th May* 1898. (Signed) H. TREMENHEERE,
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for *Chief Secretary.*

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Exd. C. M. Thumbuswamy.